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WHS students polled about social norms

BY PAM MONSON
EDITOR

Editor's note: A question about releasing the results of the biannual Illinois Youth Survey was asked at the Chamber of Commerce forum last month. Candidate Tim Cragg, president of the Board of Education, made good on a promise to The Free Press Advocate, and that data has been released.

Although its students have participated for many years, this is the first time the School District 209-U administration has agreed to release the results of the Illinois Youth Survey, as neighboring districts do.

The Illinois Youth Survey is self-report survey that gathers information about health and social indicators such as bullying, depression, smoking, drinking and drug use. Wilmington students in eighth grade participate in the survey during language arts class, 10th and 12th graders take it during physical education classes, explained Dr. Matt Swick, superintendent.

The survey is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services and administered in even-numbered years by the University of Illinois' Center for

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We have launched!

After months of planning your digital paper gets an update

BY ERIC FISHER
PUBLISHER

When the Free Press Newspapers launched a news website almost 10 years ago, we wanted to make significant changes within the first couple of weeks.

That's what happens when technology changes for newspaper people focused more on showing their work in ink on paper.

But our website served its purpose. It brought our readers breaking news and photos of two tornadoes, five state championships, a police shooting, road closures, Friday night football wins, structure fires and so much more.

Our site suddenly leveled the playing field with big league newspapers because instead of waiting until Wednesday to bring you the news in print, we could break it as soon as it happened.

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Photo by Eric Fisher

MAGGIE JARR, project manager with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, explains the one year process being followed to plan a better downtown Wilmington during the public kickoff workshop meeting held at city hall.

Planning a better Wilmington

BY ERIC FISHER
PUBLISHER

What would you do to improve downtown Wilmington?

That was the question posed to 35 business owners and residents who attended a recent kickoff workshop hosted by a Chicago planning agency.

The meeting at city hall was held to gather public input about improving the function and character of the business district.

At the top of the wish list was more parking. Second came the need for a better mix of businesses, more than just antique stores.

Once the audience got going 42 suggestions were added, including:

- Preserving historic buildings and consistency when improving store facades.

- Attracting new busi-

nesses to fill vacant storefronts.

- Better signage directing visitors to the community and the downtown district.

- Better utilization of the mill race and island parks including a bike/walking path along the waterway, handicapped fishing pier near the broken mill race dam, portage for a river canoe trail, improved safety at the main dam, park and downtown beautification with flowers and flags, flood prevention and better drainage in low-lying areas, safer crossing of Route 53 and a more active riverfront overall.

- Concerns about losing the iconic Gemini Giant that greets Route 66 when they approach from the east end of town.

- Capitalizing on Route 66 tourism, hosting more

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WORK ON THE Union Pacific bridge over Forked Creek is underway. Illinois Constructors Corp. last week was shoring up the work area with heavy beams.

Road work everywhere

Projects will tie up traffic going north, east and west

The state's fifth season, officially began this week, and Wilmington residents can expect to run into construction zones on nearly all routes heading into or out of town.

The Union Pacific Railroad and Illinois Department of Transportation are moving on local High Speed Rail projects that will impact crossings at local roads and state and county thoroughfares, the city has two traffic light projects pending, and the Will County Highway Department will tear into a Kankakee River bridge.

High Speed Rail

Two Illinois High Speed Rail projects will dominate local roads this season; the addition of a second track through all local crossings and the reconstruction of the railroad bridges over Forked Creek and the Kankakee River to accommodate the second track.

The additional rail line will provide a siding for slower-moving freight trains to get out of the way of the high speed passenger trains that will travel between Chicago and St. Louis, MO, at up to 110 miles per hour, reducing the length of the trip by one hour. Safety features are being added to

approximately 150 crossings along the route.

The crossings at North (New) River Road, Kankakee River Drive, Kankakee Street, First Street, Stripmine Road and Coal City Road will be improved with quad gates and fencing. IDOT will be making pavement adjustments and adding traffic signals at the Stripmine Road and Coal City Road intersections in conjunction with the High Speed Rail projects.

Stripmine Road is the first to start. IDOT closed the road between Day Lane and Baltimore Street Friday. Wilmington city engineer Colby Zemaitis

said the segment cannot reopen until the traffic signals are installed and operational. IDOT plans to have the work done within three months.

The city has been adamant that the crossings at Stripmine Road and Coal City Road not be closed at the same time.

"That was part of the deal," Zemaitis said.

Daily lane closures will continue to take place on Route 53, as needed. The closures will reduce the roadway to one lane with

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Two dead after call of shots fired

Braidwood Police
investigate
weekend shooting
deaths

BY MARNEY SIMON
STAFF WRITER

BRAIDWOOD — A call to the police on Sunday night of shots fired ended with two dead bodies and a death investigation.

The call came in around 9:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 2. The caller complained of possible shots fired at a home in the 200 block of Parkview Lane, near the center of the city.

Inside the home, police found two males, both deceased.

Those victims were identified as Joseph O. Burgess, 35, of Chicago, and James A. Benson, 25, a resident of the Parkview Lane home. The victims were identified as half-brothers. They were both shot once.

A .357 revolver was recovered at the scene, along with spent cartridges.

According to the office of Will County Coroner Patrick K. O'Neil, both victims were both pronounced dead at 10:29 p.m. The coroner's office described the shooting as a domestic incident, with both men suffer-

ing a single gunshot wound to the head.

Braidwood Police Chief Nick Ficarella said the investigation is ongoing.

"We are looking at murder-suicide," Ficarella said. "Obviously the coroner's office makes the final determination in this circumstance, but the Braidwood police are investigating the murder-suicide angle on this case. Witness statements are corroborating that information."

Autopsies were completed on April 3. The final cause and manner of death will be determined at a later date, pending police, autopsy, and toxicology reports.

Neighbors said the occupants of the small white house on Parkview Lane are quiet and pleasant people, and that they were shocked to see about a dozen squad cars and two ambulances show up at the scene on Sunday night.

Witnesses told police, however, that Burgess and Benson had been seen arguing off and on for most of the evening. One family member and an acquaintance of the family were in the home at the time of the shooting.

The Braidwood Police Department was assisted on the scene by the Will County Sheriff's Department and the Will County Forest Preserve Police.

Police seize 57 bags of heroin

STAFF REPORT

BRAIDWOOD — A tip that a wanted man had been spotted in a Braidwood neighborhood led to an arrest, with police confiscating 57 bags of heroin.

It happened on Saturday, April 1. Around 1 p.m., Braidwood police received a call that a man who was wanted on warrants in two counties was at a home in the 200 block of north Walker Street.

After a brief investigation, police took Brian Kobiela, 32, of Dwight, into custody on those outstanding warrants. Kobiela was wanted on two arrest warrants, one from Livingston County which had a \$1 mil-

lion bond, and one from Cook County on an unrelated charge.

While taking Kobiela into custody, police found 57 bags of what they suspect is heroin and other prescription medicine in his pockets.

Kobiela was arrested on two felony charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

He was transported to the Will County Adult Detention Center, where is he being held without bond.

The Dwight Police Department, Livingston County Sheriff's Department and Will County Sheriff's Department assisted in the apprehension of Kobiela.

Tickets on sale to see Street Corner Symphony

COAL CITY — Street Corner Symphony is bringing its unique brand of a cappella to the Coal City High School auditorium this month.

Reserved seat tickets are on sale for the Saturday, April 22 concert. The auditorium is located at Coal City High School, 655 W. Division St.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. show can be purchased online at bit.ly/CCSCS422. Admission is \$15 per student and \$20 per adult. The ticket site automatically will assign seats based on best available location, however seat selection can be made by the buyer by clicking on the 'let me choose my seats' tab located under the seating chart.

Street Corner Symphony made its debut in 2010 for the NBC show, "The Sing Off." Since appearing on the show, the vocalists have developed scores of fans across the country. They've performed around the world, recorded albums, conducted clinics for schools, and sang at benefit concerts.

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The study area encompasses about 60 blocks along Route 53, from Forked Creek west to include the islands parks, and Route 102, from the Union Pacific Railroad to Wabash Street.

"A downtown plan would bring a unified vision for the community, to guide future decision-making regarding how resources are spent, where and what kind of development should occur," explained Maggie Jarr, project manager with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

The downtown plan would address land use, housing, economic growth, open space, transportation and community image and identity. It would guide city officials toward a community vision for the future by suggesting policies and strategies.

Jarr explained that the meeting was the first of several allowing for public input in a five-step plan



BUSINESS OWNERS AND residents came up with more than 40 ideas for improvements in an expanded downtown business district during a planning session held with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, and those were trimmed down to a handful of priority wants.

developing over the next nine months.

With the 42 suggestions, Jarr polled those present asking them to pick their top three favorites. Parking still ranked No. 1, while a stronger business mix followed. Downtown building improvements/preservation and stronger signage into the community tied for third.

Other priorities were given to a more active riverfront and park beautifica-

tion, along with capturing the Route 66 traffic.

"Wilmington has several strengths with its downtown district and the island parks," Jarr said. "We've found that Wilmington is ideal for a plan like this and we're excited about the number of the people who showed up tonight and to be able to partner with the city."

CMAP will do an analysis of existing conditions the next two months and draft a plan for public review by

September.

"I do want to emphasize that once we develop a plan we stay involved," Jarr commented. "We'll work with the city in finding grant options and available funding. We've helped several communities accomplish their plan because we stay involved."

Visit the project web page and take the community survey at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs-and-resources/ita/wilmington>.

Road work

flaggers while construction activities are in progress. Route 53 traffic will be shifted to temporary pavement.

The detour — A posted detour will direct westbound traffic on Stripmine Road to go south on Route 53, west on Coal City Road and north on Route 129 to meet back with Stripmine Road. Eastbound Stripmine Road traffic will take the reverse route.

Vegetation clearing for the Union Pacific's bridge projects, contracted to Illinois Constructors Corp. (ICC), began late last month. ICC will be building new piers, at different locations, for each structure. The existing tracks will be shifted north and the bridge decks will be expanded to accommodate a second track. The work will require ICC to build temporary bridges to accommodate rail traffic during construction.

The High Speed Rail work will require the relocation or modification of nine city water or sewer mains. The city has asked for assurances that if the state funding for the infrastructure work is not available, that the city will not be financially responsible for it. Signed agreements to that effect have not yet been returned to the city.

The High Speed Rail projects are slated for completion by the end of the year, with the exception of the Kankakee River bridge, which is an 18-month project. The reconstruction of the Kankakee Street crossing, which will be raised 6 feet, will not begin until next summer, Zemaitis said.

When the crossing improvements are completed, the city can apply for a rail quiet zone, so trains will not have to sound their whistles as they approach each crossing.

EDP-funded traffic controls

The city of Wilmington has state controlled Economic Development

Program funds bankrolled for improvements at the Route 53 intersections with Peotone Road and South Arsenal Road. Both projects include additional lanes and traffic signal improvements.

In addition to the installation of permanent traffic signals, the South Arsenal Road intersection improvement includes a left turn lane from southbound Route 53 and right and left turn lanes from South Arsenal Road. Austin Tyler, the contractor awarded the project, is just waiting for confirmation from project engineer ESI that any wetland permits or permit waivers necessary for a culvert crossing have been received.

Zemaitis had a phone conference Tuesday with IDOT concerning EDP funds for Peotone Road. The city would like to use all funds that are available to cover its share of the project costs. The engineer said some projects that were done or were to be done with EDP funds were canceled because they were no longer needed, or may not have used all the funds that were available. The city would like to redirect those funds to the intersection. The project includes turn lanes from Peotone Road and traffic signal updates.

Route 113

The village of Diamond's Route 113 reconstruction project will widen the state highway from the entrance of Sunshine Garden Center east to Frontage Road allowing for the installation of a center turn lane. The project will include the extension of a bike path on the north side of the road and drainage improvements.

Eighty percent of the \$1.4 million reconstruction project cost is being funded in part through a federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant administered through the Will County Governmental League. The village of Diamond and adjoining property owners will pay the remainder. The \$1.4 million construction project will be completed by D

Construction by mid-October.

The detour — Take Will Road south to Reed Road where motorists can access Interstate 55.

Bridge-County Line Road AKA Will Road

The Will County Highway Department plans to move forward with improvements to the County Line Road (Will Road) bridge over the Kankakee River, near Phelan Acres. The road closure began Saturday, April 1. Traffic signals will govern the passage of a single lane of traffic over the bridge for the duration of the project, which has an estimated completion date of Nov. 30.

The \$2.6 million project consists of replacing the bridge deck, guardrail improvements, substructure repairs, slopewall repairs, re-decking of the structure, steel painting and the extension of wingwalls. The bridge is just under 1,200 feet long. D Construction was awarded the project bid in December.

The detour — From Will Road at Pine Bluff Road, take Pine Bluff/Lorenzo Road east to Interstate 55 north, follow I-55 north to Arsenal Road, turn left at the stop light onto west Frontage Road (marked I-55 south), turn right onto Frontage Road after one mile — do not re-enter I-55 — take Frontage Road south to Blodgett Road, take Blodgett Road west to reconnect with Will Road.

The Wilmington Fire Protection District is working with neighboring departments to ensure there will be minimal impacts on emergency services responses related to the road work projects.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through all of these construction areas. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

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ing a lot of photos, day and night.

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Book club Mondays

The Wilmington Public Library book club meets on the fourth Monday of each month, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The book for April 24 is "My Mrs. Brown" by William Norwich.

The library is located at 201 S. Kankakee St.



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The one-legged sheriff of Will County

Hardy is a word that is usually used to describe early settlers in any part of the country. But in Robert Huston's case, it just doesn't say enough. Let's look at the life of the one-legged sheriff of Will County.

Robert Huston was born in New York City on Aug. 7, 1844 to Irish immigrants Robert and Elizabeth Huston. His father was a weaver back in Ireland, but in New York he scrambled to make a living. Searching for a better life, the Hustons came west in 1850, settling on a farm near Gardner.

Despite his small size, only 5-foot, 4-inches at age 18, the younger Robert turned into a tireless farm worker. When the War Between the States broke out he answered his country's call, enlisting as a private in Company I, 58th Illinois Voluntary Infantry in 1862.

He fought at the battles of Fort Donelson and Pittsburg Landing in Tennessee. He was taken prisoner at Pittsburg Landing and taken south, but within a few months was released in a prisoner exchange and returned to his old regiment.

At the battle of Yellow Bayou in Louisiana, he was shot in the leg, causing it to have to be amputated. He was sent to the hospital in St. Louis where he remained for almost a year. He was mustered out in 1864 when he returned home to the family farm.

Not being fit any longer for heavy farm work, he tried teaching school at first, but found it was not for him. With \$54 in his pocket he moved to Braidwood, working at first for the coal companies as a



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weigher.

He speculated in coal, buying low, selling high and made enough money at it to purchase a general store. He was a shrewd business man and was soon one of the most prosperous men in town.

In April of 1879 he was elected Alderman of Braidwood, beating out about 20 other candidates. He dominated the city council proceedings, with the other aldermen following behind, so much so that the Braidwood City Council became known as "Huston's wax figures."

Three months later his business smarts had people talking about making him Will County Treasurer, but he lost out to a more influential man from Joliet.

In 1882 Huston was appointed Postmaster of Braidwood. By this time he was rich enough that he could purchase a building, move the post office into it and open another general store to help "better serve the customer."

We also know that he held the mortgage on the local newspaper, the *Braidwood Republican*, and when the paper fell behind in payments, Huston had the printing press and effects seized by the sheriff. He soon

became the owner and publisher.

Despite this, he remained a popular man. Folks honored him for his part in the war, and when services were held in 1885 to honor the passing of General Ulysses S. Grant, he served as President of the Day and honoree.

In 1885 he ran for Supervisor of Reed Township but was defeated by John Kain. That didn't deter him and he quickly threw his hat in the ring for Sheriff of Will County on the Republican ticket.

His popularity county-wide assured him the election. In April of 1886 the little one-legged man from Braidwood was elected Sheriff. He moved into the sheriff's house, next to the jail in Joliet. He made his local boys deputies; they included Kelso Ballantine and Thomas Moore.

He was a no nonsense sheriff, conforming to the letter of the law. In 1886 he made himself very unpopular in his hometown when he enforced the ban against prize fighting.

We read on Dec. 18, 1886 in the *Wilmington Advocate*, "Sheriff Huston has proclaimed that the advertised prize-fight between Daly of St. Louis and Myers of Streator to be held in Music hall on Dec. 28, shall not take place within Will County. The "pugs" named were to fight eight rounds for \$500 a side."

In an age when losing a limb usually meant a life of poverty, Robert Huston not only survived, but prospered by using his other God given talents.

Too little support for annexation

STAFF REPORT

Although too few members of the council were present to vote on an annexation, those in attendance at the March 21 Finance Committee meeting made it clear that they were not in support of the measure.

Barney Castillo asked to annex about 2.3 acres on Stripmine Road, where he wants to store the equipment used in his landscaping business. He would like light industrial zoning, because that is the lightest city zoning district that allows outdoor storage. The parcel is currently under county jurisdiction, which prohibits outdoor storage. It is also adjacent to a protected wetland where state listed threatened and endangered species have been found.

City officials are concerned they would be creating a liability by assigning zoning to the property that could result in an environmental issue.

"My personal opinion is I think this thing creates nothing but liability for the city for not a lot of opinion," said Alderman Frank Studer. "It's my opinion that the petitioner has come forward to Wilmington because he didn't like the answer he got with Will County ... I just find no value in bringing these people into the city and absorbing the possible liabilities that

could be incurred."

"I don't see any gain for us at all ... it could be like the Marathon gas station, it could be like a sore thumb ... if something happens, we're going to get stuck," added Alderman Steve Evans.

Since the owner does not plan to build a building for his equipment, nor to hook up to city services, the property tax and utility service revenue the city receives as a result of the annexation will be negligible, said Alderman Kevin Kirwin.

Studer also noted that the city prohibits many of the site conditions that approval of the annexation would make permissible for Castillo; cargo container storage, a gravel driveway and berming.

Mayor Marty Orr noted the parcel is not needed to reach another property the city wants to annex, which is why other parcels on Stripmine Road were brought into the city limits.

It was the consensus of the committee to not move forward with the annexation. The matter would have to have six affirmative votes to be approved.

City administrator Frank Koehler said he would inform Castillo that the annexation would not have enough support to move forward.

VFW still plans to build

Elections may turn focus away from project, however

BY PAM MONSON
EDITOR

Although other opportunities have been presented, the members of the Wilmington VFW Post 5422 are still planning to build a new post.

Malcolm J. Mayo Post 5422, at the corner of Baltimore and Third Street, was heavily damaged by a fire last April. The insurance company still hasn't settled, and representatives of the VFW have had to stay on top of every decision and offer the company makes, challenging many.

In addition, the few members who are actively engaged in the project have been accused of procedural errors and faced a union contractor debate, had to prove to the insurer that what was being discarded was truly garbage and wait while it explores the possibility of cleaning rather than replacing restaurant equipment.

The VFW has to pay the bills for cleanup up front, and wait for the insurance company to reimburse those costs from its dwindling savings.

The members of Post 5422 approved the construction of a 10,000-square foot building last year, about double the size of the original building. Whether or not that particular plan proceeds could very well be the decision of the officers who are elected at the April 10 membership meeting.

Opponents of the plan could take control of the organization, and therefore the project, and eliminate many of the features that the active members and the community consider valuable assets, including the banquet hall.

Without the hall, the VFW cannot host the fundraisers that help it support veterans, including its fish fries and the controversial but highly successful Queen of Hearts raffle. It also would be unable to support a long list of local causes, not the least of which are fundraisers for individuals facing catastrophic medical bills and terminal illness, who are allowed free use of the hall.

"Our mission is to help veterans," said Terry Cerutti, who is running for commander and supports the building project.

Commander Mario Cornelio points out that if the group doesn't have a hall and can't raise funds, it will not be able to provide much help to veterans. What comes to the VFW in support of veterans, mostly goes out in support of veterans — whether that be in the form of donations to the Manteno Veterans Home, helping an indigent veter-

an's family with funeral costs or sending care packages to entire units of active duty service men and women, when a tube of toothpaste can mean not having to do without until the next supply order.

"We can't do that anymore, unless we get going again," Cerutti said. "People don't realize how much we did for the community."

"And the people around here do miss it," added Cornelio.

Meanwhile, residents are hearing that the group is looking at Ben Franklin, which is not true — they were invited to tour the 33,000-square foot building but rejected the offer because parking would be inadequate. They might consider Factory to You Furniture; it has potential as an alternate plan because of its location.

Post 5422 is not moving to Braidwood either. Its members were working with the state organization to establish a Braidwood post. They signed on new members, but the coming election may determine whether Post 5422 can help the new group with transferring members.

Enough of the building plan is in place that it will take just a couple of phone calls to get the project started. Cornelio can make those calls before he leaves office, if the settlement comes through in the next three months.

"It's for the future generations, it's not going backwards," commented Gina Wills, director of operations. "We're going from 5,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet, so we have a lot of room, a lot of possibility; a bigger hall, an outside eating area, a bigger state of the art kitchen, pizza oven — we've got a lot of plans."

The owner of property behind Faletti Meats has donated the lot, valued at \$165,000, to the VFW last month for overflow parking.

Coal City, Diamond announce sale dates

COAL CITY — The village of Coal City's Park Board and the village of Diamond are sponsoring a two-day citywide garage sale. Sales will be held, rain or shine, on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A map and listing of all the registered sales will be available on the village's website, www.coalcity-il.gov and on the day of the sale at Benson Insurance, 155 S. Broadway; Rolando's TV, Appliance and Furniture, 140 S. Broadway and Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Illinois Reads 2017 Launch at WMS

The Illinois Reads 2017 Launch at Wilmington Middle School was a huge success.

The morning began with breakfast for all WHS and WMS student volunteers who would work with the guests of honor, the authors. Training was provided by Illinois Reading Council President Patti Tylka.

The authors began arriving at 9 a.m. and were greeted by student volunteers and welcomed with a breakfast and gift bags in the Wilmington Middle School Library.

The doors for the general public opened at 9:30 a.m. and guests were greeted by Woodsy the Owl and Willy the Wildcat. At 10 a.m. the assembly gathered in the WMS gymnasium was asked to stand and welcome the 16th President of the United States, Mr. President and Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln.

Mr. Lincoln addressed the crowd and welcomed everyone to the 5th annual Illinois Reads book launch. The program continued with an introduction of the 23 authors and illustrators by the author coordinator Deb Augsberger.

In addition, the Illinois Reads chair Tammy Potts invited the winners of the

essay contest to share their reasons why each loves reading. Each front-runner received a bag full of goodies and a copy of each book in her grade band, a total of six books in all.

The morning program concluded with a review of the events to follow which included three break-out sessions to hear the authors discuss his/her book. The last hour of the event allowed participants a chance to visit Anderson's Bookstore's booth to get titles for authors to personalize, meet and greet authors and take photos, shop at the Illinois Reading Council International Projects booth for the Guatemalan handy crafts, listen to the Wilmington High School drumline performance, watch the eighth grade STEM class Rube Goldberg machines, grab a snack from the concessions organized by the WHS Athletic Boosters, and pose for a photo opportunity with the Lincoln, Sparky the fire dog, Willy the Wildcat or Woodsy the Owl.

At the conclusion of the public event, there was an author and volunteer luncheon in the WMS library. The essay winners and their families were invited to have

lunch with the author of his or her choice.

A few thank you responses included:

Essay winners: "We just wanted to say a huge thank you for such an awesome experience at the Illinois Reads event. It was obvious that so much hard work and passion went into organizing the day. Our girls were thrilled to meet and hear from all the authors who were so friendly and gracious to the kids. The prize bag with all those great books made it feel like Christmas and was beyond generous. We were just so impressed and it was an enriching experience all around. Thank you to you and to all those involved in making the day a success. We'll never forget it."

Sincerely,
The Henkle Family:
Nick, Annie, Daisy
and Ivy

Authors:
"I wanted to thank you for such a lovely day on Saturday. What a wonderful celebration of literacy. We "IL Reads Authors" are so blessed to have so much enthusiasm behind our books. Thanks for all you (and the committee) has done and is doing.
Nancy J. Cavanaugh,

Author of
"This Journal Belongs to Ratchet"
"Hi. Today I keep thinking back to the awesome afternoon I got to spend with the second and third graders at Wilmington and wanted to thank all of you for making the day so special and run so smoothly.

The students had such insightful questions and were incredible listeners. It was a joy to spend time with them, and several of the students I met Friday brought their families on Saturday and I got to see them again in my author sessions.

Please also thank Sue at Wilmington School again for saving the day when she found the soda bottle and ketchup packet I needed at the last minute. On Saturday I gave that science experiment to one of your Wilmington teachers in case your school or teachers had any use for it.

Still smiling from this wonderful weekend filled with great books and people."

Fondly,
Suzanne Slade
Author of
"The Inventor's Secret"

Elwood School's third quarter honor roll

Elwood School has announced the honor roll students who excelled academically during the third quarter of the 2016-2017 school year.

Fourth grade high honors: Nathan Butt, Sophia Facchina, Alysia Fite, Braden Freeman, Jersey Hauert, Jaylyn Kucera, Connor Labaj, Ariana Lawson, Brooke Marcum, Cody McLaren, Margaret Metke, Vai Stulga, Nathan Tallon, Jeremy Thompson, Karis Trejo, Sienna Usalis, Keegan Van Gamplur, Brody Walsh, Liam Walsh and Liam Zimmerman

Fourth grade honors: Melissa Aguirre, Elena Alexander, Rustin Deihs, Seth Dodge, KyaLynn Healy, Michael Lynch, Tyler Rolenc, Danny Thompson, Kathrine Wasaitis and Nolan Wolf

Fifth grade high honors: Cole Anderson, Garrett Berscheid, John Boehning, Jack Bostjancic, Rodney DeSilva, Micah Gabriel, Chloe Hoffman, Jenna Kladis, Justin Kruchten, Olivia LaMontana, Kyle Lipke, Heather Long, Dylan Macek, Maciah Marszalek, Isabelle Olszewski, Faith Parks, Kyla Shaw, Emily Smith, John Stasiak, Isabella Stipanovich, Ashley Surges and Myles Wedic

Fifth grade honors: Anthony Aguirre, Noah Fritz, Braedan Hammersmith, Bryce Jinks, Payton Mandac and Kady Neverouski

Sixth grade board scholars: Kaela Calderon, Maxmillian Campagnolo, Thomas Kemp and Brayden Walsh

Sixth grade high honors: Natalyn Baranak, Owen Freeman, Reilly Hauert and Caleb Walsh

Sixth grade honors: Jackson Gasaway, Nathan Heisner and Taylor Kavanaugh

Seventh grade board scholars: Gavin Corcoran, Connor Lab, Madison Miedona, Amy Vollmer and Joshua Walsh

Seventh grade high honors: Mallory Arend, Gabriel Dunne, Rachel Dunne, Clinton Olsen and Sydney Senko

Seventh grade honors: Alexandra Cimino, Lanie Cremer, Zander Cremer, Alyssa Dockendorf, Kayley Fritz, Diego Maldonado, Melissa Marasco, Nicole Meadows, Clayton Olsen, Ayden Tibble, Ellyn Tibble, Nicholas Walsh, Anthony West and Nathan Wolf

Eighth grade board scholars: Robert Bradberry, Andrew Buss, Isabella Campagnolo, Mackenzie Lange, August Lewis, Casie Walsh and Jacob Winkler

Eighth grade high honors: Johnathan Babiarz, Abigail Ballard, Jason Dworak, Skylar Hauert, Alexander Herzog, Abigail Lab, McKenzie Marcum, Nolan Walsh and Ryan Wisneski

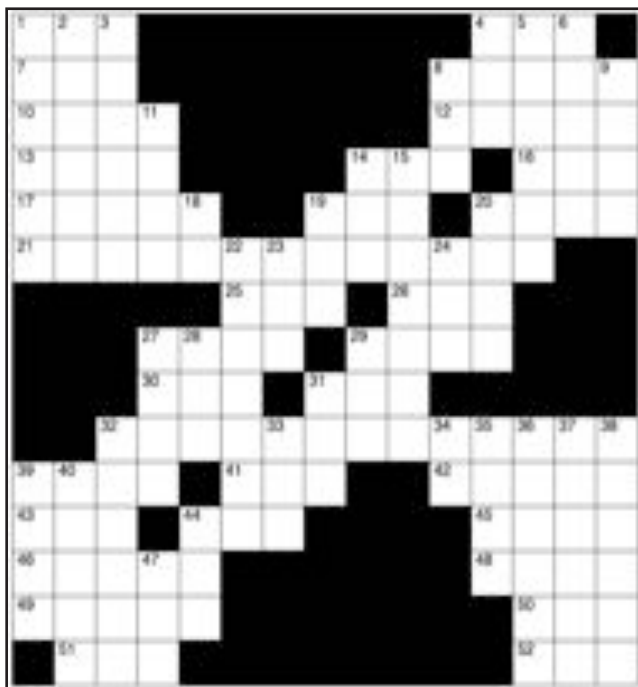
Eighth grade honors: Dean Adler, Rachel Boehning, Reyna Carreno, Jordan DeSilva, Richard Facchina, Mikella Frey, Grace Hallihan, Melissa Hickey, Jesse Jenkins, MaryRose Joynt, Kaitlyn LaMontana, Jer'Vhaun Lee, Alexander Macek, Tayler McLaren, Carmen Nudo, Logan Peacock and Dan'Yale Thompson

Students of the Quarter at WMS



Courtesy photo

WILMINGTON MIDDLE School Students of the Quarter for the third quarter of the 2016-2017 school year are (from left) eighth graders Destiny Dodge and Dominic Nowak; sixth graders Zach Willis and Kylie Motykowski; and seventh grader Jayia Frenzel. Not shown is seventh grader Nolan Rickmon.



CLUES ACROSS

- "Be back later"
- Hoover's office
- Brew
- Philo and Regis are two ("Star Wars")
- Actress Remini
- Moghal emperor
- Alaskan glacier
- Constrictor
- Prohibit
- Ancient Brittonic tribe
- Chinese pastry
- Razorbill is of this genus
- Beloved holiday decoration
- Dutch football club
- Aggressive dog
- Small piece of glass
- "South Park" creator ___ Parker
- Leisure activity
- Someone's story
- Record-setting swimmer
- Hillside
- Unit of measurement
- Famous for its potatoes
- Insect secretion
- Gate in Marrakesh
- Cain and ___
- A set of moral principles
- Repair
- Two-terminal semiconductor
- Strongly alkaline solution
- Former CIA
- Satellite laser ranging

CLUES DOWN

- Sea
- Cleans things
- More skinny
- Supervises flying
- Talk rapidly and excitedly
- Intestinal
- Don't know when yet
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Chinese and Vietnamese ethnic group
- Wild cattle genus
- Rock formation
- Makes up
- Resembles a pouch
- Having an aerial quality
- Windpipe
- Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- Bitterly regret
- Soft creamy white cheese
- Renamed when EU was incorporated
- ' ___ death do us part
- Sound unit
- Men proud of their masculinity
- Clergy member's vestment
- Hello
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- Marks
- Derived from benzene
- Low-melting alloy
- Lost blood
- Quantitative relation
- Academic degree
- Many subconsciouses

Sing and then watch the movie on April 7

The WE-PTO will present the movie "Sing" on a big screen in the Wilmington Middle School gymnasium, 715 S. Joliet St., on Friday, April 7.

The WE-PTO has partnered with the Wilmington Park District to borrow its big outdoor movie screen.

The Wilmington Public Library will bring the movie and a karaoke machine.

Karaoke will be from 6 to 6:30 p.m. followed by the movie.

The WE-PTO will have a concession stand with water, candy, popcorn and chips.

Children are welcome to bring bean bags chairs and blankets for the gym floor to hang with their friends for the movie while parents can relax in the bleachers or bring a comfortable chair.

The cost will be \$5 per family. All families are welcome to attend.

Call Nicolle Hicks at 815-263-2804 for more information.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS OF THE 2017 ILLINOIS READS LAUNCH HELD AT WILMINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL MARCH 11, 2017!

Anderson's Book Shops, Baker & Taylor, Center for the Book-Illinois State Library, Crossland Literacy, Honorable Jesse White, Illinois State Librarian, Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom, Illinois Title I Association, Illinois Reading Council, Regional Office of Education #24 Christopher Mehochko, Regional Office of Education #32 Gregg Murphy, Regional Office of Education #56 Shawn Walsh, Secondary Reading League, South Cook ISC Kathleen Doyle, South Suburban Reading Council, Two Rivers Reading Council, Will County Reading Council, Wilmington Public Library, Wilmington School District #209, Wilmington Public Library, Wilmington Lions, Elion Partners, Wilmington Rotary, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington Foundation for Excellence, Wilmington Downtown Merchants Association, Midewin Tallgrass Prairie, The Flower Loft, Sweets By Shayla, ASIP Local 150, Baseball Connexions, Mayor Marty & Veronica Orr, Tim Cragg, Roy Strong, Peggy Kunz, U.S. Cold Storage, Inc., Dean Shepherd-Edward Jones Investments, Clennon Electric, LLC, Garrett Smith, D.D.S., Oak Knolls Financial Services, Wilmington Collision Center, Inc., A.J's Hot Dogs & Gyros, Free Press Newspapers-Eric Fisher, Ellen Georgeff & WHS Band, Graham Geiss & 8th grade Industrial Arts Class, Ed Hanlon-Art Department & 3-D Printing, Tara Van Duyn & 8th grade S.T.E.M. Class, WMS Beta Club, WMS Student Council, WHS and WMS Library Aides & Book Club Members

It was a fantastic event to celebrate teachers, students, readers, and writers!

Thank you again, Tammy Potts, Illinois Reads Chair & Christy Ziller, 2017 Illinois Reads Site Coordinator

Breakfast at school

Mon., April 10: Trix cereal, animal crackers, apple juice, milk

Tues., April 11: Mini cinnis, orange juice, milk

Wed., April 12: Cheerios, graham crackers, apple juice, milk

Thu., April 13: Chocolate chip waffles, grape juice, milk

Fri., April 14: No school

Lunch at 209-U schools

Mon., April 10: Mostaccioli, Romaine salad, roll and butter, pears, milk

Tues., April 11: Hot dog on bun, nachos and cheese, carrots, strawberry cup, milk

Wed., April 12: No lunch, early release

Thu., April 13: French toast sticks, sausage, hash brown, orange slices, milk

Fri., April 14: No school

In Loving Memory JOE THATCHER



I need you more than ever,
feeling empty and alone.
If you would just come back to me,
I'd give up everything I own.
My love cannot be measured,
and that will never change.
You always held a special place,
it's hard to turn the page.
I've been broken since you've gone,
but you are with me where I roam.
A piece of my heart left with you,
when God chose to take you home.

We love you and miss you so much, love your family.
Thatchers, Hases, Albers,
Friddles, Roses, Schotts & Dickens

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SUDOKU - Here's how it works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle.

Bruning Elementary School students with perfect attendance



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS AT Bruning Elementary School with perfect attendance for the second quarter of the 2016-2017 school year included (front, from left) Ashlynn, Caiden, Katie, Mason, Jaxsen and Kelsie. Back: Joshua, Eli, Jack, Natali, Lucas, Chesnee, Quinn and Eli.



Courtesy photo

BRUNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL preschool students achieving perfect attendance for the third quarter of the 2016-2017 school year are (from left) Gage S. and Talon H.xw



(LEFT) FIRST GRADE STUDENTS at Bruning Elementary School with perfect attendance for the second quarter of the 2016-2017 school year included (front, from left) Collin, McKenna, Mason, Carli, Justin, Ryan and Liam. Back: Madilyn, Kelly, Reagan, Noah, Abigail, Katleyn, Caroline and Cris.



BRUNING ELEMENTARY School preschool students recognized for perfect attendance for the second quarter of the 2016-2017 school year included (from left) Addyson, Nathan, Annie, Laura, Aubrey and Abigail.



STUDENTS ACHIEVING perfect attendance for the third quarter included kindergarten students (front, from left) Johnny N., Stella F. and Tracy J. Back: Carsyn H., Jacob F., Connor K., James H., Lucas T., Eli S. and Joshua M.

Lions to sponsor Easter egg hunt

The Island Park District no longer will hold its traditional Easter egg hunt. The Wilmington Lions Club will now sponsor the free event at the South Island pavilion in Wilmington on Saturday, April 15, from 2 to 3 p.m. The egg hunt will have group divisions for ages 2 to 4, 5 to 7, 8 to 10, and 11- and 12-year-olds. The event will include games and prizes.

Garden Club welcomes recipes for 80th anniversary cookbook

This year the Wilmington Garden Club will celebrate its 80th year as a club. To commemorate the occasion, it will update its cookbook. The Garden Club needs approximately 150 new recipes, hoping to add at least 10 recipes to each section. The deadline to submit recipes is Wednesday, April 12. The Garden Club plans to have the cookbook available to sell at its plant exchange on Saturday, May 13. Pull out your favorite recipe and share it with the public. It is also a nice remembrance for our friends and family recipes. Dedicate a recipe or two in honor of someone and include a few words to go with that recipe. Recipes are needed for appetizers and beverages; soups, salads and sauces; vegetables and side dishes; breads, rolls and muffins; cookies, bars, treats and candies; and desserts. Also, main dishes and casseroles; meat, poultry and seafood; wild game, camping and grilling; ethnic heritage kitchen favorites; kids' cooking; canning, pickling, jams and jellies; animal/ pet treats; kitchen/ life poems; and this and that. Submit recipes to Mary Belter at wags2swish@aol.com or mail to 20268 W. County Rd., Wilmington, IL 60481.

Plans for burning at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

The U.S. Forest Service is announcing plans to conduct prescribed burning at a portion of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. U.S. Forest Service staff will initiate prescribed fire operations as weather patterns shift to favorable modest spring temperatures and moderate humidity that is conducive to burning. Wind speed and direction, temperature, relative humidity and measurable moisture in vegetation are all taken into consideration. "The process of restoring and enhancing natural areas typically takes many years," said Midewin Restoration Team Leader Drew Ullberg. "At Midewin, approximately 3,000 acres of land are actively undergoing restoration or enhancement and we utilize several tools to attain restoration goals. Some of our tools include invasive species control through judicious herbicide application, field mowing, hand-pulling invasive plants, brush removal and use of prescribed fire. It is this last tool - fire - that is the most effective and necessary part of the restoration recipe." Prescribed fire reduces hazardous fuels, minimizes the spread of plant and animal disease; removes invasive species that threaten species that are native to an ecosystem; provides forage for animals; improves habitat for threatened and endangered species; recycles nutrients back to the soil; and promotes the growth of forbs, tallgrasses, wildflowers and other plants. Although careful planning and preparation for the use of prescribed fire takes place, smoke is a natural by-product of fire, and some amounts are unavoidable. Over the next several weeks through the end of April, the public may see smoke or smell fire in various areas surrounding Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie as a result of prescribed fire activities associated with our prairie restoration program.

Scouts to hold spaghetti dinner this Saturday

Elwood Cub Scout Pack 156 will host a spaghetti dinner and bake sale on Saturday, April 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. Dinner will be served at Elwood Community Church, 101 S. Chicago Ave. The dinner will cost \$7 for adults, and \$5 for children under 12 years old and senior citizens. Take outs will also be available for \$6. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Elwood Cub Scouts.

Auditions to be held for Cabaret Night

COAL CITY — Looking to showcase your talents on the stage? Auditions for Cabaret Night, Coal City High School's annual variety show, will be held Friday, April 7. Bands, vocalists, actors, dancers, and comedians are being sought to participate in the annual show scheduled for Friday, April 21 in the Coal City Unit 1 Auditorium at Coal City High School. Individuals of all ages and from all area communities are welcome to audition. Auditions will be held in the auditorium, 655 W. Division St, from 4 to 11 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the door outside the auditorium at 3:30 p.m. Each audition runs six minutes. Those auditioning for a spot in the show are expected to come prepared. Individuals/groups should come in performance attire, and bring any necessary props and/or music (instrumental versions if singing). Sound equipment with access to play compact discs or iPods will be available, as well as microphones, a piano and special lighting. Questions can be directed to Bonnie McDowell, vocal music director, at bmcowell@coalcityschools.org.

Preschool registration now open

The First United Methodist Church Early Childhood Preschool Program has open registration for the 2017-2018 school year. Children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years may enroll in the program. For information and to schedule a visit of the preschool classrooms call Debbie Seasley at the church office at 815-476-5668, or visit www.fumcwilm.com.

Crafts for teens

Teens who love to make awesome and useful things are invited to the Wilmington Public Library for Teen DIY on the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Age appropriate crafts will be created such as homemade bath bombs, Harry Potter wands and more. The next Teen DIY will be held on Thursday, April 6. The library is located at 201 S. Kankakee St.



Courtesy photo

TOPS 1024 recognized (from left) Lois Taylor and Betty Aspel for their long-time membership and inspiration to others.

TOPS 1024 members inspiring others

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) 1024 congratulated Lois Taylor for 30 years as a Keep Off Pounds Sensibly (KOP) member and Betty Aspel for 52 years as a TOPS member. They are an inspiration to other TOPS members who meet each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Island City Baptist Church, 120 Vine St., Wilmington. Everyone is welcome to join. Use the back entrance of the church.



Black Rock Guns welcomed

THE WILMINGTON CHAMBER of Commerce recently presented Michael McCullum (left) of Black Rock Guns and Ammo, 114 S. Water St., Wilmington with a First Dollar Award. Presenting the award is Chamber ambassador David Quigley of Quigley Technology Services. McCullum and Nancy Hund are co-owners of the retail store inside the Old Theater Antique Mall. Black Rock Guns sells new and used guns and accessories. They accept guns on consignment and gun transfers. Their website is blackrockgunsandammo.com.

Weather ideal for first day of trout season



ONE MORE TO GO! Greg Thornton of Wilmington is one trout shy of a limit Saturday when he and 350 other fishermen showed up early for opening day of trout season at Milliken Lake in the DesPlaines Conservation Area, Wilmington. The Illinois

Department of Natural Resources stocked 80,000 rainbow trout in 50 locations throughout the state, allowing anglers to catch up to five per day. Thornton said action was slow until the sun came up, then he reeled in four in about an hour. He was using a dough bait made for trout.

Attorney Fisher files Osburn Drauden estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth Osburn Drauden, Deceased. Case No. 17 P 150.

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Elizabeth Osburn Drauden of Wilmington, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 13, 2017 to Jonnie E. Kwasneske, Melissa Bushue Vilt and William N. Osburn as Independent Co-Executors.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent co-administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Will County Court House, 14 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication date of this Notice, which is on or before September 22, 2017 or if mailing or delivery of this notice from the personal representative is required by Sec. 18.3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the co-representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated: March 13, 2017
Jonnie E. Kwasneske, Melissa Bushue Vilt and William N. Osburn as Independent Co-Executors
Jeffrey L. Fisher, Attorney at Law, Attorney No.: 06184265, 207 S. Water Street, Wilmington, IL 60481. 815-476-7635.

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910 N. Washington St.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WILL
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Guaranteed Rate Inc.Plaintiff, vs. Anthony J. Panepinto aka Anthony Panepinto; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendant. No. 16 CH 0079

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment entered in the above cause on the 6th day of January, 2017, MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, Illinois, will on Thursday, the 13th day of April, 2017, commencing at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder or bidders the following-described real estate:

THAT PART OF LOT 55, IN NORTHCREST, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 18, 1948 AS DOCUMENT NO 646750, LYING SOUTHERLY OF A LINE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 55 THAT IS 46.75 FEET SOUTHERLY OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE SOUTH 83 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST 125.05 FEET, TO A POINT OF TERMINUS ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 55 THAT IS 44.64 FEET SOUTHERLY OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF, EXCEPTING THEREFROM SOURCE MATERIAL BENEATH THE SURFACE TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE THE SAME, ALL IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 910 North Washington Street, Wilmington, IL 60481

Description of Improvements: Multi family
P.I.N.: 03-17-25-109-013-0000

Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours; plus, for residential real estate, a statutory judicial sale fee calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser to the person conducting the sale, not to exceed \$300, for deposit into the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County.

In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.

Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State.

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Sheriff of Will County

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Prevention Research and Development.

School districts receive individualized reports that can be used to assess needs, track progress toward the district's physical, social and mental health goals, and evaluate student support services. The Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community uses the survey data to support its Drug Free Communities grant application, which was awarded for programs focused on curbing teen tobacco and alcohol use.

Ninety-two sophomores and 51 seniors participated in the survey that was administered in the spring 2016 Illinois Youth Survey. Here's what the students had to say:

Alcohol use Sophomores

Fifty-three percent of sophomores admitted to using alcohol in the previous year. Seventy-three percent said they do not drink regularly.

Thirty-five percent said it's very wrong to drink regularly and 24 percent labeled the activity as "wrong." Fifty-one percent said it is sort of easy to very easy to obtain alcohol. Friends and parties were the most commonly listed sources.

Forty-eight percent said they'd talked with a parent about not using alcohol in the past year. Seventy-eight percent were cautioned about drinking and driving or riding with a drunk driver, and 43 percent said their parents would always find out if they drank and drove.

Seventy-seven percent said their families have clear rules about alcohol and drug use.

Seniors
Fifty-seven percent of seniors admitted to using alcohol in the previous year. Fifty-six percent said they do not drink regularly.

Eighteen percent said it's very wrong to drink regularly and 28 percent labeled the activity as "wrong." Eight percent said it is sort of easy to very easy to obtain alcohol. Friends and parties were the most commonly listed sources.

Forty-five percent said they'd talked with a parent about not using alcohol in the past year. Eighty percent were cautioned about

Florence to hold annual town meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN to the legal voters, residents of the Town of Florence in the County of Will and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6:30 o'clock p.m. at the Florence Township Hall.

For the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town and after a moderator having been elected, will:

- Proceed to hear and consider reports of officers.
- Discuss transfer of excess funds between funds.
- Discuss/Rule on proposed Ordinance for The Deposit of night soil, garbage and all other offensive substances deposit of which may be prevented by authority of 30-120 of Township Code can hereby be prevented and prohibited within the limits of Florence Township, Will County, Illinois.
- And also decide on such measures as May, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.

Dated: March 21, 2017
William P. Long
Florence Township Clerk
Published in the Free Press Advocate on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

Attorney Lynch files Sheridan estate claim

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLENE SHERIDAN, Deceased; No. 17 P 147

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Charlene Sheridan. Letters of Office were issued to Danette Litaker, whose address is 1906 Chestnut Grove Road, Plainfield, Illinois 60586 and Kimberly Hadermayer, whose address is 26 Pound Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is Jennifer M. Lynch of June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 14 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60431, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 29th day of September, 2017 if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Jennifer M. Lynch
For the Estate of Charlene Sheridan, Deceased

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drinking and driving or riding with a drunk driver, but only 35 percent were certain their parents would catch them drinking and driving.

Seventy-five percent said their families have clear rules about alcohol and drug use.

Tobacco use Sophomores

Seventy-four percent said they'd never smoked a cigarette, not even a puff, and 79 percent said they'd never used other tobacco products.

Fifty-two percent said smoking cigarettes is very wrong, 23 percent said it's "wrong." Forty-nine percent reported they'd talked with a parent about not using tobacco in the past year.

Half of the sophomores felt it would be sort of easy to very easy to obtain cigarettes.

Seniors
Thirty-five percent said they'd used cigarettes, other smoked tobacco, chewing tobacco, hookah or e-cigarettes in the 30 days before being surveyed.

Thirty-two percent said smoking cigarettes is very wrong, while 28 percent said smoking cigarettes is "wrong." Forty-two percent said they'd talked with a parent about not using tobacco in the past year.

Eighty-eight percent of the senior respondents felt it would be sort of easy to easy to obtain cigarettes.

Marijuana Sophomores

Seventeen percent said they'd used marijuana in the past year, and 11 percent admitted to marijuana use in the past 30 days.

Sixty-five percent said its wrong or very wrong to smoke marijuana.

Only 36 percent thought it would be sort of to very easy to obtain marijuana. Most got it from a friend, although some did purchase it from someone who sells drugs.

Seniors
Eighteen percent reported marijuana use in the past year, and 6 percent said they'd used it in the 30

Lemonade stand at St. Rose School

The St. Rose School kindergartners will host a lemonade stand on Friday, April 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the kindergarten classroom at 626 S. Kankakee St., Wilmington. Lemonade will be \$1 and include one refill. Brownies and cookies also be \$1. Only \$1 bills will be accepted. Proceeds will benefit the school.

School District 209-U seeks diesel fuel bids

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Wilmington Community Unit School District 209U, Will County, Wilmington, Illinois will receive bids for the purchase of diesel fuel. Bid specifications may be obtained upon request from the Office of the Superintendent, Wilmington Community Unit School District No. 209U, 209U Wildcat Court, Wilmington, IL 60481 - Phone (815) 926-1751. All bids are to be received in the Office of the Superintendent at the above address on or before 2:00 PM. CDST, Friday, April 28, 2017, and will be opened publicly at that time. The Board of Education will make its decision on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 and reserves the right to waive any technicalities or irregularities and to reject any or all bids or any part or parts thereof. By and for the Board of Education Wilmington Community Unit School District 209U

Stan Smith, Secretary
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Attorney Fisher files Graham estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of John R. Graham, Deceased. Case No. 17 P 180

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of John R. Graham of Wilmington, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 23, 2017 to Kathleen Skoryi as Independent Administrator of the Estate of John R. Graham.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Will County Court House, 14 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication date of this Notice, which is September 29, 2017 and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the co-representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated: March 29, 2017
Kathleen Skoryi, Independent Administrator

Jeffrey L. Fisher, Attorney at Law, Fisher Berardi Law, 207 S. Water Street, Wilmington, IL 60481. 815-476-7635. Atty. No.: 06184265.

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days leading up to the survey. Sixty percent said its wrong or very wrong to smoke marijuana, and reported that 47 percent of their peers and 94 percent of parents would consider smoking marijuana wrong or very wrong.

A bit more than half thought it would be sort of to very easy to obtain marijuana. Most got it from a friend, although some admitted buying it from someone who sells drugs.

Bullying Sophomores

Thirty-three percent of the underclassmen surveyed said they'd been bullied by someone calling them names in the previous 12 months, and 11 percent said that they had been intensely bullied (all types of bullying). Thirteen percent said they'd actually been hit, punched, kicked or pushed. Twenty-four percent said they'd been bullied, harassed or been the subject of rumors circulated on the internet or through text messages.

Seniors
Thirty-seven percent of the senior surveyed said they'd been bullied by someone calling them names in the previous 12 months, and 6 percent said that they had been intensely bullied (all types of bullying). Just 6 percent said they'd actually been hit, punched, kicked or pushed. Thirty-three percent said they'd been bullied, harassed or been the subject of rumors circulated on the internet or through text messages.

Other items
Sixty percent of the sophomores and 61 percent of the seniors reported being involved in a school athletic program, with about one-fourth and one-third respectively being involved in other sport programs. Thirty-eight percent of sophomores are involved in service or activity clubs such as Scouting and 4-H, while 56 percent of the seniors reported involvement. Twenty-one percent of

sophomores and 26 percent of seniors are involved in a church youth group or other faith-based group.

Just 2 percent of the sophomores and 5 percent of the seniors surveyed in 2016 report involvement in a youth drug prevention leadership group.

Sixty-nine percent of sophomores and 62 percent of seniors felt it pretty much true to very much true that at school, there is a teacher or some other adult who really cares about them. Fifty-eight percent of the younger students and 57 percent of the senior students said there is an adult, other than a parent, that they could talk to about important things in their lives.

The survey results are shared with administrators who use the data to develop programs aimed at changing student behaviors and attitudes.

"From our perspective, none of it's top secret. It's just that it's self-reported, so you don't know the validity [of the responses]," Dr. Swick said. "... but it's not ignored by any means. We get it to the right people who can make decisions and try to help the kids."

The district is a partner in Coalition activities, and tries to reinforce appropriate behaviors in health classes, through the Lions Quest program and preventative initiatives such as random drug testing.

"Virtually everything covered in the Illinois Youth Survey, we're already in some way trying to discourage — or encourage the positive behaviors," Dr. Swick said.

"But it's not about the heavy stick, because you know they've got a problem," the superintendent added. "So counseling is important. And I'm glad to see the Coalition has some local counseling now, because that's always been a challenge, sending a kid to Riverside or Joliet."

The superintendent believes it's important that parents are aware of the test so that they and school officials understand if kids are making poor choices and how prevalent an issue is. He also believes it's equally important for parents to recognize the dangers, are actively engaged with their kids, talking with them, looking in their rooms, and not just assuming their kids are making the right choices — because even good kids are pressured to stay.

"Kids are kids, you just hope and pray. I have two teenagers of my own and I pray every day that they stay away from that stuff," Dr. Swick said.

Just For Trees files business change

PUBLIC NOTICE

Assumed Name Change Publication Notice
Certificate Number 20864 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Will County on March 31, 2017 wherein the business firm of

Just For Trees
located at 751 N. Bolingbrook Dr. Unit 16, Bolingbrook, IL 60440 is registered and a certificate notice setting forth the following:

Business address changed from
146 Bowman Ct.
Bolingbrook, IL 60440
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Joliet, Illinois, this 31st day of March, 2017.

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk
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Attorney Lynch files Sodick estate claim

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF George Sodick, Deceased; No. 17 P 205

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of George Sodick. Letters of Office were issued to Michael Sodick whose address is 617 Sugar Creek Drive, Joliet, Illinois 60433 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Jennifer M. Lynch of June, Prodehl, Renzi & Lynch, L.L.C., 1861 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Will County Courthouse, 14 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60431, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 29th day of September, 2017 if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Attorney Fisher files Hall estate notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of David L. Hall, Deceased. Case No. 17 P 181

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of David L. Hall of Braidwood, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 23, 2017 to Heather E. Collins as Independent Administrator of the Estate of David L. Hall.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Will County Court House, 14 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication date of this Notice, which is September 29, 2017 and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the co-representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated: March 29, 2017
Heather E. Collins, Independent Administrator

Jeffrey L. Fisher, Attorney at Law, Fisher Berardi Law, 207 S. Water Street, Wilmington, IL 60481. 815-476-7635. Atty. No.: 06184265.

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WILDCAT SPORTS

Meet the 2017 varsity boys and girls track teams



WILMINGTON'S 2017 varsity boys and girls track teams include: (Front, from left) Paige Persic, Hannah Harvell, Riley Stepanek, Alyssa Dabulskis, Hailey Hirsch and Marissa Sanchez. Kneeling: Tyler Procell, Mickey McGuire, Nick Pretto, Nick Orr, Joey Mendoza, Peter Runions and Erica Roge. Third row: Faith Mendoza, Molly McGuire, Ashley Ivec, Josh Cummins, Bobby Shields, Zach Thompson and Alexis Ivec. Fourth row: Autumn Switzer, Matt Boynton, Mack Wilburn, Claire Rink, Matt Nutt, Mitch Kolwelter and Faith Barnes. Back row: Jacob Allott, Dallas Ceh, Ian Bastian, Kile Thompson, Dakota Dyer, Bobby Batson, Isaiah Johnson and Clayton VanDuyne.

Wilmington's senior basketball, cheerleaders honored



ROBERT JOHN VAN DUYN is the son of BethAnn and Jeff VanDuyne. He has played basketball, baseball and football for four years, and has also been a student ambassador for four years.



SENIOR BASKETBALL PLAYER Dylan Winker is escorted by his parents Jeff and Brittany Winker during the Senior Night held for Wildcat boys basketball.



KEVIN TULLY is shown at Senior Night being escorted by his mother, Jodie Tully. He has participated in Wilmington High School basketball and football.



KASSIDY ANDREWS has been a four-year member of the WHS Spiritline. She will be missed by her teammates when she graduates in May. Family members escorting her during Senior Night include (from left) her brothers James and Jacob and her mother Beth.



SENIOR SPIRITLINE member Alec Beasley was among those players and parents recognized prior to the final home game of the Wilmington High School basketball season. Escorting Alec are parents Heath and Tracy and Mandi Beasley.



CLAIRE SPRINGER was a four-year member of WHS Spiritline team. She is escorted by her grandparents (from left) Lee and Barb Springer and her father Brian Springer.

Photos by Tom Neises

WILDCAT SPORTS



THE VARSITY baseball team for the 2017 season includes: (Front, from left) Jonathon Gholson, Will Van Duyne, Matt Alexander, Tyler Long, Will Hainline, Troy Mumma, Conner Dempsay and Brock Bolser. Kneeling: Garrett Roth, Jeff Cortese, Josh Jones, Brett McWilliams, Keith Lamaster, Andrew Gramlich and Mark Youngquist. Back row: Dillon Tjelle, Blake Geiss, Zach Mietzner, head coach Mike Bushnell, assistant coach Will Jansen, assistant coach Tim Hooker, RJ Van Duyne and Sam Jones.

Big fourth inning gives Wildcats the win

BY BRENT SUMNER
STAFF WRITER

The Wilmington varsity baseball team bounced back from a loss on Tuesday, as they secured a win over Kankakee the following day, 11-3.

It took the Wildcats (4-1 overall) four innings to get on the board, but when they did, they did it in a big way, rallying for nine runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Sam Jones got things started with a home run, driving in Will Hainline to take a 2-0 advantage.

That was followed by an RBI single from Brett McWilliams, driving in Will Van Duyne, along with an RBI single from Matt Alexander to push in Jonathon Gholson.

Conner Dempsay recorded a two-run single, followed by a triple from Brock Bolser, and RJ Van Duyne rounded out the scoring with a home run to push Wilmington up 9-0.

Kankakee attempted a comeback, but could muster only three runs between the fifth and sixth innings.

The Wildcats would add two more insurance runs in the sixth on solid base running from Dillon Tjelle and Zach Mietzner.

Kankakee was unable to respond in the top of the seventh, as Wilmington secured their fourth win of the season.

Garrett Roth picked up the win on the mound, putting in five innings of work.

He surrendered two unearned runs off five hits, walked one and struck out five.

Josh Jones closed out the remaining two innings, giving up just one earned run off two hits, walking one and striking out two.

Wilmington hosted St. Anne on Tuesday, and will face Aurora Christian at home on Wednesday as well.

The Wildcats will enter conference action on Friday, when they travel to Sandwich.

Morris 4, Wilmington 2

The Wildcats were unable to bounce back from an early deficit, as they wound up suffering their first loss of the season at the hands of Morris.

Morris jumped out early, scoring off a double and a groundout to take a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning.

Wilmington cut the lead in half in the bottom of the frame, as McWilliams recorded an RBI double, driving in Sam Jones.

The score would remain about the same down the stretch, with Morris adding one more run in the fourth to take a 3-1 advantage.

In the seventh inning, Morris would move to 4-1 lead in the top of the frame, and Wilmington added another run in the bottom off an RBI single from I, pushing across Hainline.

Tjelle received the loss on the mound for Wilmington, pitching five innings.

He surrendered three earned runs off four hits, walked two and struck out two.

Josh Jones pitched the final two innings, letting up one unearned run off one hit, walking one and striking out one.



CONNER DEMPSAY picked up a two-run single during Wilmington's win over Kankakee last week. The Wildcats defeated Kankakee, 11-3, as they improved to 4-1 on the season.

Lady 'Cats unable to match top-ranked Morris

BY BRENT SUMNER
STAFF WRITER

The Wilmington varsity softball team ran into a tough opponent last week when they hosted Morris on Tuesday.

Morris is currently ranked first in Class 3A by the Illinois Coaches Association polls, ranking above powerhouses like Stillman Valley, Providence Catholic and Bishop McNamara.

The opposition showed just how formidable they can be, as they defeated the Lady Wildcats 12-4.

Despite Morris being a powerhouse this year, Wilmington (2-3 overall) held with them for most of the game.

Morris took the initial lead in the second inning, producing two runs, but Wilmington would cut the lead in half in the third, scoring one run off an RBI single from Kiley Sowa driving in Bella Egizio.

Morris added to their lead in the top of the fourth with three more runs, jumping out to a 5-1 lead.

The Lady Wildcats continued to respond though, recording three runs of their own in the bottom of the frame.

Mickaela Tworek hit a fly ball, reaching base on an error, and drove in Jenny Kucharski for a run.

Egizio recorded another RBI single, driving in Molly Beckman, and Emma Hafner drew a walk to push Tworek

across the plate, diminishing Morris' lead to only one run, 5-4.

After the fourth inning though, Wilmington's offense seemed to run out of gas, and Morris continued to pile on the runs.

The opposition added seven unanswered runs over the remaining three innings, as they wound up running away with the game.

Lorri Kucharski suffered the loss in the circle, putting in five innings of work.

She surrendered six runs (five earned) off 11 hits, walked one and struck out one.

Justine Reents pitched the remaining two innings, giving up six runs (three earned) off five hits and walking five.

The Lady Wildcats were scheduled to face St. Anne on Tuesday, and will then travel to Kankakee on Wednesday.

Wilmington will enter conference action on Friday, when they travel to Sandwich.



LORRI KUCHARSKI attempted to pitch the Lady Wildcats to a win over Morris on Tuesday. Kucharski lasted five innings, surrendering six runs (five earned) off 11 hits, walking one and striking out one.

Join us..... for an
Easter EGG HUNT

**Wilmington Lions
Invites the Community to
Wilmington South Island "Pavilion"
Saturday April 15
2pm until 3pm
FREE Event**

EGG hunt for GROUP division's ages
2-4, 5-7, 8-10 and 11-12 year olds
Games and prizes
EVENT is Weather permitting
no rain date
Contact Lion John Persic JR @ 815-210-5155

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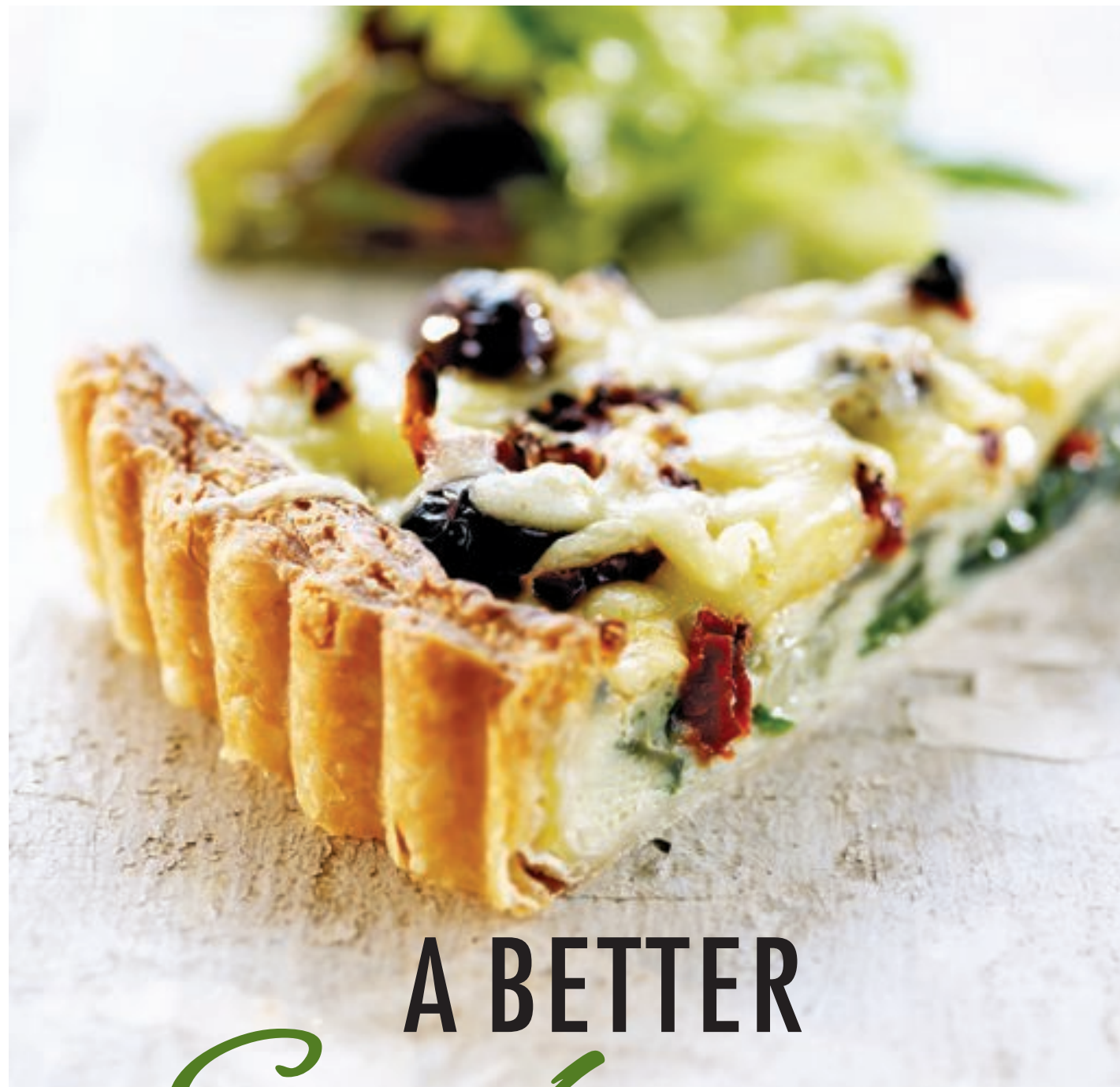
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Spinach and Sundried Tomato Quiche

Spinach and Sundried Tomato Quiche

Recipe courtesy of Jarlsberg Cheese

Servings: 6

Pie Dough:

- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 cup white flour
- 2 tablespoons water

Filling:

- 1 cup fresh spinach
- 1 red onion, cut into rings
- butter
- 1 cup milk
- 4 eggs
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup sundried tomatoes, sliced
- 1/4 cup olives
- 1 cup shredded Jarlsberg Cheese

To make pie dough: Heat oven to 400 F.

Mix butter and flour in food processor or by hand until mixture has granular consistency. Add water and knead into dough. Let chill 30 minutes. Roll dough and fit into 10-inch pie pan. With fork, make holes in dough and bake 15 minutes.

To make filling: Heat oven to 350 F.

In frying pan, fry onion and spinach with butter then scoop mixture into quiche base. Whisk together eggs, milk, salt and pepper, and pour over spinach and onion. Top with olives, sundried tomatoes and cheese. Bake 35-40 minutes.



Cheesy, Crispy Smashed Potatoes

Cheesy, Crispy Smashed Potatoes

Recipe courtesy of Chef George Duran

Servings: 4

- 25 red bliss or fingerling potatoes, bite-size
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 garlic cloves, finely minced
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 cup grated Jarlsberg Cheese
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley

Heat oven to 450 F and cook potatoes by steaming, boiling or microwaving. Set aside.

In small saute pan or saucepan, add olive oil and garlic. Cook on medium-low heat until garlic browns and turns crispy, about 5 minutes. Strain garlic, reserving olive oil and crispy garlic.

Once potatoes cool, use back of pan to gently smash them down to about 1/2-inch thickness. Drizzle olive oil throughout roasting pan then add smashed potatoes. Drizzle reserved garlic olive oil on top of each potato and season with salt and pepper. Roast 20 minutes.

Remove from oven and evenly divide cheese and parsley on top of each potato. Cook another 10 minutes until cheese begins to brown. Top each potato with reserved crispy garlic and allow to cool before serving.

Brown Sugar Ham and Cheese Sticky Buns

Recipe courtesy of Chef George Duran

Servings: 12

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 tubes (8 ounces each) refrigerated crescent roll dough
- flour, for dusting
- 4 tablespoons brown sugar, divided
- 12 slices thin-cut ham
- 12 slices Jarlsberg Cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Jarlsberg Cheese
- chives or green onions, for garnish

Heat oven to 375 F. Spray nonstick spray in 8-by-8-inch pan or similar.

Unroll dough on floured surface and gently stretch until dough is about 8 by 12 inches. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons brown sugar over dough then evenly space six slices of ham and six slices of cheese on top. Starting on short side, begin rolling dough jelly roll style. Cut into six pieces. Repeat with second piece of dough.

Place all 12 buns inside pan. Sprinkle grated cheese on top. Bake 20-25 minutes until buns are fully cooked and browned. Garnish with chives or green onions and serve.

Focus on quality ingredients for a simply delicious meal



Chef George Duran

FAMILY FEATURES

Hosting an elegant Easter brunch is easy when you build a menu around exceptional ingredients. Your dishes don't have to be overly complicated; simple dishes are perfect for the occasion when you let stand-out flavors steal the show.

Brunch calls for a combination of light and savory fare, and an ingredient like Jarlsberg Brand Cheese lets you go either way. Best known for its classic wedge, this nutty, mild cheese is also available sliced and shredded – perfect for adding a distinctive taste to nearly any indulgent dish you can imagine.

Quiche is a brunch staple, and no variation of this classic is complete without cheese – in this case, a rich, creamy layering of Jarlsberg's unmistakable flavor does the trick.

For a lighter bite, try these Cheesy, Crispy Smashed Potatoes from Chef George Duran, host of TLC's "Ultimate Cake Off" and Food Network's "Ham on the Street." You could go a more decadent route with Duran's Brown Sugar Ham and Cheese Sticky Buns, or even appeal to kids of all ages with his Spicy Tater Tot Breakfast Muffins. Explore more recipes for a simply elegant Easter brunch at jarlsberg.com.

Spicy Tater Tot Breakfast Muffins

Recipe courtesy of Chef George Duran

Servings: 12

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 36 frozen tater tots
- 2 cups grated Jarlsberg Cheese, divided
- 8 large eggs
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeds and veins removed and finely chopped
- 1/2 red pepper, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground pepper
- finely chopped parsley, for garnish

Heat oven to 425 F. Spray 12-cup muffin tin with nonstick spray.

Place three tater tots into each muffin cup and bake 10 minutes. Remove from oven and use small spoon or fork to gently press down on tater tots to form base and sides of each muffin.

Sprinkle 2 cups Jarlsberg cheese equally over tater tots and bake 10 minutes.

Beat eggs in large bowl and add jalapeno, red pepper, heavy cream, salt and pepper.

Remove tater tots from oven and pour egg mixture into cups. Top evenly with remaining grated cheese and bake 10 minutes.

Remove each muffin and allow to cool 5 minutes on cooling rack before garnishing with parsley and serving.

Tip: For a non-spicy alternative, replace jalapeno with same amount of green bell peppers.



Spicy Tater Tot Breakfast Muffins



Brown Sugar Ham and Cheese Sticky Buns

Know Your Risk for Heart Disease

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Who should get a CT Heart Scan?

Schedule your CT Heart Scan if you are 35 years or older, have not been previously diagnosed with heart disease, do not have a pacemaker and have at least two of the following risk factors:

- Men over age 45
- Family history of heart disease
- High cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Women over age 55
- High blood pressure
- Physical inactivity
- Obesity

Call Riverside Outpatient Scheduling at (815) 935-7531 to schedule your CT Heart Scan.

CT Heart Scans are available in Coal City and Konkakee. For more information, visit riversidehealthcare.org/heart.



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CT Heart Scan

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Community calendar of events

To submit your event here, visit www.freepressnewspapers.com

Wednesday, April 5

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., AARP sponsored free tax aid, Fossil Ridge Public Library, 386 W. Kennedy Rd., Braidwood
- 10:30 a.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Wednesday
- 6 to 7:40 p.m., Awana Club, Main Street Baptist Church, 110 S. Division St., Braidwood, each Wednesday
- 7 p.m., Learn to Quilt, Wilmington Lions Hall, 708 E. River St., each Wednesday

Thursday, April 6

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Our Caring Closet, 205 N. First St., Wilmington, each Tuesday and Thursday
- 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 1:30 p.m., Mobile Workshop Center, Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee St., each Thursday
- 1 p.m., Wreath laying, Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Rd., Elwood, to honor the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War I

Friday, April 7

- 6:30 p.m., WE-PTO movie and karaoke, Wilmington Middle School, 715 S. Joliet St.
- 4 to 7 p.m., Lenten fish fry, Immaculate Conception Church's Fr. White Hall, 110 S. School St., each Friday of Lenten

Saturday, April 8

- 9:30 a.m., Weight Watchers, Grace Lutheran Church, 907 Luther Dr., Wilmington, each Saturday
- 10 a.m., Easter egg hunt, Reddick Fire Protection District
- Noon to 3 p.m., Braidwood Area Historical Society museum open, 111 N. Center St., each Saturday through April
- 4 to 8 p.m., Elwood Cub Scout Pack 156 spaghetti dinner, Elwood Community Church, 101 S. Chicago St.
- 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Ham and bean dinner, and raffle, New Hope Presbyterian Church, 80 N. Garfield St., Coal City
- 5 to 8 p.m., Godley Park Circle Jam, Godley Park District, 500 S. Kankakee St.
- 6 to 10 a.m., Euchre tournament, Assumption Church Madonna Room in Berst Center, Coal City
- 6 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Saturday

Sunday, April 9

- Noon, St. Rose School Booster Brunch, St. Rose School, 626 S. Kankakee St.
- 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Sunday

Monday, April 10

- 4:30 p.m., Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition meeting, Braidwood Fire Department, 275 W. Main St.
- 5 to 6 p.m., St. Vincent's Table, Fr. White Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 110 S. School St., Braidwood, dinner for those in need or hungry each Monday through June 26
- 6:15 p.m., Women's Alcoholics Anonymous, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Monday
- 6:30 p.m., Wilmington High School Athletic Boosters meeting, Wilmington Middle School all-purpose room, 715 S. Joliet St.
- 6:30 p.m., Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community meeting, Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee St., second Monday of each month
- 7 p.m., Coal City Music Boosters meeting, Coal City Middle School, 500 S. Carbon Hill Rd., second Monday of each month
- 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Grace Lutheran Church, 907 Luther Dr., Wilmington, each Monday
- 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wilmington Boy Scout Troop 440, Wilmington Lions Club, 805 River St., each Monday

Tuesday, April 11

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Our Caring Closet, 205 N. First St., Wilmington, each Tuesday and Thursday
- Noon, Wilmington Rotary Club meeting, Mikki's

- Diner, Winchester Green Shopping Center, each Tuesday
- 12:15 to 3:30 p.m., Bridge Buddies, Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee St., each Tuesday
- 5:15 p.m., TOPS 2264, Main Street Baptist Church, Main and Division streets, Braidwood, each Tuesday
- 6 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Immaculate Conception Church, Fr. White Hall, 110 S. School St., Braidwood, every Tuesday
- 6 p.m., Diamond Village Board meeting, Diamond Village Hall, 1750 E. Division St., second Tuesday of each month
- 6:30 p.m., Coal City Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St., second Tuesday of each month
- 7 p.m., Braidwood City Council meeting, Braidwood City Hall, 141 W. Main St., second and fourth Tuesday of each month
- 7 to 8:30 p.m., National Alliance on Mental Illness support group meeting, Morris Hospital, second Tuesday of each month
- 7 p.m., Al-Anon, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Tuesday

Wednesday, April 12

- 7:30 a.m., TOPS IL 1024, Island City Baptist Church, 120 Vine St., Wilmington, weigh-in followed by meeting each Wednesday
- 5:30 p.m., Wilmington Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health and Safety Committee meeting, Wilmington City Hall, 1165 S. Water St., second Wednesday of each month
- 6 p.m., Wilmington Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee meeting, Wilmington City Hall, 1165 S. Water St., second Wednesday of each month
- 6:30 p.m., Coal City Junior Women's Club, Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St., second Wednesday of each month
- 7 p.m., Coal City Village Board meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, second and fourth Wednesday of each month

Saturday, April 15

- 2 to 3 p.m., Wilmington Lions Club Easter egg hunt, South Island pavilion, Wilmington

Monday, April 17

- 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Hydrant flushing in Wilmington
- 7 p.m., Coal City Planning and Zoning Board meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, first and third Monday of each month
- 7 p.m., Ladies Auxiliary VFW meeting, Wilmington Moose Lodge, 32050 W. River Rd., third Monday of each month

Tuesday, April 18

- 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Hydrant flushing in Wilmington
- 6:30 p.m., Coal City Park Board meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, third Tuesday of each month
- 7 p.m., Wilmington City Council meeting, Wilmington City Hall, 1165 S. Water St., first and third Tuesday of each month
- 7:30 p.m., Braidwood Police Pension Board of Trustees meeting, Braidwood City Hall, 141 S. Main St.



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The Navy Grog could make you groggy

Has anyone ever asked if you were feeling a little “groggy”? How did you answer?

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The Grog had two primary purposes: prevent scurvy, and to make the stagnant water aboard the ship more palatable.

If you consumed too much grog, you became intoxicated, or some would say that you were “groggy.” These days the term is used to apply to someone who is sleepy rather than someone who is intoxicated.

The Grog was given a new lease on life during the tiki revival of the 1940's and 1950's, and became known as the Navy Grog.

The Navy Grog never achieved the notoriety of the Mai Tai, the Zombie, or other iconic tiki drinks, but it did have a loyal fan in the White House.

During the Watergate scandal, Richard Nixon would have the secret service call the Trader Vic's DC location to inform them that the president was coming over for a drink, possibly two.

The restaurant manager would be given about a 30 minute notice to clear the restaurant as the White House limousine headed over to the restaurant on 16th Street.

Upon arrival, Nixon would sit alone at the bar pouring his heart out to the bartender while enjoying a Navy Grog.

Many powerbrokers of the era frequented the DC



THE SUNDAY COCKTAIL
Brian Rung

Trader Vic's, but Nixon was their most famous regular and almost always ordered the Navy Grog.

Like many of its tiki counterparts, the Navy Grog uses blends of multiple rums, each with unique flavor notes.

Trader Vic, Donn Beach and other masterminds of the tiki era, made their living finding the perfect balance of rum for each drink served in their establishments.

These original blends were closely guarded secrets that were known only to the owner of the establishment and the bartenders.

Therefore, a Mai Tai at Trader Vic's was not going to taste the same as Donn's Mai Tai.

Rum is divided into two general category, light and dark. Dark rum is sometimes revered to as “aged rum” in various recipes. Light rum is typically unaged, or aged for less than three years.

Locating the different rums needed for a given recipe can become difficult when the recipe calls for Puerto Rican, Jamaican or Trinidad rum.

Don't panic, the country of origin is printed on the every rum label. Each rum producing region will have unique flavor profiles due to

the method of distillation, blending and aging used in production.

For example, some countries use molasses as opposed to cane sugar as a base for distillation. There is a good chance that you will like a rum from a particular region if you like other rums from that region.

Avoid spiced rum in classic tiki drinks even though spiced rum is dark in color. Many, if not most, spiced rums are low-grade rums with heavy doses of added artificial flavoring and color.

A quick glance at the recipe for the Navy Grog may be intimidating. It shouldn't be.

This is your chance to put three different types of rum in your home bar that can be used in many other recipes, and will give you the opportunities to share your newly acquired knowledge of rum producing regions with your guests.

For your Jamaican rum you can't go wrong with Appleton or Myer's. Both mix well and are widely available.

Demerara rum is imported from Guyana. My favorite demerara for mixing is El Dorado 5. Angostura 5 and Zaya are two of the top mixers from Trinidad.

Demerara syrup is essentially a simple syrup of 1:1 sugar to water using demerara sugar in place of cane sugar.

You can find the darker-colored demerara sugar at your local grocery store under the Domino brand.

Steer clear of pink or ruby red grapefruit juices in cocktails unless the recipe specifically calls for them.

I keep a few six ounce cans 100 percent juice unsweetened grapefruit juice in my home bar at all times.

Allspice dram is a



Jamaican rum-based liqueur infused with allspice berries. Availability of allspice dram could be hit or miss in your area, the brand that you are most likely to find is St. Elizabeth's from Jamaica.

At some point club soda was added to the Navy Grog, and if you want to add a hint of sparkle to the drink, feel free to add an ounce.

I would put the Navy Grog up there with the Mai Tai, and I think a heck of a lot of a good Mai Tai.

The Navy Grog is built in a blender and served in a chilled double old-fashioned glass.

Combine in blender:

Add 3/4 oz fresh lime juice.

Add 3/4 oz grapefruit juice.

Add 1/4 oz demerara simple syrup.

Add 1/4 oz allspice dram.

Add 1 oz aged Trinidad rum.


Add 1 oz aged Jamaican rum.

Add 1 oz aged demerara rum.

Add 1 cup crushed ice then blend for 3 seconds.

Serve chilled double old-fashioned glass.

Until next week, enjoy responsibly.



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How working in retirement can affect your Social Security benefits

Dear Savvy Senior, I'm considering retiring later this year and starting my Social Security benefits, but would also like to work part time. Will this affect my benefits, and if so, how much?

Ready to Retire

Dear Ready,
You can collect Social Security retirement benefits and work at the same time, but depending on how old you are and how much you earn, some or all of your benefits could be temporarily withheld. Here's what you should know.

Working rules

Social Security says that if you're under your full retirement age, which is 66 if you were born between 1943 and 1954, or 66 and 2 months if you were born in 1955, and are collecting benefits, then you can earn up to \$16,920 in 2017 without jeopardizing any of your Social Security if you don't reach your full retirement age this year.

But if you earn more than the \$16,920 limit, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over that amount.

In the year you reach your full retirement age, a less stringent rule applies. If that happens in 2017, you can earn up to \$44,880 from January to the month of your birthday with no penalty.

But if you earn more than \$44,880 during that time, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$3 over that limit. And once your birthday passes, you can earn any amount by working without your benefits being reduced at all.

Wages, bonuses, commissions and vacation pay all count toward the income limits, but pensions, annuities, investment earnings, interest, capital gains and government or military retirement benefits do not.

To figure out how much your specific earnings will affect your benefits, see the Social Security Retirement Earnings Test Calculator at SSA.gov/OACT/COLA/RTeffect.html.

It's also important to know that if you do lose some or all of your Social Security benefits because of the earning limits, they aren't lost forever. When you reach full retirement age, your benefits will be recalculated to a higher amount to make up for what was withheld.

For details and examples of how this is calculated, see SSA.gov/planners/retire/while-working2.html.

For more information on how working can affect your Social Security benefits see SSA.gov/planners/retire/while-working.html, or call the Social Security at 410-965-2039 and ask to receive a free copy of publication number 05-10069, "How Work Affects Your Benefits."

Tax factor

In addition to the Social Security rules, you need to factor in Uncle Sam too. Because working increases your income, it might make your Social Security benefits taxable.

Here's how it works. If the sum of your adjusted gross income, nontaxable interest, and half of your Social Security benefits is between \$25,000 and \$34,000 for individuals (\$32,000 and \$44,000 for couples), you have to pay tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits.

Above \$34,000 (\$44,000 for couples), you could pay on up to 85 percent, which is the highest portion of Social Security that is taxable. About a third of all people who get Social Security have to pay income taxes on their benefits.

For information, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits," or you can see it online at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf.

In addition to the federal government, 13 states - Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia - tax Social Security benefits to some extent too.

If you live in one of these states, you'll need to check with your state tax agency for details.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

WPA plans Good Friday services

Circle jam play

There will be a circle jam on Saturday, April 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Godley Park District, 500 S. Kankakee Street, Godley.

The event is open to everyone including musicians and listeners.

Circle jams are social hours featuring a mix of music from classic country to bluegrass and more.

The free music in the park event will continue to be held on the second Saturday of each month.

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

The Wilmington Pastors' Association will conduct their annual Good Friday worship service on Friday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. The service is in commemoration of the Passion of Jesus Christ, particularly his crucifixion. The service will offer a unique perspective, as several pastors will present brief talks about various elements of Jesus' crucifixion. Worship music that will focus on the suffering of Christ will also be included in the service.

The service will be held at Abundant Life Fellowship Church, 23632 Route 113, Wilmington (Custer Park). Several congregations will be represented at the service, and everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Greg Linkous at 815-651-6625.

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Reason to be ashamed

SHADOW LAKES—People should look up political.com and find out about the OFA which is the Organization For Action and another organization called Invisible. These have been started by Barack Obama who is very upset and has been agitating and organizing around the country for riots going on with Republican town hall meetings. If you have watched any of this on television it is the liberal Democrats who have so much hatred for the Republicans winning the White House, the Senate and the House because they do want to bring America back to what it once was from what Obama destroyed. And if you would look into political.com you can read some of this. For these people who I have seen riot on television I would be ashamed to be a Democrat.

Dan Hill

It would help

WILMINGTON—The story about the elderly person getting scammed out of \$8,000 is sad to read. While we've lived here a long time and still feel fairly safe, as an

elderly couple we wonder if we're going to be the next victim. While we like living in a small town and feeling safe, it's all the outside world that is a threat and that's due to the internet and older people not being safeguarded by their adult children. If you have an elderly parent who lives alone, check in with the regularly. Ask them if they've talked with any strangers recently and if they have spent any money. It never hurts to check with them often because it's easy to become a victim the older you get.

No more signs

WILMINGTON—Thank goodness the election is coming to an end this week. I am so sick of looking at all the yard signs that were put up by those running for mayor and school board. Now we get to watch and see who are the sore losers by not going around and taking their signs down.

Just don't care

WILMINGTON—A television movie had a scene in which two women were arguing. One said, "But you don't get it, you don't get it. You just killed someone." And the other responded, "No, you don't get it. I don't care." Many abortion supporters know abortion kills children. They just don't care.

Still on ballot

ESSEX—Only in Illinois can you get arrested as a township clerk for writing yourself checks from taxpayer money for \$30,000 and still remain on the ballot to keep your job. The Illinois State's Attorney arrested her back in February for stealing from the township and yet her name remained on the ballot. What is she going to go, write checks from a jail cell? It's a slap to every voter in Essex Township.

No signs

ALL COMMUNITIES—When you call to put a sign in a person's yard and they say no, this means no. Stop being so pushy.

More of them

BRAIDWOOD—There are people in this town suffering from drug addiction and mental illness. I saw a guy walking near the grade school the other day and he looked like he was in a daze. He was on something and it was scary to me and my kids. He was obviously talking to himself as he walked by our car. Thank goodness I locked the doors because he stopped and looked at us and said something at my daughter who was scared out of her mind. Now I'm not sure where he was from but I know he shouldn't be out on the street, especially near the school. Why aren't people like him getting help? Seems like there are more crazies these days on the streets.

Make it a crime

SHADOW LAKES—I'm calling about the opioid problem in this country and why is it not a criminal offense if parents are allowed to leave drugs that they are taking (opioid) and their children get a hold of it and they continue to take it from their parents. They become addicted and then possibly turn to crime. But if you leave a handgun laying out and your child gets a hold of it and someone gets hurt then it's a major crime. Why don't the Democrats do something about the opioid problem in this country and quit worrying about guns. After all drugs and medical

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mistakes kill two to three hundred thousand people a year in this country. Far more than guns ever do.

Dan Hill

Gone overboard

WILMINGTON— I opened my front door to find a political letter taped to my recently painted door. That is wrong. These mayoral candidates have gone overboard with advertising. Hopefully the tape residue will be able to be removed without damage.

Private property

WILMINGTON—Two of the candidates for mayor in Wilmington have no respect for a citizen's rights. I have no trespassing signs on my property and twice came home to find unsolicited political advertisements on my property. Both were placed on my door while I was not at home, making it appear that I was endorsing that person. Perhaps the city needs to amend the political sign ordinance to add that it shall be illegal to place any political advertisements on private property without the consent of the property owner.

Sounds of Spring

COAL CITY—You can tell it's Spring. Loud music coming from cars, motorcycles revving their engines, parents screaming at kids. Oh Spring time!

To the fullest extent

WESLEY TOWNSHIP—The reason there is vandalism and theft in this area is because even when the perpetrators are caught red-handed or all evidence points to them, nothing is done about it. If we are supposedly cracking down on crime then why don't we see more arrests?

Stop smear campaign

COAL CITY—Seems like Bruce Rauner is more concerned about campaigning than he is about getting our state straightened out. He's already buying TV commercials knocking the Democrats for trying to duct tap government. Seems to me that Rauner is just as much as part of the problem as the Democrats when he spends all his money on commercials bashing them. It's time they all stop their smear campaigns and get things done.

Clogged up

BRAIDWOOD—Braidwood, Coal City and Wilmington were in a contest last week for clogged curb drains. First prize goes to all three for having almost every drain blocked with leaves so the water would not drain. Springtime is here.

The Braidwood way

BRAIDWOOD—We were out of town so I'm just catching up on my reading. It was interesting reading the comparison of Braidwood, Coal City and Wilmington in regards to which ones are transparent and which ones are not. We all know it's not Braidwood. They keep everything a secret, that started with credit card charges like

b u y i n g chocolates. That's just t h e Braidwood way: Keep city government as

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OBITUARIES

Lori Austin

WILMINGTON—Lori Lynn Austin, 50, of Wilmington, IL, went home to the Lord Thursday, March 23, 2017 surrounded by family at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home in Joliet, IL. Born Sept. 28, 1966 in Kankakee, IL, she was the daughter of Howard and Katherine (nee Ingram) Austin. Lori was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and Cleveland Cavaliers fan. He favorite player was LeBron James. She was known to be a mother to many.

Surviving are her son, Zachary Austin of Wilmington; two sisters, Brenda (late Bill) Welsh of Wilmington and Cindy (Rick) Chaffee of Thornfield, MO; two brothers, Gary (Mary) Austin of Cullum, IL and Dan (Carol) Austin of Custer Park, IL; her dog,



Theo and many nieces and nephews. Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial service will be at the Families of Faith Church in Channahon Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11 a.m. Pastor Randy Blan will officiate. Inurnment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her name may directed to her family.

For more information and to visit her online guestbook, log onto www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find their Facebook page at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory.

Arrangements are under the direction of R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, 401 E. Main St., Braidwood.

Gilbert B. Rogers

PARIS, IL—Gilbert B. Rogers, 88, of Paris, IL, passed away Monday, April 3, 2017 at Twin Lakes Rehab and Health Care Center in Paris.

Born April 13, 1928 in Newton, IL, he was the son of E.P. and Carrie Ellen (Smallwood) Rogers. He married Mary L. (Duke) Rogers in Newton, IL on Jan. 26, 1947, and she passed away June 13, 2008. Gilbert was a welder in the tractor plant for Caterpillar in Joliet, IL and he was in the Illinois National Guard in Paris, IL.

Survivors include six children: John Edward (Teresa) Rogers of Braidwood, IL; Beverly Jean (Richard) Webb of Braidwood, IL; Janet Kay (Bob) Hubbs of Danville, IL; Michael Stephen (Tina) Rogers of Sevierville, TN; Richard Olin (Jenny) Rogers of Dandridge, TN and Daniel Joseph (Andrea) Rogers of Paris, IL; several grand-

children, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and six siblings: Earl E. Rogers, Mary Ellen Thatcher, Hamilton Rogers, Peter Rogers, Abby Rogers and Thomas William Rogers.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 7, 2017 from 10 a.m. to noon at Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home, 303 E. Wood St. in Paris, IL with funeral services to follow the visitation. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

For further information and online condolences go to www.stewartandcarrollfuneralhome.com.

Stewart and Carrol Funeral Home in Paris, IL is in charge of arrangements.



Melinda Dabels

GLENDALE HEIGHTS—Melinda Joy Dabels, 41, of Glendale Heights and formerly of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday March 28, 2017 at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, after living with cancer for the past eight years.

Born May 4, 1975 in Joliet, Melinda Joy was a daughter of Stanley and Mary (McShane) Smith of Wilmington. She was raised in Wilmington, attended St. Rose School and graduated from Wilmington High School with the class of 1993. Mindi went on to attend Illinois State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in pre-law in 1997. On May 8, 2004, Melinda married Damon Dabels in St. Rose Church in Wilmington, and they were currently raising their son in Glendale Heights.

Melinda was currently employed with Genex Insurance, where she was a health-care coordinator. She was active at her son's school, assisting with class parties, book fairs and school activities. Melinda was also the team mom and photographer for Glendale Heights Youth Baseball and Softball (GHYBS).

She will be remembered for her love of scrapbooking, photography, flower gardening, reading and baking. She took pleasure in crocheting and coordinating neighbor-

hood parties. Melinda was one who could always be counted on and was always there for anyone in need.

Survivors include her husband, Damon Dabels; son, Jack Dabels; parents, Stanley and Mary Smith; sister, Erin (Dan) Moran of Wilmington; mother-in-law, Peggy Dabels of Bloomington; father-in-law, Jerry (Marlene) Dabels of St. Louis, MO; sister-in-law, Amy (Ethan) Tadel of Shorewood; aunts and uncles: Kathleen (William) Krempa of Orange Park, FL; Rosemarie (Vince) Gardner of Peoria and Carol (Bob) Lyday of Staunton, IL and nieces and nephews: Brendan, Nolan and Declan Moran and Sean and Kate Tadel.

Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wilmington.

Preferred memorials may be made to Bright Directions, a fund established for her son, Jack's future education or to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book, upload photographs or share Agnes' memorial page by logging onto www.BaskervilleFuneral.com.

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



Agnes M. Porterfield

WILMINGTON—Agnes M. Porterfield, 93, of Wilmington passed away Wednesday March 29, 2017 at Rosewood Care Center in Joliet.

Born July 19, 1923 in Onarga, IL, Agnes Marie was a daughter of Harry and Rose (nee Colebank) Neal. She was raised and educated in Onarga, and graduated from Onarga High School. On March 1, 1946, Agnes married Martin Allen Porterfield at Trinity United Methodist Church in Kentland, IN. She was a devoted mother and grandmother that cherished spending time with her family.

Survivors include her three children: Leslie K. (Charles) Jackson of Wilmington, Richard (Sandy) Porterfield of Frankfort and Douglas (Reba) Porterfield Custer Park; nine grandchildren: Lisa (Kent) Keeley, Dayna (Jeremy) Haddon, Jeffrey (Dawn) Jackson, Danny (Stephanie) Porterfield, Todd Porterfield, Michael (Stephanie) Porterfield, Matthew Porterfield, Monte (Lara) Porterfield and Shannon Miller-Willson; 19 great-grandchildren: Becca (Cory) Acred, Brandon Keeley, Kaylie (Don) Christensen, Brooklyn Haddon, Tanner Haddon, Jenna Jackson, Drew Jackson, Nicole (Dr. Michael) Gershon, Danielle Porterfield, Taylor Porterfield, Josh Porterfield, Sydney Porterfield, Stephan Porterfield, Jacob Porterfield, Cailyn Porterfield, Arron Porterfield, Hailey Porterfield, Kelsie Willson and Karlee Willson; nine great-great-grand-

children: Logan, Cole, Braylen, Hayden, Ellie, Ryder, Knox, Kylie and Parker; one brother, Wayne (Gloria) Neal of Morris, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Agnes was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Martin A. Porterfield; one daughter, Barbara Jean Miller; one grandson, Chad Latham; one great-granddaughter, Alyssa Danielle Keeley and two sisters, Norma Eileen Nelson and Wilma O'Hare.

Per Agnes' wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 12 noon until time of memorial service at 2 p.m. at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd. in Wilmington. Reverend Brad Shumaker from Coal City United Methodist Church will officiate.

Inurnment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Wilmington, where Agnes will be laid to rest with her late husband.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Agnes' memory to Saint Jude Children's Hospital.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book, upload photographs, or share Agnes' memorial page by logging onto www.BaskervilleFuneral.com.

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



Robert Novy

CARBON HILL—Robert L. Novy, "Bob," 80, a 55 year resident of Carbon Hill, passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at his home.

Born Feb. 11, 1937 in Braidwood, Bob was a son of Gustav and Hilda (nee Kvalvik) Novy. He was raised and educated in Braidwood and attended the Braidwood schools. He was employed by Caterpillar Tractor Company, and retired after 30 years of service. Bob was a member of the Miner's Club, where he enjoyed fishing, camping and water skiing. In earlier years, he volunteered and did maintenance work for the Village of Carbon Hill under three different mayors. Bob will be remembered as a great classic car enthusiast, who enjoyed showing his three different show cars.

Survivors include his wife, Roseann "Ronie" Novy, whom he married Feb. 11, 2015; one son, Kip Novy of Coal City; one daughter-in-law, Peggy Novy of Reddick; step-children: Ken (Sue) Watson, Joretta Allen, Jana (Carlos) Paez, Kevin (Kim) Watson, Karl (Deanna) Watson and Kurt (Stephanie) Watson; three granddaughters: Brandy (Joe) Scheer, Kayla (Cole) Schoolman and Abby Novy (fiancé Joey



Etzkorn) and five great-grandchildren: Kylee, Cody and Emmett Scheer and Nathan and Liam Schoolman; one brother, Bill Novy of Gardner; two sisters, Lillian Honiotes of Shorewood and Virginia Lincheski of Dwight and two sisters-in-law, Betty Novy of Wilmington and Helen Marie (Aaron) Willis of Coal City. Bob is also survived by additional step-children, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren, who were part of his life.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Cary Novy; one step-son, Chuck and five siblings: Bonnie Mecum, Dan Novy, Harvey Novy, Gloria (Phil) Bock and Roger Novy.

Funeral services were held at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 N. Broadway in Coal City. Funeral services followed with Reverend Dr. Roy Backus officiating and burial was in the Bohemian National Cemetery, Braidwood.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book, upload photographs, or share Bob'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.

James D. Benson

BRAIDWOOD—James D. Benson, 25, longtime Braidwood resident, passed away Sunday, April 2, 2017.

He was a graduate of Reed-Custer High School and was a member of Laborers' Union Local 68.

James was the beloved son of Colleen (nee Burgess) and James B. Benson, proud brother of Megan and Jacob Benson and the late Joseph O. Burgess and a dear nephew, cousin and friend of many.

A memorial visitation and service will be held Friday, April 7, 2017 at Parkview Christian Church, 11100 Orland Parkway,

183rd St. and Wolf Rd., Orland Park, use east parking lot, from 9:30 a.m. until time of Memorial Service at 11 a.m.

Future inurnment of ashes will be at Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park.

For further service information contact Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home, Chicago Heights, 708-481-9230 or go to panozzo-bros.com.

Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home in Chicago Heights is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph O. Burgess

BRAIDWOOD—Joseph O. Burgess, 35, of Braidwood passed away Sunday, April 2, 2017.

He was a loving son of Colleen (nee Burgess) and James Benson, devoted father of Gracie and Joie Burgess, brother of Megan, Jacob and the late James D. Benson; beloved boyfriend of Kayla Hastings; dear nephew, cousin and friend of many.

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Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home in Chicago Heights is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Gallagher

MORRIS—Patricia L. Gallagher, 78, of Morris, formerly Morton, passed away Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at Morris Hospital.

Born Jan. 2, 1939 in Highland Park, Patricia Lynn was a daughter of William and Anita (nee Farne) Hutchings. She was raised and educated in Highland Park, and graduated from Highland Park High School with the class of 1957. Patricia furthered her education by attaining her bachelor's degree at the University of Illinois in 1960. On Aug. 5, 1961, she married William J. Gallagher at Immaculate Conception Church in Highland Park. Patricia was employed as a junior high educator of American History and English at Blessed Sacrament School in Morton. She held membership with Immaculate Conception Church in Morris, Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Seneca, and with the University of Illinois Alumni Association. Patricia was an avid fan of college basketball and football, and enjoyed reading and was a member of the Morris Friends of the Library. She was a wonderful homemaker, who relished her role as a wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, William; five children: Jennifer (Robert) Hercreg of Cedarburg, IL; Joan Gallagher of Evanston, Jeanne (Ken) Schellin of Libertyville, Jane (Patrick) Murphy of Indianola, IA and William L. (Erin) Gallagher of Morton; 17 grandchildren: Emily, Jack and



Paige Hercreg; Katina and Kira Bolos, Daniel and Anna Schellin, Paul, Kate and Megan Murphy; Tristan, Kamrin and Brynn Gallagher and Julia, Ariel, Dawson and Sydney Trapp; one great-granddaughter, Aria; step-mother, Lyn Martin of Northfield, IL; two half-sisters, Christine (John) Eisner of Kansas City, MO and Linda (Tom) Kelley of Boulder, CO and two step-sisters, Dianne Viti of Highland Park and Dolores VanderPal of Lake Bluff, IL.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, William Hutchings and Anita (Lawrence) Morano.

Per Patricia's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation and video tribute were held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 600 E. Jackson St. in Morris followed by a Mass of Christian Burial with Reverend Ronald Margherio presiding.

A private inurnment will be in Riverview Cemetery, Marseilles.

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

Family and friends may sign the online guest book, upload photographs or share Patricia's memorial page by logging onto www.ReevesFuneral.com.

Cremation services and memorial arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd., 408 E. Washington St. in Morris.

Donald G. Blecha

BRAIDWOOD—Donald G. Blecha, 78, of Braidwood, IL, passed away Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL.

Born April 29, 1938 in Braidwood, he was the son of George and Mildred (nee Jakoplic) Blecha. Donald retired from Caterpillar, Inc. in Joliet following 30 years of employment. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping.

Surviving are his wife, Arda (nee Frank), whom he married March 31, 1962 in Braidwood; son, Don (Robin) Blecha of Goose Lake, IL; daughter, Dawn (Jeff) Keefe

of Naperville, IL; five grandchildren: Ben, Haley, and Brett Blecha and Josh and Nick Keefe and two brothers, Richard (Pat) Blecha of Moodus, CT and Ken (Kathleen) Blecha of Braidwood.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private services will be held.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, log onto rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find their Facebook page at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes.

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Rauner's flannel wearing thin

Governor worried more about next campaign than state's future

As the Senate's two leaders tried again to find the votes to pass their "grand bargain" last week to end the state's two-year governmental gridlock, Gov. Rauner began spending over a million dollars on two new TV ads that portray him as an every-man "duct tape" hero in the fight for Illinois' future.

"Illinois is broke and broken," Rauner says to the camera while standing in a well-kept garage and wearing a plaid flannel shirt. "And the politicians that got us into this mess, their solution is this," Rauner says as he holds up a roll of duct tape. "Higher taxes," he says as he yanks out a piece of duct tape, "More spending," he says with another jerk on the roll, "No real reforms," he says as he takes one more strong pull.

"After decades of ignoring problems, it's time someone fixes 'em," the governor says. A list of bullet points appears on the screen in front of a line of tools neatly arranged against the garage wall as Rauner says: "Our balanced budget plan freezes property taxes, caps spending, creates jobs and puts term limits on politicians."

Rauner is then shown sitting on a chair in the garage. "Our plan brings real reforms to Illinois," he says as he grabs the roll of duct tape. "Their duct tape solutions won't work anymore. We will fix Illinois together."

The second, shorter ad, begins with Rauner peeling off duct tape from a piece of glass over the camera. "Springfield politicians don't want you to see what they're up to," the governor begins, wearing the same flannel shirt in the same garage. "'Cuz their duct tape solutions just cover up Illinois' problems. They don't fix 'em," he says with a smile on his face. "Fix Illinois," an announcer says.

The governor's people firmly believe that they have staked out a comfortably poll-tested platform. "What we oppose, the public opposes," a Rauner official said last week. "What we support, the public supports."

The public hates tax hikes and Rauner is gearing up for the 2018 campaign with a message that he saved the state from ruinous Democratic tax increases without his demanded job-creating reforms, which include the above-mentioned balanced budget, property tax and state government spending freezes, term limits and other awesome stuff.

Trouble is, he's never once proposed a balanced budget and can't get anything else passed. Rauner is heading into a reelection campaign without much of anything to show for his time in office. Hence, the duct tape ads.

Team Rauner is also still opposed to whatever comes out of the Senate's negotiations because the proposals don't meet its demands.

Talks have reportedly



Rich Miller

governor has refused to do as well), and a dispute has developed over the latest education funding reform bill.

Should the Senate's plan go down in flames yet again, the Democrats will undoubtedly say that Rauner never actually wanted a deal to begin with. They'll claim in unison that the Turnaround Agenda was, in reality, a mere ploy to achieve Rauner's "real" result, which is the slow but very deliberate destruction of "weak" universities and social service programs and the crushing of unions and "the middle class." And they might possibly even get some backup from a clearly furious Senate Republican Leader, who lashed out at the governor and his chief of staff earlier this month for declaring through an

unnamed source in a newspaper article that the grand bargain was dead.

Rauner will continue to counter with a campaign based on running against the Springfield "status quo," and in particular the overwhelmingly unpopular House Speaker Michael Madigan. But after over two years in office, a kabillionaire who conspicuously drops his "g's" and dons the costumes of the working class in expensive TV ads to claim he's on the common man's side may be finally wearing thin. The governor's 58 percent job disapproval rating in the latest Paul Simon Public Policy Institute poll didn't appear out of nowhere, after all.

Instead of constantly worrying about his own political future by producing yet another round of expensive TV ads far away from election day, the governor ought to find another way to improve his state's future. He has a Republican Senate Leader who is firmly committed to getting us out of this horrific ditch. Instead of undercutting her at every turn, he ought to be helping her across the finish line. Doing otherwise will only prove the Democrats' point that he doesn't really want a deal.

OBITUARY

Louie Peterson

GARDNER—Louie Peterson, 60, of Gardner, IL, passed away Monday, April 3, 2017. Born June 1, 1956 in Joliet, IL, he was the son of Harry and Dell (nee Vota) Peterson.

Louie was a member of the Laborers Union Local #75 for 20 years and also the International Union of Operating Engineers Union, Local #150 for 13 years. He retired in 2012. Louie enjoyed hunting, fishing, shooting and arrowhead hunting. He was known to be able to make anything. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

Surviving are his wife, Tammy (nee Christensen), who he married Oct. 9, 1982 in Dwight, IL; son, Dane Peterson of South Wilmington, IL; sister, Trudi (Phil) Cheshareck of Morris, IL; mother-in-law, Joan Utley of East Peoria, IL; brother-in-law, Curt (Linda) Christensen of Kickapoo, IL; sister-in-law, Kim Paquette of Seneca, IL; and his beloved beagle, Henry.



He was preceded in death by his parents, sister-in-law, Melissa Christensen and nephew, Josh Mellen.

Cremation rites were accorded per his wishes.

Visitation will be Friday, April 7, 2017 at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, South Wilmington Chapel, from 4-7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will immediately follow visitation at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington. Casual dress per Louie's request. Inurnment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, take a little kid fishing. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, log onto www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find their Facebook page at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes.

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FAMILY

Manietta, Schneider announce engagement



Jason Manietta and Lindsay Schneider

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WGGGS meeting set for April 8

The Will/Grundy Genealogical Society will hold its April membership meeting on Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. at the Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St., Coal City. Guest speaker will be Susan Rouch, a historian and former teacher from Marseilles, IL. She will present the interesting but little known story of the “Orphan Trains” of the 1850's and the part they played in our family histories. The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Easter egg hunt in Reddick

The annual community Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Reddick Lioness, will be held on Saturday, April 8, at the Reddick Fire Protection District grounds, formerly Reddick Grade School, at 10 a.m. Park on the east side of the buildings and bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs. Everyone will leave with a bag of treats.

Local student named to President’s List

Christian Faber of Braidwood was named to the President's List at Drake University, Des Moines, IA. The academic honor is achieved by earning a straight-A grade point average of 4.0 for the fall 2016 semester.

Wreath laying on 100th of World War I planned

A wreath laying ceremony will be conducted at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery on Thursday, April 6, at 1 p.m., to honor the 100th anniversary of the United States entry into World War I. Everyone is invited to attend. The event will begin at 1 p.m. The cemetery is located at 20953 W. Hoff Rd., Elwood. Park at the main flag pole. For more information call Sean Baumgartner at 815-423-9958.

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• A ham and bean dinner and basket raffle will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
• New members will meet with elders at 10 a.m., on Sunday, April 9, before being received at the 10:30 a.m. worship. Coffee fellowship will follow.
• Committee Night will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5.
• The next Session meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19.
• An open prayer gathering will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, from 4 to 7 p.m. Group prayer will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by refreshments. Everyone is invited.
• St. Vincent's Table has temporarily moved to Immaculate Conception Church. To volunteer to cook, set-up, do dishes or clean-up, sign-up on the sheet on the tri-fold. Desserts can be dropped off by 4 p.m. at the New Hope kitchen each Monday. Use disposable containers or wrap in plastic individually. For more information call 815-370-7817 or email Cathy Milne at cathymilne@gmail.com.
• Sign-up for the food pantry and Meals on Wheels at least a week in advance on the tri-fold.

JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION
250 N. Midland Ave. • Joliet, IL
815-741-4600
Rabbi Charles Rubovits
www.jolietjewishcongregation.org
Fri.: 7 p.m., service
Sat.: 9 a.m., service
• Religious school for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade features Hebrew and Bar/Bat Mitzvah training. Call the synagogue to register.
• All life cycle events and Jewish holidays celebrated. Social programs include congregational Shabbat dinners, Seders, folk dancing, bagel and lox brunches, book clubs, adult education classes and other special events.

SOUTHWILMINGTON UNITED METHODIST
225 Rice Street • 815-426-6169
Pastor Dennis Brooks
Sunday worship - 8:30 a.m.
• Holy communion served on first Sunday of each month and special occasions.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
3950 N. Goose Lake Rd.
Morris, IL
(Corner of Pine Bluff, Lorenzo and Goose Lake roads)
942-0675
Pastor Caleb Counterman
Sun.: 9:30 a.m., Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., worship service, children's service; 6 p.m., worship
Wed.: 7 p.m., prayer meeting

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH
P.O. Box 190
So. Wilmington, IL
815-237-2230
Masses: 4 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m., Sunday; 7:30 a.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
Reconciliation: 3 to 3:45 p.m., Saturday or by appointment
• CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:40 a.m., at the South Wilmington Grade School. Call the rectory for more information.

CHRISTIAN FAITH CENTER
1800 S. Water St.
Wilmington, IL
815-388-8628
Pastor Jeff A. Urban
Sun.: 10 a.m., Family worship with classes for children ages newborn to 11-years-old
Wed.: 7 to 8 p.m., Family worship with classes for all ages

PHELAN ACRES BIBLE CHURCH
26009 Willow Lane
Phelan Acres
Wilmington, IL
476-7818
Pastor Rodney L. Chappell
Sun.: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 11 a.m. morning worship; 6 p.m., evening service
Wed.: 7 p.m., adult Bible study and prayer; children's Bible clubs

CHURCH OF HOPE
Monroe & Jefferson Streets; Gardner, IL
Pastor Jan Chandler;
237-8312
Sun.: 9 a.m. Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., worship
Wed.: 8:30 a.m., Pastor's prayer and lectionary study group
Thu.: 8:30 a.m., church prayer group

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
106 S. Lincoln Street
Braidwood, IL
Pastor Dale Tolly
Church: 815-458-6317
Pastor: 815-922-2212
www.firstpresbraidwood.org
Sun.: 10 a.m., worship

Living Stones Community Church
25124 S. Fryer St. • Channahon, IL
815-325-8476
• Pastor Joe Popischill invited bikers and people of faith to church on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
• Fellowship and Bible study follows.
• Blessings of bikes coming soon.

ROSE OF SHARON MINISTRY
29 Aqueduct • Diamond, IL
Rev. Jan Quiet • 815-228-9585
Sun.: 2 p.m., service
• Gospel Sing is on the second Saturday of each month at 5 p.m.
• Christian Singles meets at 6 p.m. on the third Friday of each month.
• A healing service is held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP
23632 W. Hwy. 113
Wilmington, IL
815-458-6530
Pastor Greg Linkous
alfwilmington.com
• **Sun.:** 10:30 a.m., worship, children's church and nursery available
• **Tue.:** Home church (Bible study)
• **Wed.:** 6 to 7 p.m., prayer meeting at the church; 7 to 8:30 p.m., men's Bible study at the church
• **Fri.:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., ladies' Bible study every other Friday at the church
• **Sat.:** 8 to 10 a.m., men's prayer breakfast on the second Saturday of each month
• Potluck fellowship dinner is held on the first Sunday of each month following worship.

TURNING POINTE APOSTOLIC CENTRE
85 S. Broadway; Suite C • Coal City, IL
Pastor Ida M. Nelson
815-342-0652
Sun.: 10 a.m., worship
Tue.: 7 p.m., worship

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
1414 W. Dupont Ave.
Morris, IL
815-579-8308
Sun.: 10 a.m., service

ESSEX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
114 W. Waverly Street
Sun: 9 a.m., children's Sunday school; 9:30 a.m., adult Bible study; 10:30 a.m., worship
• Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions.

WILMINGTON CHURCH OF GOD
1200 Sunset Dr. • Wilmington, IL
60481
Pastor Raymond H. Jones
Home: 815-237-2158
Sun.: 10 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m., worship service
Wed.: 6:30 p.m., Bible study

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
14936 W. Peotone Rd.
Wilton Center, IL
478-3440
Father Roger Kutzner
Pastor Rev. Mr. Milt Leppert
Permanent Deacon
Mass schedule: 9 a.m., Monday through Friday; 5:30 p.m., Saturday; 9 a.m., Sunday
• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
West River Road
Wilmington, IL
815-476-4060
Tue.: 7:30 p.m., Midweek meeting, Christian Life and Ministry
Sun.: 10 a.m., Bible topic; Discourse on Bible Topic
All interested persons welcome, no collections taken.

ISLAND CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
120 Vine Street
Wilmington, IL
Pastor Jeff Logsdon
476-9750
Sun.: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon, worship service, nursery provided; 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., Sunday school classes for all ages
Wed.: 6 to 7:30 p.m., Adult Bible study and prayer meeting year-round;
• Kindergarten through twelfth grade students meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for Bible study during the school year.



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
303 S. Kankakee
Wilmington, IL
476-HOPE
Rev. Bill Luttrell
wfcnaz@aol.com
Sun.: 9:30 a.m., Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., worship; 3 p.m., Hands of Praise puppet team practice; 6 p.m., service
Mon.: 7 p.m., video exercise class in fellowship hall
Wed.: 7 p.m., fellowship, outreach ministry teams, teen Bible studies
Thu.: 7 p.m., video exercise class in fellowship hall
Sat.: 8 a.m., Men's prayer at the church and breakfast at Chick-A-Dee.
• Call 476-HOPE for prayer if you or someone you know is hospitalized.
• Those who need a ride to Sunday school and church should call or e-mail the church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
4470 E. Rt. 113
P.O. Box 39
Coal City, IL
Pastor David Gilleland
815-634-2654
www.fbcccoalcity.com
Wed.: 7 p.m., adult Bible study and activities for children and youth
Sun.: 9:45 a.m., Sunday school for all ages; 11 a.m., Sunday worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
301 N. Kankakee St.
Wilmington, IL
Office: 815-476-9025
The Rev. Winn Alley
<http://1st-presbyterian-church.net>
Sun.: 9:30 a.m., adult Sunday school, "The Bible from Strach"; 10:30 a.m., worship service; 11:30 a.m., fellowship
Mon.: Bible study - the Book of Matthew

PARK STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
806 Park Street
Mazon, IL
815-448-5514
Pastor Tyler Carrell
★★★
Sun.: 9 a.m., worship; 10:30 a.m., Sunday school
Wed.: 6 p.m., Bible study

WILMINGTON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
32111 S. Rt. 53 • Wilmington
815-365-2318
PASTOR DOROTHY WALDRON
Sun.: 6 p.m., service

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1440 Sunset Dr.
P.O. Box 202
Wilmington, IL
815-476-2616
Britton Roth
815-476-7659
Steve Gibson
815-634-4396
www.wilmingtoncoc.com
Sun.: 9:30 a.m., Bible classes; 10:35 a.m., worship; 5 p.m., afternoon worship
Wed.: 7 p.m., Bible study

NEW COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
705 E. Washington St
Morris, IL
Pastor Kevin Yandell
Children's Director Patsy Phillips
815-942-4255
Sunday worship: 9 and 10:45 a.m.
• Nursery and children's programs offered

Serving dinner to those in need

Braidwood's Immaculate Conception Church has partnered with Ignite Christian Church and Coal City's First Baptist Church, New Hope Presbyterian Church and Assumption Church in operating St. Vincent Table.

Free hot, nutritious dinners will be served to those in need or hungry every Monday through June 26, from 5 to 6 p.m.

The weekly event will be held in Fr. White Hall at Immaculate Conception Church, 110 S. School St., Braidwood.

MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
110 S. Division St. • Braidwood, IL
Pastor Justin Kinder
msbbraidwood.com
Sun.: 9:45 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., worship
Wed.: 6 p.m., prayer meeting
• Office hours are Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.
• Awana and youth will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
309 E. Jefferson St.
Gardner, IL
Pastor Jana Howson
815-237-2227
Sun.: 10 a.m., worship, word and sacrament
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m.
• Join in on the third Thursday of each month for bingo and a bake sale from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Gardner American Legion Hall.

RITCHEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Route 102 • Wilmington, IL
815-476-6166
Sun.: 10:30 a.m., worship service
• Communion with Pastor Brent Phillips is on the first Sunday of each month.
• A fellowship dinner is held on the first Sunday of each month following the service.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
401 E. Kahler Rd. • Wilmington, IL
Pastor Tom Kingery
815-476-5474
web page: www.fumcwilm.com
Wed.: 9 a.m. to noon, preschool; 6 p.m., Genesis 1-6; 7 p.m., Trustees meeting, Alcoholics Anonymous
Thu.: 10 a.m., Methodist Women cleaning day; 6 p.m., education; 6:30 p.m., finance/stewardship meeting; 7 p.m., church council
Fri.: 9 a.m. to noon, preschool
Sat.: 8 a.m., Men's Club; 1 to 4 p.m., Ruby's 90th birthday party; 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous
Sun.: 8:30 a.m., Sunday school for sixth through twelfth grade, and adults; 9:30 a.m., Sunday school preschool; 9:30 a.m., worship service - Easter egg hunt, wave palms
Mon.: 9 a.m. to noon, preschool
Tue.: 6 p.m., Philipians; 7 p.m., Praise Ringers
• Preschool information can be found in the church office or website.
• Our Caring Closet, at 205 N. First St. in Wilmington, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.
• The church offers youth group, Men's Club, women's groups, Christian fellowship dinners, and mission and community outreach opportunities.

BRACEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
106 W. Gould Street • P.O. Box 46
Braceville, IL
Pastor Bennett A. Woods
815-237-8512
bumclighthouse@yahoo.com
Wed.: 6 p.m., Ash Wednesday service
Sun.: 9:30 a.m., worship, first Sunday with Holy Communion
• United Methodist People meet on the second Tuesday of each month, time and location to be determined
• Women's Bible study is held on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
• Exercise with Patty, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are on Friday at 8 p.m.
• Children's after school programs JAM Junction, and Jesus and Me, for kindergarten through fourth graders; and EDGE for preteens, are held on Wednesday from after school until 4:30 p.m. STATIC youth group Standing Together As Teens in Christ, for seventh through twelfth grades, is held on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Snacks are provided. There will be no JAM, EDGE or STATIC on March 29.
• A Dayspring Native American service, including drumline, will be held on Sunday, April 23., at 9:40 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Easter
Sunday, April 9: 9:30 a.m., Palm Sunday service
Thursday, April 13: 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday service
Friday, April 14: 10 a.m., Good Friday Crosswalk; 11 a.m., Good Friday service
Sunday, April 16: 8 a.m., Easter breakfast, 9 a.m.; Easter egg hunt; 9:40 a.m., Easter service

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
195 S. Kankakee St. • Coal City, IL
815-634-4171
Reverend Robert Noesen
stmmaryassumptionparish.org
Monday and Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. communion service

Due to church renovation, Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Berst Hall. Weekday rosary, Mass and communion services will be celebrated in a temporary chapel at the south end of the religious education building. Mass on the first Tuesday of the month, Saint Peregrine Devotions and first Saturday 8:30 a.m. Mass and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held in Berst Hall.
• Tuesday - 6:30 p.m. Mass; Wednesday through Friday - 8:30 a.m. Mass; Saturday - 4 p.m. Mass; Sunday - 8 and 10:30 a.m. Mass; first Saturday of the month - 8:30 a.m. Mass and the sacrament of anointing of the sick
• Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday from 3:20 to 3:45 p.m.; Sunday before the 10:30 a.m. Mass; and Wednesday before the 8:30 a.m. Mass
• Daily rosary - 8 a.m. in the church
• Devotional prayers Novena to Our Lord and His mother, Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Wednesday, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass
• Devotional prayers Novena to Our Lord and His servant, Saint Peregrine, patron saint of those who suffer with cancer or any incurable disease or condition, Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - first Tuesday of the month following the 6:30 p.m. Mass
• St. Vincent DePaul Monday evening dinners for the needy are held in Berst Hall. For the parish food and household pantry call 815-634-4171.

• Mother of the Eucharist Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located across from the church at 195 S. Kankakee St. The chapel is a place of silent prayer in the presence of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is solemnly exposed for adoration 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is a place of silent and reverent prayer. Everyone is encouraged to stop in anytime, make regular visits, and sign-up for a specific hour of adoration each week.

Holy Week
• April 8, Vigil of Palm Sunday: confessions after 4 p.m. Mass
• April 9, Palm Sunday: confessions after 10:30 a.m. Mass
• April 12, Wednesday of Holy Week: confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass and the last until Divine Mercy Sunday
• April 13, Thursday of Holy Week: 2 p.m., offices close; 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper
• April 14, Good Friday: 3 p.m., Passion of the Lord with Veneration and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross
• April 15, Holy Saturday: noon, Blessing of Easter foods and baskets outside Berst Hall; 8 p.m., Mass of the Resurrection
• April 16, Easter Sunday: 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Masses

Good Friday service at Abundant Life

The Wilmington Pastor's Association will host a community Good Friday service at Abundant Life Fellowship on April 14, at 6:30 p.m., at Abundant Life Fellowship.

Six different pastors will talk about six different Good Friday sermons. A nursery attendant will be available.

Abundant Life Fellowship is located at 23632 Route 113 in Wilmington, just east of Braidwood.

St. Rose School to host annual Booster Brunch

The annual St. Rose School Booster Brunch is set for Palm Sunday, April 9, in the St. Rose School gymnasium, 626 S. Kankakee St., Wilmington.

Cocktails will begin at noon and entertainment will be provided. Each ticket will be entered to win door prizes, free drinks, a buffet dinner and desserts.

The cost is \$50 per person. Checks should be made payable to the St. Rose School Endowment Fund.

Ticket proceeds will benefit the St. Rose School Endowment Fund.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
& Grace Lutheran Preschool
907 Luther Dr. • Wilmington, IL
Office: 815-476-9480
Reverend Zak Wagner
Preschool Director Mary Kay Hays
office@gracewilm.org
pastor@gracewilm.org
Wed.: 6:15 to 7 p.m., Simple Supper hosted by the confirmation group; 7 p.m., Lenten worship service followed by choir practice
Fri.: 9 a.m., Friday Crew
Sat.: 9:30 a.m., Weight Watchers
Sun.: 9 a.m., Palm Sunday worship with communion; 10 a.m., coffee time; 10:30 a.m. to noon, Easter event
Mon.: No Bible study; 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous

• Grace Lutheran Preschool is accepting 2017-2018 registrations. For more information visit www.gracewilm.org, or call the church office.
• Maundy Thursday service will be held on Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m.
• Good Friday service will be held on April 14, at 7 p.m.
• Confirmation students will serve Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 16, from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. The Festival worship service with Holy Communion will follow at 9 a.m.
• Beginning Sunday, April 23, worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

NEW LIFE CHURCH
A United Pentecostal Church
495 E. First St. • Coal City, IL 60416
Pastor Larry Garcia,
815-634-4133
Sun.: 10 a.m., Sunday school and worship
Wed.: 7 p.m., Bible school
Thu.: 7 p.m., addiction support group

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
110 S. School St. • Braidwood, IL
Rev. Show Reddy Allam
Rectory: 458-2125
Reconciliation: 4:45 to 5:15 p.m., Saturday
Weekend Mass: 5:30 p.m., Saturday; 7:30 and 11 a.m., Sunday; 9:15 a.m., Sunday at St. Lawrence O'Toole in Essex
• The Adoration Chapel in Fr. White Hall is open 24/7, but unlocked daily from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. A code is available for those visiting the chapel before or after hours. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to make a commitment, or access the code, call Bill Scheer at 815-458-6800.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH
Wilmington, IL
Rev. Steve Bondi
School Principal: Linda Bland
Rectory 476-7491; School 476-6220; Religious Education 476-6220; Kuzma Cottage 476-2030, Hours: 9-11 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

Schedule
Daily Mass 8 a.m. on Mon., Wed. and Fri.; Saturday Vigil at 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 7 and 11 a.m.

Wed.: 5:45 to 7 p.m., REP
Thu.: 10 a.m., Legion of Mary in the St. Rose Church meeting room
Fri.: 1:30 p.m., Living Stations
Sun.: Building and Maintenance collection; booster brunch at St. Rose School
• Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass is at 7 and 11 a.m. Weekday Masses are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. During school months the Wednesday morning Mass begins at 8:10 a.m. Communion services, pending volunteers, are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 8 a.m. Any prearranged Mass intentions for Tuesdays and Thursdays have been rescheduled for either the Monday, Wednesday or Friday Mass as close to the original date as possible.
• Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 2 p.m. with the exception of Living Stations which will be on Friday, April 7, at 1:30 p.m.
• The St. Rose Athletics will prepare Easter baskets for Kuzma Cottage. Sponsor one or more baskets with a \$5 donation for each. Envelopes are available at the church entrances and may be returned to the school office, with a St. Rose student or dropped in the collection basket.
• The St. Rose School kindergartners will host a lemonade stand on Friday, April 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Only \$1 bills will be accepted.
• The St. Rose Council of Catholic Women's annual card, bunco and game party is set for Sunday, May 7, at noon, in the St. Rose School gymnasium.
• Mass with prayers for healing is on the first Friday of each month at 7 p.m. Call the parish to verify the Mass will be celebrated. Everyone is invited.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1824 Church St., Wilmington, IL
Dallas Henry, Lead Minister
Zach Griepentrost, Student & Arts Minister
815-476-6734
www.fccwilmington.org

Sun.: 8:30 and 10 a.m., worship service and children's worship; 10 a.m., Bible classes for adults; preschool through fifth grade children are invited to join Kid's Cove to discover God's word with singing and Bible stories during each worship service; a nursery is provided for all Sunday morning activities
• Collision for sixth through twelfth grades meet each Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
• Men's and women's Bible study meet on every Monday at 7 p.m.
• Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meetings are on the first and third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. at the church.
• Celebrate Recovery meets at the church each Thursday at 7 p.m.
• Family groups meet each week in Wilmington and Coal City. Call the church for times and locations.

• The Deep Roots after-school program provides care for kindergarten through sixth grade students on school days from 2:30 to 6 p.m. There are still openings for the 2016-2017 school year. Call the church office for information.

How old is that Mason jar? Look at the logo

BY TONYA MICHALEC
SPECIAL TO THE
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Mason jars didn't just come out of the blue. They evolved out of necessity. For generations, mankind searched for ways to better preserve food. What eventually developed was heat-based canning, also called water bath canning. And what they learned early from failure was just the right container to withstand the heat was needed. In the beginning cooks used whatever they could get their hands on, such as glasses or jars, and even champagne bottles. But most didn't work. Either the glass was too thin and would crack under the boiling water, or the neck was not wide enough to allow for the passage of food. Some exploded during the boiling process because little was known about proper sealing and head space. But all this changed in 1858 when a New Jersey native filed a patent for a glass jar that stood up to the test. John Landis Mason, inventor and tinsmith, realized that reusing jars designed for other purposes was getting everyone nowhere. Through his own trials, he found that the container must be made of strong glass, have a wide mouth and a screw thread on the outer perimeter of the opening allowing for a metal band, or ring, to allow for a better seal due to a rimless lid. A milk crate filled with old Mason jars stopped The White Glove last week at Two Hounds Antiques, 202 N. Water St., Wilmington. Each of the blue-tinted glass jars were priced at \$5. Along with the logo of "Ball Perfect Mason", the quart-sized jars have small imperfections inside the glass that look like bubbles and are also embossed on the bottom

with numbers like "10,12,3." According to ball.com, Ball Mason jars were made by them 26 years after Mason secured his patent. Ball, which began in 1880 as the Wooden Jacketed Can Company, was founded in Buffalo, NY by five brothers determined to corner the container making business: William, Edmund, Frank, Lucius and George Ball. The brothers started making wood-jacketed tin cans for holding hardware store liquids like paint and kerosene before expanding to glass and tin-jacketed containers. By 1884, the company began producing home-canning jars. Within two years of their first batch of Mason jars, the men changed the name of their company to Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company and relocated to Muncie, IN. The business thrived, thanks to a decrease in overhead expenditures, such as the natural gas incentives offered by the city, and from the rapidly growing demand for its reliable food preservation jars. Although Ball is no longer the name of the company today, production of Mason jars takes place in 45 different locations worldwide. Little has changed with the product since Ball started rolling them out 133 years ago. The jars can be purchased in a wide range of sizes, shapes and colors. Choices in size go from 4-ounce quilted jelly jars all the way up to 64-ounce smooth glass jars that work great for whole vegetables or large batches of sauce. Companies have stayed true to sticking with the Ball brothers' tradition of making them from clear glass, or that which is lightly tinted blue or green. Recently, Mason jars can be bought in nearly every color of the rainbow. There is a way to identify when a Ball mason jar was

produced says Karen M. Vincent, in her article titled: "How to Date a Ball Jar." Unfortunately, according to Vincent, none of the manufacturing companies, Ball Brothers included, stuck to any kind of routine when it came to embossing production dates into jars. And, just because a date is present, such as 1858, that does not mean that is when it was made, nor do the series of numbers featured on the underside of the jars. Remember, 1858 is when Mason received his patent for his design of the threaded closure. And, since many different brands used his design, many different jars were required to have his patent year on them. Back to the numbers embossed on the bottom, often shown in a set of three and separated by commas, they are called mold numbers. They say nothing about when the item was produced, but point out the position that the mold in which the jar was made attached to the glass-making machine. Vincent claims the best way to date Ball mason jars is by the Ball logo itself. Since they were first made, the script of the Ball logo has changed slightly after its first year, others after several decades. In the beginning, Ball was not yet the name of the company, so the first logo on Mason jars has BBGMC, which stands for Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company. It was used for roughly two years when the plant was based in NY, circa 1885 to 1886. The second and third logo styles are the block and underscored script-styled Ball logos. Both were used between 1895 and 1896. The fourth style, which was used from 1900 to 1910, consists of a script-style Ball that appears to have a third "l", which is actually just a connected underscore, or underlining



Courtesy photo

A CRATE OF blue Mason jars was spotted by The White Glove last week in Wilmington. Mason jars were designed for food preservation and patented by John Landis Mason in 1858.

slash drawn from right to left. From 1910 to 1923 Ball jar logos feature a lower positioned "a" and removal of loop used to connect the last "l" to the underscore. The sixth logo style was used from 1923 to 1933 and is void of both the underscore and ascender. The underscore was returned to the seventh logo style and used from 1933 until 1962. The eighth style change is still in use today and is the only logo that has a fully enclosed, loopless "B." Prior to it, all of the other logos have had at least one loop and at least one open edge in the first letter of the brand name. By using Vincent's points of identification, it appears that the Ball jar shown in the snapshot above was produced during the seventh wave of logo styles, making it approximately 55 to 84-years-old. For what they are worth, it looks like in the case of antique Ball Mason jars, the bigger and the older, the better. Per popular on-line auction sites, one can expect to pay less than \$1 for 5-ounce jars and up to \$111 for one-gallon jars.

Saturday hours at Midewin

Saturday hours have resumed in the Welcome Center and the Ranger Trailer opened for the season at Iron Bridge Trailhead at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. Volunteer rangers pro-

vide information and updates to visitors to the Iron Bridge Trailhead. The Ranger Trailer is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday until Nov. 4, which is National Bison Day.

The 2017 Volunteer Ranger season started with a two-hour training session for new information rangers at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie on Tuesday, March 21.

The training curriculum was developed and the class was led by volunteers. Topics ranged from bison to native Illinois seed harvesting and planting. Each volunteer trainee received a binder with reference materials and information about entering shifts in Volgistics. Volunteers with previous experience at the Ranger Trailer shared heartfelt stories about their volunteer experiences. Staff with Midewin and The Nature Conservancy in Illinois launched the trailer outreach last season in response to remarkable public interest in the Midewin bison herd. The herd was introduced in 2015 as a 20-year conservation experiment. At Midewin, volunteers, partners and staff are working side-by-side, year-round, monitoring to see if the herd's grazing pattern is helping to attract a more diverse array of native Illinois prairie birds and insects. About 1,000 people are signed up to volunteer at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, with a core group of some 100 who are highly involved. "We have the best volunteers on the planet, for the planet," said Midewin Volunteer Coordinator Allison Cisneros. Cisneros is co-located with Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Staff and works side-by-side with volunteers and staff every day. "Hardly a day goes by when you don't see a volunteer engaged in a project here," she said. Volunteers are also active in the Midewin Welcome Center. The Welcome Center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday through Saturday, Nov. 4. Plans will be announced for the 2017 National Bison Day program when more details are confirmed. The Midewin Welcome Center is a good starting point where you can talk with information specialists before heading out on your experience on the prairie. Specialists sometimes have updates to share about what other visitors have seen and where. Highlights of the Midewin Welcome Center include:

- Books and gifts that interpret the native Illinois prairie, plants and wildlife are offered by the Midewin Interpretive Association.
- Two telescopes are aimed in the direction of where two bald eagles are occasionally spotted in the trees across Highway 53 (old historic Route 66).
- Trail maps and other information is printed and available.
- Archaeology exhibits include fossils and pre-historic bones and teeth of mastodons and bison that roamed the area thousands of years ago.
- Picnic tables are available on the porch.
- Aldo Leopold quotes are on the walls of the inside of the Welcome Center and engraved on a large stone outside the front door.

Midewin volunteer Carol Ference recently put the finishing touches on the 2017 Program Guide, and the annual publication was released on March 17. Read about the exciting, informative tours, walks and other educational activities that are planned here at www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd535052.pdf. The latest information about Volunteer activities is located at www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5444192.pdf. Trails are open daily from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, visit the newly designed Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie website at www.fs.usda.gov/main/midewin/home.

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What is environmental justice?

Dear EarthTalk: What is meant by "environmental justice" and how is it under assault in the new Trump administration?

Mike Garner, New Orleans, LA

Environmental justice is defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income, with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies."

In layperson's terms, it means making sure specific groups of people don't bear a disproportionate burden from potential and existing environmental threats.

Traditionally, we think of situations like the siting and construction of a pollution-spewing factory in or near a low-income minority community as an example of an environmental injustice.

Some recent examples ripped from the headlines include the lead contamination of the water supply of predominantly African-American Flint, MI, and the siting of the potentially hazardous Dakota Access Pipeline adjacent to sacred and ecologically sensitive Standing Rock Sioux tribal land.

"The federal government has recognized for decades that air and water quality are especially poor in low-income areas and communities of color, and some of that imbalance stems directly from government permitting decisions, such as where to allow the dumping of toxic materials," reports the Natural



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SOME CONSIDER the lead contamination of the water supply of predominantly African-American Flint, Michigan to be an environmental justice issue.



Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a leading environmental advocacy non-profit.

Environmental justice has been a hot topic lately as it relates to who bears the brunt of climate change impacts. According to EPA research, city dwellers and the poor are among the Americans most likely to suffer from climate change.

NRDC points out that 24 to 27 percent of urban African-Americans, Latinos and indigenous people in the U.S. are now living below the poverty line, compared with only 13 percent of urban whites-meaning that minority groups are at the greatest risk from the heat waves, bad air, stronger storms and other negative consequences of a warming climate.

The federal government has been working on environmental justice issues since at least 1992 when then-President George H.W. Bush created a White House office dedicated to "environmental equity."

Bill Clinton took up the mantle when he assumed the presidency in 1994 and issued Executive Order #12898 calling for the federal government to identify and address "disproportionately high and adverse human

health or environmental effects of its programs, policies and activities on minority populations and low-income populations."

Clinton's order created the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice to coordinate and oversee implementation of the rule across different federal agencies, and spawned the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program, which has awarded upwards of \$24 million since then in funding to more than 1,400 community-based and tribal organizations working in communities facing environmental justice problems.

But that all is likely to change now that Donald Trump has proposed slashing the EPA's overall budget by \$2 billion and cutting funding for environmental justice programs specifically by 78 percent, from \$6.7 million to just \$1.5 million.

"These cuts are a direct attack on low-income communities and communities of color everywhere who are on the front lines of toxic pollution," says NRDC's environmental justice head Al Huang.

CONTACTS: EPA Environmental Justice, www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice; NRDC, www.nrdc.org.

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Joliet Hospice to celebrate 35 years

The Joliet Area Community Hospice's (JACH) Emerald Dinner and fundraiser will be held on Monday, April 24, beginning at 5 p.m., at 176 West Banquets, 1100 NE Frontage Rd., Joliet.

Reservations are due by April 14 and tickets are \$75 per guest. Tables of 10 are available.

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