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Referendum wins, Strong to form advisory council

BY PAM MONSON
EDITOR

THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME CHANGES AROUND HERE, AS VOTERS LAST WEEK SELECTED A NEW MAYOR AND AGREED TO ALLOW THE FIRE DISTRICT TO INCREASE TAXES TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY SERVICES.

At the polls

Although voter turnout here was better than it was in Will County as a whole, the election was not without its technological challenges.

Three voters who visited Wilmington Precinct 1 had to submit provisional ballots when technical issues told judges that the individuals had already voted when in fact they had not.

Election judge Mike Barbour said the printer had

stopped working, and the judges didn't know it. So when the judges entered the voter's name to try again, they got the message that the individual had already cast their ballot.

The election judges contacted their area technician, who contacted the county technician. But by the time a technician arrived, the judges had figured out that the printer was their problem and restarted it.

Once it was back online, it printed receipts for each time the judges tried to check voters in. Each voter who experienced a problem cast a ballot that was submitted to the county clerk as a provisional ballot.

"If we find that they are registered, those votes are going to count," said Judy Wiedmeyer, chief deputy in the office of Will County Clerk Nancy Schultz Voots.

More frequently, the technical problems at the polls last week had to do with the poll books that are loaded onto iPads used by the election judges to sign voters in. The voter registration information is uploaded to them a couple of weeks before the election. On election day they're updated to show who cast an early voting ballot within that period of time. Sometimes the iPads don't pick up a wi-fi signal, and can't update, Wiedmeyer said.

Referendum

The Wilmington Fire Protection District had a plan for what would happen if its referendum didn't pass, but the Board of Trustees hadn't spent too much time talking about how to proceed if voters approved the district's request for additional dollars.

The district asked for a

property tax increase that will last four years, and will allow it to add two positions on each of its 24-hour shifts to be a third ambulance crew. The referendum received widespread support, with 1,220 yes votes (61.83 percent) to 753 no votes (38.17 percent).

"We were surprised at the number it did pass by. As much trouble as they had in the last [referendum] — it didn't get through the first time and they had to come back again — and it didn't pass that big," said board President John Cairns Sr. "We were all surprised."

Cairns Sr. said Fire Chief Tim Zlomie will have to present a plan of action to the board, but anticipates that the district's first steps would be starting the hiring process, followed by training the new hires.

The property tax
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Preliminary totals

Preliminary results for the Tuesday, April 4 Consolidated Election, as reported by Will County Clerk Nancy Schultz Voots, includes vote by mail and early voting ballots that were received by

election day. Vote by mail ballots postmarked by election day and provisional ballots will be counted on April 18 at 9 a.m.

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Cleanup 'Day'

Scout planning citywide cleanup, volunteers needed

BY PAM MONSON
EDITOR

For most of the last 10 years, Alexander Day has participated in Boy Scouts; camping, caring for the environment and growing leadership skills that he'll use later this month to complete his Eagle Scout project.

Young men nearing the end of their Boy Scouting years conduct Eagle Scout Service Projects to demonstrate leadership while providing a benefit for their community. The projects earn the Scout the Eagle Rank, and have to be completed by the time the Scout turns 18.

The Scout

Day is a Scout in Troop 440.

He loved going to Jamboree in Mount Hope, WV, in 2013, and is looking forward to going again. He's working at Nelly's to pay for his share of the cost of this year's trip.

Day would like to continue in Scouting, if he can find a group where he goes to college and starts a career.

"I'd like to stick with the program, it's good for people; the socialization, getting to meet and talk to new people every week," he said.

As an adult Scout he can be a leader, a camp counselor, council staff member or committee member — most adult Scout opportunities are geared toward helping younger Scouts get through it and get to the point of doing their Eagle project.

"We'd like to see everybody succeed, but unfortunately, if we don't have good adult leaders to stay with the program it just doesn't happen."

Day plans to continue his education, studying either nuclear or biomedical engineering in college.

Leave no trace is one of the concepts of Scouting that Day has embraced.

"It's a principle that



ALEXANDER DAY IS working toward the Eagle Rank of Boy Scouting and will be conducting his Eagle service project on April 22 — a citywide cleanup. Volunteers will be needed; the more volunteers, the greater number of roadsides that will be cleaned.

basically says, leave something, like when you're camping or hiking, leave whatever you found in a condition better than what you found it in," he said. Picking up trash and litter along his community's

streets is part of that.

The project

Day is organizing a litter awareness campaign and citywide cleanup event. Volunteers will be picking up litter along the major road-

ways and if there are enough people willing to help beautify their community, work crews will go into the subdivisions to pick up along the less-traveled streets.

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Simple initiative to make city walkable, bikable

BY PAM MONSON
EDITOR

A simple request got Frank Koehler thinking about making the city more walk and bike friendly.

One of the aldermen asked interim city administrator Frank Koehler to see if some branches that were obstructing a sidewalk could be trimmed. He decided to take that effort a little further and work with the public works department to assess the sidewalks and the trees that create a canopy over them.

Tree trimming and sidewalk assessment all part of one bigger vision, getting around town without having a vehicle, make it safer for kids and families.

"The idea is, how do we make this a more walkable, livable community, and encourage the use of sidewalks, and make it safer for kids in doing so," Koehler said.

He knows much of the effort will be the responsibility of private property owners, but thinks the city can address trees on public property, including parkways, that are growing low-hanging branches. He's hoping property owners will be willing to do the same.

"Rather than taking an enforcement action against property owners, we'll try to encourage them to go out and take a look at the trees in their yard, to make sure that the canopy is raised enough so people can walk along [the sidewalk]," he explained.

"I'm just kind of banging home the theme, come on guys, if we're going to elevate Wilmington, let's start with the canopy."

Ideally, no tree branches would hang less

than 10 feet above a sidewalk.

Koehler wants to carry the walkability theme into the downtown plan being developed with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). He's asked CMAP if it has a program the city would qualify for, much as it did the downtown study, that will provide technical assistance for a bikeway study for Wilmington as a follow-up to the downtown plan, and possibly some funding when it's time to pedal.

It would be complementary to the downtown plan but have a community-wide scope

Koehler would also like to develop a strategy for improving sidewalks citywide with grant programs, including Safe Routes to School, and to change the bi-annual paving project mindset to a Complete Street point of view.

"When you do a Complete Street design you look at everything, not just the blacktop — the curb, the gutters, the sidewalks," he explained. Complete Streets are "streets for everyone," according to the organization Smart Growth America. They're designed to provide safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

"Complete Streets make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops and bicycle to work," says the organization.

Koehler will also meet with representatives of the Forest Preserve District of Will County to see if there's a bike plan the city can

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Wesley Township, it hasn't always looked this way

Those of us who live near the “town” of Ritchie have grown accustomed to the way things look now.

Very few question the location of flood waters, the placement of roads or the location of the old Wabash railroad bed now known as the Wauponsee Glacial Trail.

Today we learn how flood waters, a railroad and an opportunistic town board created what we see now.

Before 1880 and the coming of the railroad Forked Creek had a natural way of moving flood waters. During times of heavy rains a small branch of water left the Creek and found its own way back. This path of least resistance was called Dry Run Creek.

In 1880 the Wabash built the railroad into Ritchie, but without much forethought as to drainage, infrastructure, etc. In fact, they built the railroad bed at ground level except where it crossed the bed of Dry Run Creek.

There the bed was raised to the level of the banks of Dry Run. It was built without a culvert to allow the flood waters to pass beneath.

Of course, that caused problems. We read on Feb. 23, 1883, “Dry Run has been on the rampage for four or five days, it being impossible to cross it for that number of days on account of the ice gorging against the railroad bank.”

That wasn't the only problem. The trains crossed what is now Route 102 and blocked the roadway for hours. We read on Aug. 11, 1882, “Some of our subscribers residing at Ritchie station think it high time for the highway commissioners to see that the railroad officials pay some degree of respect to the rights of citizens at the railroad crossing in Ritchie.”

“It is alleged that trains are often allowed to obstruct the crossing for half an hour at a time, much to the annoyance of teamsters. If remonstrance is made to the train men, the answer is only profanity and abuse. We are told that 10 minutes is the outside limit of time allowed by law for the obstruction of any highway by railroad trains.”

These problems continued until 1904 when the Wabash took steps to solve the problem. They moved the entire roadbed north and elevated it from the banks of the Kankakee to east of Forked Creek. This is the roadbed that we see now going over 102.

The railroad also moved the station out of Ritchie. We read on Feb. 10, 1905, “The Wabash Railroad Company will on April 1st move their depot from Ritchie to a point about two miles north, near John Linton's. The new station will be known as North Ritchie. The building of a new grain elevator and other new buildings will be commenced in the spring.”

This certainly was a blow to the small little hamlet of Ritchie. We read on Nov. 24, 1905, “Ritchie, the first station on the Wabash south of Symerton, has no postmaster. Fred Loudon resigned some time ago, his tenure of office to expire Oct. 1. Owing to the fact that the grain elevator and railway station have been moved to the new station on the Linton farm, the job of postmaster is an empty honor and nobody will take the position vacated by Mr. Loudon. It is presumed that the business interests of Ritchie will find headquarters at the new location on the Wabash railway.”

And, of course that is exactly what happened. But the Township of Wesley decided to make lemonade out of lemons.

They appropriated the elevated portion of the old railroad bed that ran through Dry Run Creek and turned it into a road, what we now know as portions of Wesley Lane and Wesley Road. Of course they installed a culvert, and have been replacing culverts there ever since.

And what of Dry Run Creek? It still runs, lately almost all the time. We fondly call the part of it near the grain elevator Lake Ritchie.

For further proof of the old railroad bed, if you walk south along Forked Creek just opposite from the Wesley Church you can still see the limestone pillars that used to support the old bed that ran south of the present one.



TIME WAS...
Sandy Vasko



REMNANTS OF supports that were built on an “island” in the creek and one on the east side can be seen when walking along the creek.

Kraft earns Chamber trophy



Chamber photo

KEVIN KRAFT, service manager at Community GMC in Wilmington, is presented with the Wilmington Chamber's Employee of the Month trophy by chamber ambassador Judy Wunderlich. Kraft was nominated by the public, recognizing him as a friendly, knowledgeable repairman who always has a smile for his customers. Kraft has been servicing vehicles for 30 years, starting as a mechanic in 1977 and working the past 20 years at the Wilmington dealership. “I love my job and the people I work with,” Kraft said. “I've learned that if you given them good service they'll always come back.” He noted that he has one customer from St. Anne who has been getting his vehicles serviced at Community GMC since 1981. “That's a long way to drive for service but we must be doing something right,” Kraft said.

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.

Reserve now for Build night at Bruning

Family Fun Night will be held on Wednesday, May 3, at Bruning Elementary School, 1910 Bruning Dr., Wilmington.

The WE-PTO has partnered with Lowes of New Lenox to host the build night. There are 59 build kits at \$5 each for the event. Reservations are needed to ensure a kit.

The build and grow kits have everything needed to build a truck, birdhouse, coin bank, race car or pirate ship. Lowes will provide the hammers and additional instructions as needed.

All kits are pre-cut pieces with predrilled holes to make it possible for even kindergartners to attempt with a parent.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Parents and their child can build at their own pace.

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Kuhajda to speak at garden club meeting

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Lady ‘Cats drop two games



Photo by Tom Neises

THE LADY WILDCATS varsity soccer team wound up suffering two losses this past week, as they remain searching for their first win of the season. Wilmington lost to Manteno last Tuesday (6-0), and faced Streator on Thursday, where they lost 7-0. Abby Morgan (right) compiled 27 saves over the two games. The Lady Wildcats saw their game on Monday get canceled, as they traveled to Coal City on Tuesday. Th game against Bishop Mac was rescheduled for

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 where-in 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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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 P.M. 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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Sheriff's sale of 149-150 Fossil Lake Court

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
Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff, vs. Renee E. Tucker; et. al. Defendant. No. 16 CH 1467
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment entered in the above cause on the 25th day of January, 2017, MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, Illinois, will on Thursday, the 4th day of May, 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:
LOTS 149 AND 150, IN FOSSIL COVE VILLAGE PHASE 7, BEING A SUB-DIVISION IN SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 12, 1996, AS DOCUMENT NO. R96-71374 AND CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED DECEMBER 30, 1998 AS DOCUMENT NO. R98-158085, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 149-150 Fossil Lake Court, Wilmington, IL 60481
Description of Improvements: Single Family Home
P.I.N.: 02-24-04-156-037-0000
Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County.
In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.
Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State.
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Plaintiff's Attorney
MIKE KELLEY
Sheriff of Will County
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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
BY: Jennifer M. Lynch
1861 Black Road
Joliet, IL 60435
815-725-8000
Atty No.: 06275404
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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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Attorney Lynch files Kucera 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 JOAN A. KUCERA, Deceased; No. 17 P 218
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Joan A. Kucera. Letters of Office were issued to Raymond E. Kucera whose address is 924 Northgate Drive, Dyer, Indiana 46311 as Independent Executor, 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 12th day of October, 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 Joan A. Kucera, Deceased
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Attorney Lynch files Kettman 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 MARY KETTMAN, Deceased; No. 17 P 157
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Mary Kettman. Letters of Office were issued to John Monroe whose address is 2526 Whirlaway Avenue, Florence, South Carolina 29505 as Independent Executor, 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 5th day of October, 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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Wildcat track teams compete in conference meet

Wilmington's varsity boys and girls track teams headed over to Coal City last Tuesday to compete in a triangular meet with the Coalers and Reed-Custer.

On the girls side, the Lady Wildcats wound up with a first place finish, earning 63 team points. Reed-Custer took second with 55, followed by Coal City with 29.

The boys wound up with a third place finish, earning 28.5 team points in the meet. Reed-Custer (76.5) claimed the top spot, followed by Coal City (66).

Autumn Switzer helped lead the Lady Wildcats to their win, as she placed in three events.

Switzer claimed first in high jump (4' 8") and also took second in the triple jump (30' 5") and the 300 meter hurdles (52.16).

The Lady Wildcats also had plenty of individuals place in two events, including Alexis Ivec, Ashley Ivec, Claire Rink, Paige Persic and Hannah Harvell.

Alexis Ivec claimed first in the 3200 meter with a time of 16:16.42, and followed that up with a second in the 1600 meter (7:32.56).

Ashley Ivec secured first in the 1600 (7:16.37), and also took fourth in the 800 with a time of 3:15.71.

Rink earned a second in high jump (4'6"), and also took third in the 400

Dulcimedia files as new business

PUBLIC NOTICE

Assumed Name Publication Notice
Certificate 31471 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Will County. Steven R. Karlovsky on April 3, 2017 wherein the business firm of Dulcimedia located at 551 Lavina Drive, Bolingbrook, IL 60440, was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address, is as follows: Steven R. Karlovsky, 551 Lavina Drive, Bolingbrook, IL 60440
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Joliet, Illinois this 3rd day of April, 2017.
Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk
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Wesley Township Road Dist. to hold hearing

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Reference: 605 ILCS 5/9-127
605 ILCS 5/6-303
605 ILCS 5/6-313
605 ILCS 5/6-314
The undersigned, being the Highway Commissioner of Wesley Township Road District, does hereby give notice of the following:
1. ON the 14th day of March, 2017, the undersigned held a preliminary hearing on the vacation of a portion of Thelma Drive and associated right-of-way.
2. On the 6th day of April, 2017, the undersigned filed with the Wesley Township Road District Clerk and Will County Clerk at Notice of Public Hearing, to vacate a portion of public right-of-way at one location along Thelma Drive and to seek a Certificate to Vacate. A full description of this location is available at the Wesley Township Office located at 21333 W. Ballou Road, Wilmington, IL.
3. On the 27th day of April, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wesley Township Road District office located at 21333 W. Ballou Road, Wilmington, IL, the undersigned will hold a final hearing on said certificate, and hear reasons for and against the vacating of said right-of-way.
4. Copies of this Notice and a Plat of Survey of affected property are being provided to the County Engineer, Wesley Township Road District Clerk and the Will County Clerk.
John Norton, Highway Commissioner
Wesley Township Road District
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Attorney Lynch files Sodici 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 Sodici, Deceased; No. 17 P 205
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of George Sodici. Letters of Office were issued to Michael Sodici 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.
Jennifer M. Lynch
For the Estate of George Sodici, Deceased
BY: Jennifer M. Lynch
1861 Black Road
Joliet, IL 60435
815-725-8000
Atty No.: 06275404
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CROSSING THE finish line for Wilmington's track team is Mack Wilburn.

(1:10.84), while Persic claimed third places in the long jump (12' 1") and 100 meter dash (13.94).

Harvell wound up with second in the 200 (30.43) and fourth in the 100 (14.47), while Molly McGuire and Marissa Sanchez rounded out the individual placers, earning first and third, respectively, in the 800. McGuire finished with a time of 3:01.09, and Sanchez finished in 3:03.5.

Wilmington's 400 and 1600 meter relay teams also picked up first place finishes.

For the boys, Bobby Batson and Kile Thompson helped lead the team, placing in two events.

Batson claimed first in the high jump with a height

of 5', and followed that up with a fourth in long jump (16').

Thompson claimed third in two events, the high jump with a height of 4' 10", and the 200 meter run (25.85).

Isaiah Johnson picked up a third in the 1600 meter (6:03.34), while Mitch Kolwelter took third in the 100 meter dash (12.41).

Jacob Allott and Ian Bastian placed third and fourth, respectively in the 3200 meter. Allott finished with a time of 13:43.63, while Bastian followed with 15:34.1.

Wilmington's 3200 relay and 400 relay teams both wound up with second place finishes.



MATT NUTT competes for Wilmington's track team during their conference meet against Coal City and Reed-Custer last Tuesday. The boys team wound up finishing in third place with 28.5 team points.

Geipel petitions for name change

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
COUNTY OF WILL, SS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO CHANGE THE NAME(S) OF Jazariah Renee' Davis TO Jazariah Renee' Geipel, Case No. 17 MR 00806
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned on behalf of herself and Jazariah Renee' Davis, minor, shall appear in the Will County Court Annex, 57 N. Ottawa St., Joliet, Illinois 60432 in courtroom 236 at 9:00 a.m. on the 9th day of May, 2017 before the judge assigned to hear said matter, and then there present a petition requesting the names of Jazariah Renee' Davis be changed to Jazariah Renee' Geipel.
Monica Geipel
Petitioner
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WILDCAT SPORTS

Six Wildcats to continue football, education in college



BRETT MC WILLIAMS signed with Loras College in Dubuque, IA. He played outside linebacker for WHS and was named Interstate Eight All-Conference. Brett is the son of Candi and Dale McWilliams.



RJ VAN DUYNe will play for Loras College, Dubuque, IA. He is shown with his parents, Jeff and Beth Ann Duyne. RJ played offensive line for Wilmington High School. He was named to the Interstate Eight All-Conference, All-Area Kankakee and 2nd Team All-State.



SAM JONES is shown signing with Loras College, Dubuque, IA. He is the son of Traci Collins and Darrin Jones. Jones played defensive line for Wilmington High School and was named to the Interstate Eight First Team All-Conference and All-Area Kankakee.



OWEN WEAVER will attend Northern Illinois University. He played running back for Wilmington High School and was named to the Interstate Eight All-Conference, All-Area Kankakee, All-Area Joliet, Offensive Player of the Year Joliet Herald News and 1st Team All-State. Owen is shown with his parents, Therese and Mike and Therese Weaver.



ALEX HATTEN will play college football for St. Ambrose in Davenport, IA. He is shown with his parents, Lynn and James Hatten. Alex was the kicker for WHS.



KYLE HAIRALD will attend Loras College, Dubuque, IA to play college football. He played outside linebacker for WHS and was named to the Interstate Eight All-Conference. Kyle is shown with Sarah Bargo and Chuck Hairald.

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WILDCAT SPORTS

Lady Wildcats pour on the runs to win two

Wilmington needed an extra inning to get a win Friday, as they secured a softball victory over Sandwich, 7-5.

The two teams were pitted in a close battle when Sandwich tied the game 5-5 in the seventh inning with one run.

The Lady Wildcats (4-3 overall, 1-0 conference) headed into the top of the eighth inning, and would

record two go-ahead runs to secure the win.

Kiley Sowa got thing started with a single, but was eventually thrown out on a fielder's choice after Lorri Kucharski picked up a single.

Jenny Kucharski followed up with a hard groundball to right field, as Wilmington put two runners on base.

With two on and two outs, Katie Kucharski came

up big with a rocket line drive to center field. She wound up with a two-run triple to give Wilmington the eventual game winning lead.

Katie Kucharski led the offense on the day, going 4-for-5 from the plate with two RBIs and one run scored.

Lorri Kucharski added three hits, while Bella Egizio and Emma Hafner both had two hits with one run scored each.

Justine Reents had one hit for two RBIs, and Jenny Kucharski added one hit for one run scored.

In the pitcher's circle, Lorri Kucharski got the start, putting in five innings of work. She let up four runs (three earned) off eight hits, walked two and struck out five.

Reents secured the win in the circle pitching the remaining three innings. She let up just one unearned run off one hit, walked none and struck out four.

Wilmington's game on the road against Manteno on Monday was suspended, and will be made up on Wednesday.

The Lady Wildcats hosted the Panthers on Tuesday, and will resume conference action on Thursday against Lisle.

Wilmington 16, St. Anne 8

The Lady Wildcats won last Tuesday in a back-and-forth battle against St. Anne.

The opposition took the initial lead in the top of the first, recording two runs, but Wilmington would come swinging back in the bottom of the frame.

The Lady Wildcats recorded four runs in the first, to take the lead, but St. Anne tied the game up in the top of the second, 4-4.

From then on though, the rest of the game belonged to Wilmington.

The Lady Wildcats added three runs in the second, two in the third, three in the fourth, and four more insurance runs in the sixth.

St. Anne recorded four



Photos by Tom Neises

JUSTINE REENTS picked up a win in the pitcher's circle on Tuesday, putting in five innings of work. She surrendered eight earned runs off 10 hits, walked five and struck out three.



AVA NARINE throws the ball in after completing a catch in the outfield during Wilmington's game against St. Anne on Tuesday. The Lady Wildcats defeated the visitors in a back-and-forth affair, 16-8.

more runs down the stretch, but it wouldn't be enough to close the gap, as Wilmington picked up the win.

Egizio had a big day at the plate to lead the offense, going 4-for-4 with one triple. She drove in one RBI and scored three runs.

Lorri Kucharski, Jenny Kucharski, Katie Kucharski and Mickaela Tworek all added two hits on the day.

Lorri had two doubles, while Katie, Jenny and Mickaela also added one double each.

Hafner, Sowa, Ava Narine and Molly Beckman each added one hit in the game.

Despite having five errors in the field, some quality pitching from Reents and Lorri Kucharski helped keep the team in the driver's

seat.

Reents put in five innings of work to pick up the win, as she surrendered eight earned runs off 10 hits, walked five and struck out three.

Lorri came on for the remaining two innings, letting up just one hit and striking out one.

Big bat 'Cats keep on winning

Stand tall and carry a big stick. That's what the Wildcat baseball team has been doing as they earned a dominating conference win over Sandwich, 10-4.

The Indians took the initial lead, recording two runs in the bottom of the first, and added one more in the second to grab a 3-1 lead.

From then on though, the game belonged to Wilmington (6-1 overall, 1-0 conference), as they scored one run in the third, four in the fifth, one in the sixth and three in the seventh.

In the fifth inning, the Wildcats rallied to secure the go-ahead run.

Josh Jones got things started by reaching first on an error, and would reach second after a balk from the pitcher.

Brock Bolser followed with a single, pushing Jones to third.

Jones put a run on the board by stealing home on a wild pitch.

That was followed by an RBI single from RJ Van Duyne, pushing Bolser across the plate.

Sam Jones recorded the

final score of the inning with a home run, driving in two runs.

On the day, Conner Dempsay, Bolser, Van Duyne and Mark Youngquist recorded two hits each.

Sam Jones, Brett McWilliams and Josh Jones also added one hit each.

Youngquist and McWilliams both recorded doubles.

Dillon Tjelle got the start on the mound, pitching three innings. He surrendered three runs (one earned) off two hits, walked one and struck out three.

Josh Jones recorded the win on the mound, putting in three innings of work. He let up just one earned run off six hits and walked one.

Dempsay hurled the final inning, letting up no hits or runs, and striking out one.

Wilmington's game on Monday was cut suspended due to weather, as they faced Manteno again on Tuesday.

The Wildcats will make up Monday's game on Wednesday, and will then host Lisle on Thursday.



RJ VAN DUYNe picked up two singles during Wilmington's game against St. Anne last Tuesday. Both hits were well timed, as he earned three RBIs and one run scored.

Wilmington 14, St. Anne 1

The Wildcats picked up another shortened win last Tuesday, as they defeated St. Anne in five innings.

Wilmington got things started quickly, picking up three runs in the first and two more in the second. By the end of the third, the Wildcats had grown their lead to double-digits, taking a 12-0 lead.

St. Anne would eventually get on the board in the fourth, but it was too little too late, as they recorded just one run.

The Wildcats added three more runs in the fourth to pad their lead, as they picked up the 10-run rule win.

Sam Jones played a big part in the offensive production, as he went 2-for-2 at the plate for a home run and a double. He finished with three RBIs and two runs scored.

Van Duyne finished with two well-timed hits in the game, earning three RBIs and one run scored on his two singles.

Dempsay, Jonathon Gholson, Bolser, Will Hainline and Garrett Roth also contributed hits in the win.

Zach Mietzner picked up the win on the mound,



Photos by Tom Neises

ZACH MIETZNER picked up the win on the mound during Wilmington's game against St. Anne. He let up just two hits, walked three and struck out three during his three innings of work.

lasting three innings. He let up just two hits, walked three and struck out three.

Youngquist closed out the remaining two innings, letting up one unearned run

off two hits and striking out one.

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Dr. Yerkes and staff would like to congratulate all the cavity free kids for the month of March. Keep up the good work!



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3 Steps to a **BUDGET** that Works

FAMILY FEATURES

You may think that creating a household budget is as simple as adding all your income and subtracting all your expenses, but there is (or should be) quite a bit more to the equation.

When you only factor in your current earnings and current expenses, you're not planning for the future. That means any financial goals can be easily deferred, and you may be overlooking the opportunity to shift your spending habits. These three steps can help put you on the path toward better finances and a budget that works for your lifestyle.

1. Take long-range goals and values into account. How you allocate your spending affects your ability to achieve goals months or years down the road. For example, if you're planning to buy a house, your need to amass a sizable down payment puts greater emphasis on saving than if a major purchase isn't on the horizon. Similarly, it's important to understand whether the money you're spending aligns with your personal values. In other words, it's important to be sure that your expenses match the lifestyle you desire. If a substantial chunk of your income is going to lunch throughout the work week but you find yourself short on funds to enjoy more time with family or friends, it may be time to make adjustments.

2. Set your priorities. While covering your current bills is an obvious priority, determining which expenses are most important can help keep non-essential spending under control. One approach is to segment your monthly budget into thirds. In the first category, list all of your recurring monthly debts, or the money you owe other people for things like rent or mortgage payments and utilities, as your top payment priorities. The second category should include payments you need to make every month but have some latitude to vary the amount, such as paying more than the minimum balance due on a credit card or loan. Some people also consider groceries as another area where you have some discretion, as to some degree you can shift your purchases to fit your budget. In the last category, account for non-essential spending like entertainment, clothing and personal care, such as haircuts, massages and manicures.

3. Pay yourself. When you're focused on the money leaving your bank account each month, it's easy to overlook the importance of keeping some of that money for yourself. Whether you're saving for a long-range goal, simply stockpiling reserves against unplanned events or working toward retirement (or even better, all three), setting aside money each month is an important step in creating a healthy budget. Having money set aside not only puts you in a better position to satisfy your goals, it can help you avoid unnecessary stress when life throws you a curveball. A healthy savings account also means you can recover more easily and keep your financial commitments on track when unexpected expenses arise.

Beyond simply adding and subtracting a list of income and expenses, taking into account your priorities and goals can help ensure you create a practical budget that works. Find more tips for creating an appropriate financial plan that fits your personal goals and lifestyle at eLivingToday.com.



Navigating a Financial Emergency

Your washing machine suddenly breaks down, a child requires a laptop for school or your car needs new tires. Sometimes surprise bills can be difficult to cover.

Life's financial emergencies happen, but 6 in 10 Americans cannot cover an unexpected \$500 bill without selling something or borrowing money, according to Bankrate.

"When you don't have cash for something you need, there are many different financing options available. However, few realize that many of these options can lead to a debt spiral that can be difficult to pull out of," said Richard Carrano, CEO of Purchasing Power, an employee purchase program offering consumer products and services through payroll deduction.

Understanding your financing options can help ensure you make the best choice to meet your short-term needs without compromising your long-term finances.

Credit cards: Chances are, even with a shaky financial history, you can find a creditor willing to offer you a line of credit, but you'll likely have a steep annual percentage rate that accrues each month. Furthermore, if you're unable to repay more than the monthly minimum, you could end up carrying that debt for years before it's fully paid down.



Employee purchase programs: Research shows that financial stress at home regularly impacts employee

productivity at work. This leads many employers to offer an employee purchase program such as Purchasing Power, which allows you to buy what you need through automatic paycheck deductions over a 12-month period. There's no credit check, zero interest and no hidden fees. There's also a free financial wellness platform to help with budgeting, credit reports and personal coaching. Learn more at PurchasingPower.com.


Rent to own: With rent-to-own products, you pay a monthly principal amount plus service fees and taxes for a period of time, up to completing the rental agreement and owning the item outright. While the monthly rate makes items like appliances and furniture immediately accessible, renters can end up paying as much as three times the retail value of an item.

Payday/Title loans: Essentially, these loans function as a loan against a future paycheck or your vehicle. They often come with high percentage rates and fees, as well as short repayment schedules. Rely on these loans only if you can cover the entire loan and associated fees by the designated due date.

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Community calendar of events

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Wednesday, April 12

• 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

• 5:30 p.m., Wilmington Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health and Safety Committee meetings, Wilmington City Hall, 1165 S. Water St., second Wednesday of each month

• 6 to 7:40 p.m., Awana Club, Main Street Baptist Church, 110 S. Division St., Braidwood, each Wednesday

• 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

• 7 p.m., Learn to Quilt, Wilmington Lions Hall, 708 E. River St., each Wednesday

Thursday, April 13

• 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

Friday, April 14

• 4 to 7 p.m., Lenten fish fry, Fr. White Hall, 110 S. School St., Braidwood

Saturday, April 15

• 9:30 a.m., Weight Watchers, Grace Lutheran Church, 907 Luther Dr., Wilmington, each Saturday

• Noon to 3 p.m., Braidwood Area Historical Society museum open, 111 N. Center St., each Saturday through April

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

• 6 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Saturday

Sunday, April 16

• 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Sunday

• Easter egg hunt following 10 a.m. worship service, Christian Life Assembly, 2960 E. Division St., Diamond

• 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Junk in the Trunk flea market, 100 Commercial Dr., Morris

Monday, April 17

• 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Hydrant flushing in Wilmington through April 28

• 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

• 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

• 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

• 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

• 7 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

Braidwood TOPS getting ready for retreats

The monthly drawing for the March menu gift was won by Verna Clark. The weekly program, No Excuses was presented by Clark. The TOPS News issue for April/May was the source of this material.

The weekly best loser on March 28 was Phyllis Saben. The members were reminded that next Tuesdays meeting is the first Tuesday of the month. Fruits and vegetables are required for presentation to March monthly best losers.

Three auction gifts were bid for April 4. The cry cash wasn't awarded. No charms were awarded.

TOPS meetings are held Tuesday evenings in the Baptist Auxiliary building, 110 S. Division St., Braidwood. Weigh-in is from 5:15-5:45 p.m. followed by a short meeting. Visitors are welcome.

Area Recognition Days is in Lisle, IL on April 7 and 8, 2017. TOPS International Davys 2017 is in Little Rock, AR on July 14-15. Eight TOPS Retreats are scheduled for 2017. Three sessions are already booked full.

Information on other chapters can be found at www.tops.org or by calling 800-932-8677.

Spring Fling craft, vendor event in Morris

Spring Fling, a craft and vendor event, will be held on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 1650 W. Route 6, Morris.

Hand-crafted items, clothing, jewelry, soaps, lavender products, greeting cards, pens, home decor and woodworking will be featured.

There will also be jams, jellies, dips, cake pops and baked goods.

Agnes & Dora, doTerra, Initials Outfitters, LipSense, LulaRoe, Mary Kay, Norwex, Pampered Chef, Paparazzi, Perfectly Posh, Pink Zebra, Real Time Pain Relief, Scentsy, Stampin' Up, Thirty-One, Tupperware, Usborne and Young Living will be among 30 crafters and vendors at the event.

A raffle will be held to benefit the American Brain Tumor Association.

month

• 7 p.m., Al-Anon, Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., every Tuesday

• 7:30 p.m., Braidwood Police Pension Board of Trustees meeting, Braidwood City Hall, 141 S. Main St.

Wednesday, April 19

• 7:30 a.m., TOPS IL 1024, Island City Baptist Church, 120 Vine St., Wilmington, weigh-in followed by meeting each Wednesday

• 1 p.m., Wilmington Garden Club meeting, U.S. Bank, 417 S. Water St.

Thursday, April 20

• 10 to 11:30 a.m., Braidwood senior citizens coffee, Fossil Ridge Public Library, 386 W. Kennedy Rd., third Thursday of each month

• 6:30 p.m., Wilmington Township Board meeting, Wilmington Township office, 1095 S. Water Sst., third Thursday of each month

Saturday, April 22

• 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Spring Fling, First Baptist Church, 1650 W. Route 6, Morris

Sunday, April 23

• 7 a.m. to noon, Essex Lions Club breakfast, Essex Lions Hall, 217 Parls St., fourth Sunday of each month

Monday, April 24

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• 1 p.m., Coal City Food Pantry, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, fourth Monday of each month

• 10:30 a.m., Island City Homemakers meeting, Wilmington Park District, 315 N. Water St., fourth Monday of each month

• 7 p.m., Coal City Planning and Zoning Committee meeting, Coal City Village Hall, 515 S. Broadway, first and fourth Monday of each month

Tuesday, April 25

• 7 p.m., Braidwood City Council meeting, Braidwood City Hall, 141 W. Main St., second and fourth Tuesday of each month

Wednesday, April 26

• 6 p.m., Wilmington Area Historical Society membership meeting, Wilmington Historical Society building, 114 N. Main St., fourth Wednesday of each month

• 6 p.m., Coal City School Board study session, Coal City High School, last 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

Red Carpet Corridor Festival

Craft show and flea market

Wilmington, Illinois

Saturday, May 6

A craft show and flea market is planned for Saturday, May 6, in the downtown antique district during the Red Carpet Corridor festivities, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Set-up can begin as early as 6:30 a.m. There will be a variety of activities taking place in the downtown area, drawing a steady stream of people. The Red Carpet Corridor Festival is part of the Illinois Route 66 event: <http://il66redcarpetcorridor.org/> that attracts Route 66 enthusiasts from all over Illinois. Unfortunately, no electricity will be available.

The non-refundable permit fee is \$30 for a 10x10-foot space postmarked on or before April 15 without exception. Permit fees postmarked after April 15 will be \$40 per space. Spaces paid for the day of the event will be \$50.

Complete the contract below and return it with a check made payable to Women of Wilmington to: Women of Wilmington, c/o Brenda Craig-Cherveney, 1235 Chesson Court, Wilmington, IL 60481.

Post-dated checks will not reserve a space. Confirmations will be emailed in mid-April.

Questions can be directed to Cherveney by emailing brenniej@aol.com or call 815-476-9470.

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The game that brought on the domino effect

BY TONYA MICHALEC
SPECIAL TO THE
FREE PRESS NEWSPAPERS

The game dominoes is played worldwide, yet little is known about its origin. Historians believe it was created out of boredom using old bones. It has evolved into a versatile game ever since.

No one knows for sure who or when the first true dominoes set was invented. But there's little doubt it was one of the earliest games created by mankind.

The White Glove found of dish filled with dominoes last week at True North Warehouse in Morris. Priced at 25-cents each, the orphaned game pieces, also referred to as "bones", are a mix of both American and Chinese sets made over the last century.

All are black with white dots, but have different weights, textures and designs on the back sides, if any. Despite those left plain or having only a thin picture frame border, the majority of the tiles have an array of embossings, such as: sky-scrapers, people of historical interest, monuments or landmarks, folk art designs of flowers and vines or oriental dragons.

According to bigrock-works.com, possibly the earliest dominoes manufactured with embossed designs on the back were made here in America during the 19th century. Located in Albany, NY, The Embossing Company opened in 1870 and became the leading manufacturer of embossed wooden dominoes.

Dominoes is the name of any game played with small flat, rectangular tiles that have one or more dots on one side. Because the game holds endless possibilities, such as playing cards and dice, there is no right or wrong way for it to be played.

Although they have been made in other colors, traditionally they are white tiles with black dots, or black tiles with white dots. Today's sets are generally marked with zero to six dots and come with 28 oblong pieces that are made from wood or plastic. Early sets were carved from something much different.

The oldest dominoes discovered, according to domino-play.com, were found by archaeologists in China. They are carved from animal bone, usually from oxes, and believed to have been approximately made in 1120. The bone tiles are called either "Gwat Pai" or "Goo Pai."

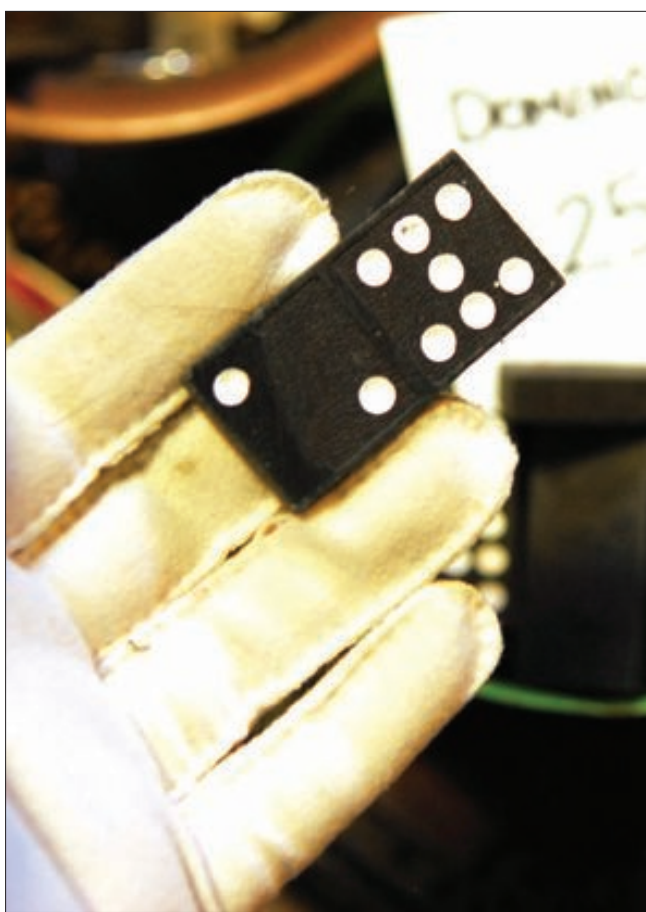
Teeth and tusks were also used by the Chinese during the 12th century. These would have been specially made for elite gamers or the very rich and are known as "Ngaa Pai" or "Ya Pai."

By 1700, dominoes were abundant throughout Europe. The first Western dominoes of the 18th century were made from ivory for the wealthy and bone for the commoner. Dominoes shaped from either sheep or cattle bone were being made by French prisoners-of-war to help pass time. To help make the dots, or pips, shallow holes were drilled into the bone and inlaid with thin pieces of ebony.

Craftsmen of the early 19th century left their mark on dominoes by using thinner pieces of animal bone affixed to thin pieces of ebony, which resulted in the first dominoes to be white on one side and black on the other. This is believed to have been one of the ways they responded to a possible lack of suitable animal bones. They abandoned bone material in exchange for "vegetable ivory." It is made from the tagua nut, or ivory nut, which is extremely hard and close-grained. The nut comes in six varieties of palms native to the isthmus connecting Central and South America. It is almost as valuable as ivory.

Frenchman Charles Lepage invented a type of plastic in 1855 called Bois Durci. It was made from ebony or rosewood sawdust mixed with either albumen from eggs or blood. Along with dominoes, it was used to also make chessmen and dice.

Next came dominoes manufactured from the second kind of plastic ever invented, Parkesine. It was invented in 1856 by a company called Parkes in Birmingham, but was abandoned because it was highly



Courtesy photo

A MIXED-MATCHED bowl of domino game pieces was discovered by The White Glove at a Morris antique mall. Dominoes may have originated in China around the beginning of the 12th century.

flammable.

Scorched by plastics, craftsmen of the late 19th century turned to tinplate for the majority of their commercial domino needs. Since tinplate is so easy to stamp or emboss, this material opened the door for domino manufacturers to tag team with other businesses through advertising.

Tobacco companies were among the first to buy space on the back side of dominoes. They would give away sets, marked with their logo, out to pubs and inns.

After tinplating dominoes were made with a plastic called bakelite that was used up until the 1950s. It was invented by L.H. Bakeland in 1917 and used for everything from serving dishes to domino tiles.

Today's domino tiles are mostly made from cheap wood and common plastic. Some are even made from aluminum and thick paper-card. Production of ivory dominoes has remained ille-

gal since Jan. 1990, when the international trade of ivory was banned.

There is little demand for antique dominoes - unless they are made from anything other than plastic. That's where the big money is.

According to multiple on-line auction sites, wooden tiles range from \$4 each for generic tiles on up to \$1,789 for a complete set, such as a Shalinindia set that includes the original 8-inch wooden box with three inlaid ivory dominoes across the top of the lid.

Individual bone and ebony English tiles can be purchased for as little as \$3 each or as much as \$329 for a complete set that includes the original wooden box.

There were no listings for tagua nut, solid bone or ivory dominoes. Those may be to valuable to sell.

Contact writer Tonya Michalec at tmichalec@fjnusa.com.



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Disgusted by politicians

BRAIDWOOD—It's really disgusting how politicians disregard the good of the people they are suppose to serve. Democrats and Republicans at both the federal and state level should grow up and start governing responsibly. It's the citizens of our state and nation who suffer from their actions. They should be solving our country's and state's problems instead of bickering and finger-pointing. On the state level, the middle class is being hurt for lack of a state budget; the poor are being deprived of programs they desperately need. Are where are our state legislators? They aren't in Springfield; they took a two-week Spring break. Sickening what they get paid for less than a six-month session that includes paid holidays, two week break and perks galore.

Other unhealthy things

WILMINGTON—I know the Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community is against drugs, alcohol and tobacco. But what's their opinion on caffeine, sugar and fat? Those are unhealthy. Just wondering?

Time will come

COAL CITY—To the JV baseball grandfather, please quit bashing the varsity players. Don't worry, your grandson will get (your) glory when he's ready.

For kids' sake

COAL CITY—Pretty sad a parent has to go to Braidwood for an Easter Egg hunt or find a friend to get you into their area club for fireworks on the 4th of July. Carbon Hill has fireworks for Homecoming. Tell me Coal City is that broke they can't afford to do this for the kids.

Pay better attention

GODLEY—What's going on with the mail in Godley? We are getting other people's mail, it's getting delivered at all hours and I have even seen a regular mail truck deliver mail. I'm tired of going around and giving people their mail. Mondays seem to be the worst day of the week. Please do something about this.

Not in this town

WILMINGTON—The mayor-elect's campaign littered parishioners' cars with his paraphernalia, while Darla went to church. The mayor-elect hasn't been to any board meetings in eight years, while it is not unusual to see Darla at meetings. He is rarely seen at charity events while Darla is at most, and I can go on. My point is, I hope

this was Darla's last run at mayor. She needs to stop wasting her time and burn her signs. And to the 156 people who voted for her, you need to understand, Wilmington will never elect a woman mayor.

Get ready folks

COAL CITY—Great, another billionaire announces his intent to run for governor. The Democrats now have a candidate with deeper pockets than Governor Rauner. Get ready folks because the election isn't until fall of 2018 and they'll both be slinging mud through the airwaves. It's sad that those with the most money are the ones who can out-spend everyone else.

Expose the corruption

WILMINGTON—A key priority of the pro-life movement must be to expose the corruption of the abortion industry. Making abortion legal never made it safe. Keeping it legal can never keep it safe. You can't practice vice virtuously. If you are willing to take a baby's life, you will be willing to do many other kinds of evil as well.

The bottom line

BRAIDWOOD—Nearly three quarters of Americans die in debt, leaving behind an average outstanding balance of \$62,000 including mortgage debt. The most common debt is from credit cards with an average unpaid balance of \$4,500.

Follow the law

BRAIDWOOD—Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel refuses to follow the federal law about sanctuary cities to comply with the federal immigration law. The Department of Justice could strip the so-called sanctuary city Chicago up to \$1 billion in federal funding. Under the new Department of Justice policy jurisdictions that block officers from telling United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement about undocumented immigrants in their custody will no longer be eligible for various law enforcement grants worth millions of dollars each. No one can tell Mayor Emanuel about the federal law. He always knows best, be it federal or state law.

Money runs out

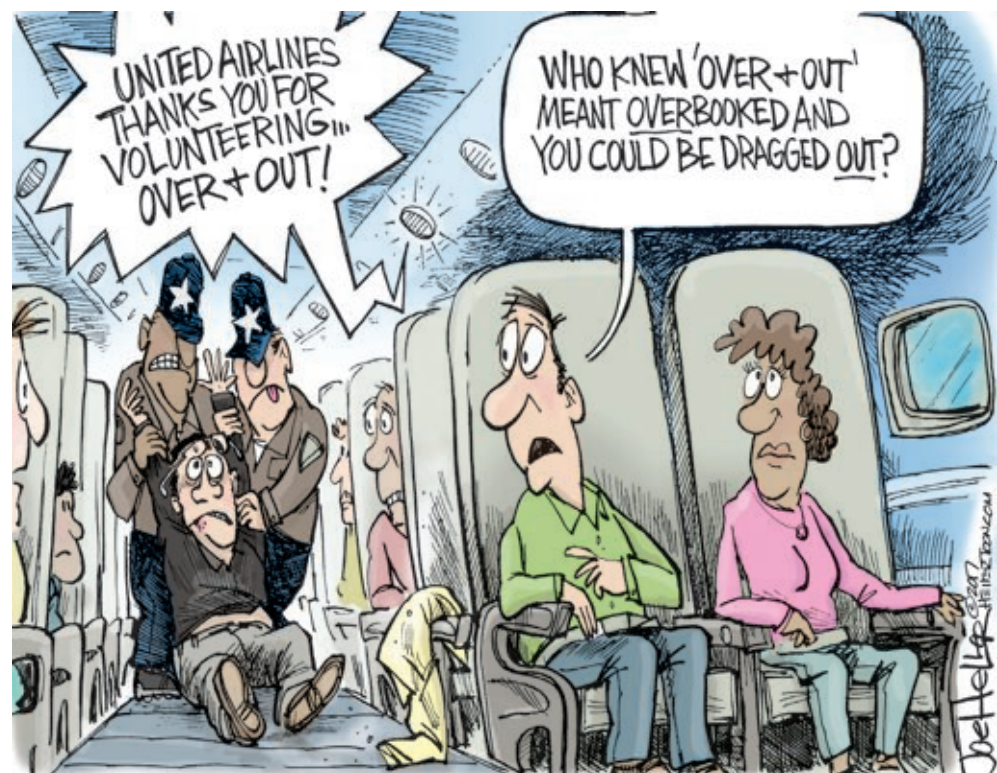
WILMINGTON—The Wilmington Island Park District got \$500,000 from RidgePort, but has only \$100,000 left and nothing to show for what they spent. So obviously they spent it running the fitness center that they claim pays for itself. What happens when the money runs out?

Costly social services

BRAIDWOOD—Read Planned Parenthood does receive a half-billion dollars a year from the government. The organization would be in heavy financial trouble without public funding. The public funds come from two programs - Medicaid health care program targeted at lower income Americans and Title X, a federal family planning program that primarily serves lower income Americans. The overwhelming majority of federal funding comes from Medicaid - 75 percent. Abortions are not a big part of Planning Parenthood. Abortions accounted for about 328,000 of the groups 10 million services provided last year. That's about three percent of patients receiving abortions. The overwhelming majority of Planned Parenthood's services involve screening and treating sexually transmitted diseases and infections as well as providing contraception. If the federal funds were stopped, states could still spend money to help Medicaid consumers. That's what it's all about. How did society manage 50 to 60 years ago when there was none of these costly taxpayer paid services?

For parents of teens

ELWOOD—Every parent raising a teenager should read the article *I loved you enough*. It's been around for years and if you haven't read it you can find it on the web. I have three teenagers of my own, a 16-year-old and a 15-year-old and 12-year-old. Sometimes it's really difficult when they keep questioning about why we do what we do, we're too strict, we're too nosy and into their business. That really hit home to me. I read it to my teenagers and let them know that most parents have this kind of



feeling. We all want to be good parents and it's our right and because we love you that we do these things. As a parent I suggest you read it.

A poor substitute

WILMINGTON—It's great that the Lions Club picked up yet another free event the park district dropped, the Easter egg hunt. Thanks Lions Club, you know what's important. Not to worry, though, the Park District created a new event, Breakfast with the bunny. If you pre-registered, for \$5 bucks a kid, you got 45 minutes for the whole family to eat breakfast, stand in line to get a picture with the bunny, do a craft project and hunt some Easter eggs inside the building. What a poor and pricey substitute for the big, free egg hunt tradition.

From a Braidwoodian

BRAIDWOOD—With Braidwood's multiple area clubs and wildlife areas available, we have such wonderful opportunities for outdoor recreation that other communities don't have. We can only hope that local decision-makers realize the opportunities for greenways available and make some kind of effort to tap into the outdoors. I wish the decision makers of this town would consider a bike trail that would link the town to the Braidwood Dunes property and also to Mazonia Lakes. Seems it wouldn't take much to connect the high schools and middle schools to the Dunes.

Parking not a problem

WILMINGTON—Regarding the article in the *Free Press Advocate* last week about the plan for fixing up the downtown. I think it's ridiculous the first thing on the list was more parking. That could be solved if the business owners wouldn't park in front of their own buildings. If tax dollars are going to be spent to fix up the downtown, how about some beautification like flowers and making sure the broken windows, awnings and boarded up storefronts are fixed first. It would be a waste of time and money if everyone isn't on board. You have buildings like the Flower Loft that show a lot of pride in their front and then two doors down you have a neglected front with cracked windows and walls and junk in the windows.

It takes money

WILMINGTON—Before CMAP and the city spend their time writing a plan for the downtown, I think the question of where is the money going to come from should be answered first. Fixing up the downtown on potential grant funding doesn't work, we learned that with the guy who was going to fix up the Eagle Hotel and that back 15-20 years ago. And didn't the city already have a grant program for fixing up the front of the buildings. As I recall, only one owner made the effort. Don't get me wrong, it

would be nice if Wilmington revived the downtown, in fact it needs it, but I say figure out where the money's coming from first.

Candidate clean-up

WILMINGTON—The election has been over for almost a week and there are political signs still littering up Highway 53. I got tired of looking at the signs a month before the election and I'm even more tired of seeing them now that it is over.

Interstate slobs

GARDNER—Plastic garbage is all along I-55, I see it every day to and from work and it disgusts me. Not only that, there are slobs who throw their fast food trash out their window as if it's their right. Take a drive from Gardner to Joliet and you will see what I mean. When will people just grow up and stop littering?

Free pass for all

BRAIDWOOD—In the United States there are specific laws for everyone to uphold and honor. So if the individuals in this country illegally are given a free pass for violating our laws and receive no punishment then all the American citizens should all be given a free pass on any law they violate. Like the old phrase says, what's good for the goose is good for the gander.

Cut the supply

WILMINGTON—From the teen survey story that ran in the paper, it's obvious that Wilmington has a teenagers and drinking problem. If teens polled in the survey say they are getting alcohol then from who? If it's from their parents then maybe law enforcement should spend more time looking into who sells and distributes alcohol to our teens. And they should be punished, if the teens can't get it then we have done a good thing. I know in our house alcohol is under lock and key because we don't want our kids sneaking it off. Sure it's a pain but we won't be like other parents who let their kids get away with it.

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Summer camp for high school English students

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Friendship Garden hosts bowling event to raise funds

The Manhattan Friendship Garden is hosting a Veggie Bowl on Saturday, April 22, 1 p.m., at the Laraway Lanes, 1009 Laraway Rd. New Lenox. Tickets are \$20 for ages 16 and over, \$10 from ages 7-15 and children 6 and under are free with an adult. This event, food, bowling, raffles and fun, will raise funds to support the Manhattan Friendship Garden for the 2017 growing season so we can provide fresh vegetables for those in need through local food pantries and group homes. For more information and tickets contact 815-478-5165 or 815-712-8091 or email manfriendshipgarden@gmail.com. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Find us on Facebook!

Augustana dean's list

Augustana College announced 992 students were named to the dean's list for the 2016-17 winter term. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term. Area students named on the list include Jessica Beyer of Wilmington, a first-year student majoring in Liberal Arts; Abigail Norris of Coal City, a senior majoring in Biology; Arielle Robinson and Madison Rodgers, both seniors of Morris majoring in Multimedia Journalism Mass Communications and Communication Studies; Sylvia Salinas of Morris, a senior majoring in Teaching Spanish and Lauren Severson of Morris, a junior majoring in Biology.

Preschool registration now open

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Coal City, IL
815-634-8332
newhopepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com
The Rev. Mark Hughey
Thu.: 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday foot washing service
Fri.: 7 p.m., Good Friday Community-wide ecumenical service
Sun.: No Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., Easter worship service
Mon.: 10:45 a.m., Meals on Wheels
• Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
• The next Session meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26.
• Bible study will be held at 1 p.m., on Monday, May 1, 8, 15 and 22.
• The church will partner with the Coal City Public Library for a Mom's Night Out Tea on Wednesday, May 3. There will be music, tea, shopping and prizes at the church. The registration deadline is Saturday, April 29.
• This year's women's banquet and painting party is set for Saturday, May 6. Everyone is invited to attend.
• The Women's Association will meet on Wednesday, June 7.
• 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, Seder, 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.fbccoalcity.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 a.m., pancake breakfast; no adult Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., Easter Sunday worship service
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

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.

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., choir practice, Alcoholics Anonymous
Thu.: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Women, Infants and Children (WIC) hours; 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday service
Fri.: 6:30 p.m., Good Friday worship service at Abundant Life Fellowship
Sat.: 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous
Sun.: 7 a.m., Easter Sunrise service; 8 a.m., Easter breakfast; 9:30 a.m., worship
Mon.: 6:30 p.m., 4-H
Tue.: 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
bumlighthouse@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.
• A Dayspring Native American service, including drumline, will be held on Sunday, April 23., at 9:40 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Easter
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
stmaryassumptionparish.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 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

Giant Easter egg hunt on Sunday

Christian Life Assembly will host a giant Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 16, immediately following the 10 a.m. service.
The event will be for all children ages birth to 12 years old. There will be more than 15,000 candy-filled eggs, and prizes including a Nintendo Switch, Hatchimals and more.
The 10 a.m. service will have lively music, an entertaining service and fun children's progams.
The day will begin with coffee and snacks from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m., followed by worship for all.
The church is located at 2960 E. Division St. in Diamond.

Native American service in Braceville

Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church will officiate the 9:30 a.m. service at Braceville United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 23.
The Native American drumline will perform during worship service. Everyone is invited to attend.
For more information call the church at 815-237-8512.

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
Thu.: 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday worship service followed by choir practice
Fri.: Office closed; 9 a.m., Friday Crew; 7 p.m., Good Friday worship service
Sat.: 9:30 a.m., Weight Watchers
Sun.: 7:30 to 8:45 a.m., Easter breakfast; 9 a.m., Easter festival worship with communion
Mon.: Office closed; 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.
• 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; 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Mass at St. Rose Church
Fri.: 2 p.m., Living Stations at St. Rose Church; 7 p.m., Good Friday service/Holyland collection at St. Rose Church
Sat.: Noon, Easter food basket blessing at St. Rose Church; 8 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass at St. Rose Church
Sun.: Easter Sunday; Kuzma Cottage collection 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.
• 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 Griepenstroh, 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.

Coping with ringing in your ears

Dear Savvy Senior, Are there any new treatments you know of that can help with constant ear ringing syndrome known as tinnitus? I've had it for years but it's gotten worse the older I get.

Ringin' Louder at 62

Dear Ringin',

Tinnitus is a common condition that affects around 45 million Americans, but is usually more prevalent in the 60-and-older age group.

Here's what you should know along with some tips and treatments that may help.

What is Tinnitus?

Tinnitus (pronounced tin-NIGHT-us or TIN-a-tus) is the sensation of hearing a ringing, buzzing, roaring,

hissing or whistling sound in one or both ears when no external sound is present.

The sounds, which can vary in pitch and loudness, are usually worse when background noise is low, so you may be more aware of it at night when you're trying to fall asleep in a quiet room.

For most people tinnitus is merely annoying, but for many others it can be extremely disturbing.

Tinnitus itself is not a disease, but rather a symptom of some other underlying health condition.

The best way to find out what's causing your tinnitus is to see an audiologist, or an otolaryngologist - a doctor who specializes in ear, nose and throat diseases (commonly called and ENT).

The various things that can cause tinnitus are:

- Age-related and noise-induced hearing loss - this is most common cause.

- Middle ear obstructions, which are usually caused by a build-up of ear-wax deep in the ear canal.

- The side effects of many different prescription and nonprescription medicines like aspirin, ibuprofen, certain blood pressure medicines and diuretics, some antidepressants, cancer medicines and antibiotics.

- Various medical conditions such as high blood pressure, vascular disease, diabetes, allergies, thyroid problems, ear or sinus infections, Meniere's disease, Lyme disease, fibromyalgia, otosclerosis, temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorder, a tumor, an injury to



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Jim Miller

the head or neck, traumatic brain injury, depression, stress and more.

Treating the causes

While there's currently no cure for tinnitus there are some ways to treat it depending on the cause.

For example, if your tinnitus is caused by a wax build-up in your ears or a medical condition (high blood pressure, thyroid problem, etc.), treating the problem may reduce or eliminate the noise.

Or, if you think a medication you're taking may be causing the problem, switching to a different drug, or lowering the dosage may provide some relief.

Other treatments

Another treatment option for tinnitus that can help suppress or mask the sound so its less bothersome are "sound therapies."

These can be as simple as a fan or a white noise machine, or something more sophisticated like a modified-sound or notched-music device like Neuromonics (neuromon-

ics.com) or the Levo System (otoharmonics.com) that actually trains your brain not to hear the tinnitus.

Or, if you have hearing loss, hearing aids can help mask your tinnitus by improving your ability to hear actual sounds.

There are even hearing aids today that come with integrated sound generation technology that delivers white noise or customized sounds to the patient on an ongoing basis. Your audiologist or ENT can help you with these options.

There are also certain medications that may help. While currently there's no FDA approved drugs specifically designed to treat tinnitus, some anti-anxiety drugs and antidepressants have been effective in relieving symptoms. Behavioral therapies, counseling and support groups can also be helpful.

Other things you can do to help quiet the noise is to avoid things that can aggravate the problem like salt, artificial sweeteners, sugar, alcohol, tonic water, tobacco and caffeine. And protect yourself from loud noises by wearing earplugs.

For more information on tinnitus treatment options, visit the American Tinnitus Association at ata.org.

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.

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Riverside Healthcare upgrades 3D breast biopsy technology

Riverside Healthcare recently announced the upgrade and implementation of 3D breast biopsy equipment at the Riverside Breast Center, an advancement made possible in part by a gift from the Ta Ta Trot Organization.

The newly available technology enables patients to stay in the community, instead of traveling as far as Chicago or Peoria for care.

Riverside's current 3D mammography technology allows radiologists to find even the smallest abnormalities in breast tissue. The implementation of this new biopsy

capability makes it possible to sample the area in question and determine if it is an early cancer or another abnormality that needs to be removed.

The 3D biopsy upgrade increases patient convenience and comfort by allowing for comprehensive care locally, reducing wait times to evaluate abnormalities and eliminating the need to travel to an unfamiliar facility for biopsies.

Learn more about Riverside's comprehensive approach to breast health by visiting riversidehealthcare.org/breast-health.

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Public prefers the lies Gubernatorial contest may be most dishonest

I suppose it's too much to expect that we get an honest debate about the need for more state revenues in the already active gubernatorial race. Candidates will be candidates and voters will be voters, after all.

Gov. Bruce Rauner's campaign blasted out an e-mail last week telling supporters that newly announced billionaire Democratic candidate JB Pritzker wants to raise the state income tax to over 5 percent, which, the campaign claimed, would be "Higher than it was under Pat Quinn!"

Nevermind that Rauner himself privately supports raising state taxes to historically high levels. He's OK with a 4.99 percent income tax rate and a 7 percent corporate tax rate. But he also backs a new tax on sugary beverages and a new sales tax on several services. If all that was implemented, the state government would be taxing residents billions of dollars more than it ever has before.

So, apparently, you can only be for the massive tax hikes that Rauner wants. Otherwise, you'll be portrayed as being in House Speaker Michael Madigan's hip pocket.

The Illinois Republican Party obtained audio of Pritzker speaking at a private Democratic event. In one snippet, Pritzker is heard saying: "Let's remind everybody, the tax used to be 5

percent, and [Rauner] let it lapse down to three and three quarters percent. And that's what started a lot of the problems that we've got in the state. So, if you just put it back that's \$5 billion dollars. That doesn't get you everything you need, but it's a good way toward, you know, toward getting real revenue in the state."

The comment was eerily similar to one made by Speaker Madigan in late 2015. "A good place to begin," Madigan said back then, "would be the level we were at before the income tax expired. Starting there, you can go in whatever direction you want to go." Rauner immediately pounced on that comment to claim that Madigan wanted to raise the income tax above 5 percent, even though he never actually said that.

Pritzker's private comments along with a claim that he's in league with Madigan's "plan" were sent to reporters hours before Pritzker's official campaign kickoff.

"I think that we ought to start with the millionaires and billionaires and make sure that they're paying taxes first," Pritzker responded



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when asked, in apparent reference to a graduated income tax or a surcharge on the wealthy, "We're not going to talk about raising taxes on middle class families until we take care of that problem," the *Sun-Times* reported.

But taxation like that would require a constitutional amendment because the state's Constitution mandates a flat income tax. And that means it would require a three-fifths majority in both legislative chambers, and the Republicans (along with some Democrats) have historically resisted a graduated tax. So, forget it.

After Pritzker's press conference, the Republicans released yet another audio snippet of Pritzker admitting the hard truth about a graduated tax: "So let's just talk about this flat income tax, because we're not going to be able to turn it into a millionaire's tax, a fair tax – it's gonna take us three years."

The Republicans used that second snippet to claim that Pritzker wasn't telling the truth to reporters earlier in the day. And their point has merit.

Rauner insists his plan is better because tax hikes are coupled with his reforms. But even his full

package of reforms from back in 2015 would've only slightly moved the economic and budgetary needles, according to his very own analysis that he sent to legislators that year. His reform demands have since been significantly scaled back. And while some of his reforms are undoubtedly needed (particularly workers' comp costs), much of the rest is little more than political window dressing (term limits) and have next to nothing to do with spurring growth.

We are in this hole because our leaders refused to be honest, starting with the 2011 "temporary" tax hike, right through the 2014 campaign, then allowing the tax hike to partially expire and then fighting over who would blink first on raising taxes and accepting "reforms."

And the public prefers the lies. Polls show Illinoisans are convinced somebody else should solve the problem, either millionaires via taxation (which wouldn't raise enough cash) or the faceless bureaucracy via cuts (except for just about every state program under the sun).

Again, I suppose it's too much to ask that candidates and the governor are honest about this stuff. But that means this contest could not only turn out to be the most expensive in Illinois history, it could also be the most dishonest.

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Concoct a Painkiller for what ails you

Membership has its privileges, and once upon a time sailors in both the United States Navy and the British Royal Navy were the recipients of a daily rum ration.

The United States Navy began the daily rum ration in 1794 and continued the tradition until 1862, eventually going completely "dry" at sea in 1914 under General Order #99.

Across the pond, the Royal Navy kept the daily rum ration in place until 1970. By that time naval ships and weaponry were becoming more technologically advanced and perhaps it wasn't the best idea to feed the sailors rum for lunch every day at sea.

By the way, the Royal New Zealand Navy kept the dream alive for 20 more years, officially ending the rum ration on the final day of February of 1990.

If you have researched rum online, or if you take the occasional stroll down the rum aisle at your local spirits retailer, you have probably come across Pusser's British Navy Rum.

British Navy rum? Wait a minute, is this clever marketing? Or is this the actual rum recipe used in the daily Royal Navy rum ration?

As it turns out, Pusser's is the real deal. The original Admiralty recipe is a delicious blend of five West Indian rums, without coloring.

The name "Pusser" is slang for a purser, or a supply/logistics officer. Items



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Brian Rung

supplied by the Royal Navy, including rum, were known as "pusser's issued" items. So, the terms purser and pusser are used interchangeably when referring to a ship's supply officer.

Proceeds from the sale of Pusser's Rum have benefited the Royal Navy Sailors Fund since the brand launched in 1970's. The ongoing charitable contributions are part of an agreement that began when the Admiralty granted Pusser's the right to produce original specification Navy rum.

The Royal Navy has a signature rum, and that rum has a signature cocktail. The Pusser's Rum signature cocktail is the Painkiller, also known as Pusser's Painkiller.

The Painkiller is on a short list of trademarked cocktails meaning that the company, Pusser's Rum Ltd, holds the rights to the cocktail.

Legally speaking, Pusser's Rum must be used if the Painkiller is on the menu at your establishment. If you don't use Pusser's, it's

not a Painkiller.

Both the rum and the cocktail are rich in sailing history, but you can't drink stories. Bottom line, is the drink delicious?

As a matter of fact, it is. As is the case with many tropical drinks it could be a little too delicious given the high rum content.

The Painkiller has become a tiki staple and can be made with either two, three or four ounces of rum. Four ounces may be a bit heavy, that's your call, but the official recipe states that the Painkiller must contain at least two ounces of Pusser's Rum.

Aside from a delicious rum base, the cocktail uses a mix of tried and true tiki ingredients: cream of coconut, pineapple juice, orange juice, and grated nutmeg.

If you are new tiki cocktails, you must get acquainted with cream of coconut. This essential cocktail ingredient is the key to several tropical drinks, including the Pina Colada.

There is one name that you need to know when shopping for cream of coconut, and that's Coco Lopez. Avoid the stuff in the white squeeze bottle, you owe it to yourself, your guests, and the cocktail to use original Coco Lopez Cream of Coconut.

Fresh squeezed juice is always best for cocktail applications, but in the interest of prep time and convenience I use Dole unsweetened pineapple



juice (buy the six ounce cans) and Tropicana orange juice. Make sure that both are 100 percent juice, not from concentrate.

Grated nutmeg is also a tiki staple and is used in many Caribbean rum punches. Fresh grated is best, but I keep the small bottle of McCormick ground nutmeg in my bar and it does the trick.

The Painkiller is built in a shaker and traditionally served in large, goblet-styled glassware.

Fill shaker with ice.

Add 2 oz Pusser's Rum.

Add 4 oz pineapple juice.

Add 1 oz Coco Lopez cream of coconut.

Add 1 oz orange juice.

Shake and strain into ice-filled glass.

Garnish with grated nutmeg.

Until next week, enjoy responsibly.

Prairie Kicks on Route 66 during Red Carpet

Get your "Prairie Kicks on Route 66" at the U.S. Forest Service's Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as part of the Red Carpet Corridor Days.

A free shuttle bus will operate between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., from downtown Wilmington and Elwood to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Iron Bridge Trailhead.

The bus will depart from the north end of Water Street in Wilmington, and 401 E. Mississippi Ave. in Elwood.

Participants will come together at 4 p.m. at the Iron Bridge Trailhead Prairie to celebrate life along Route 66 - past, present and future - with a public broadcasting of seeds of little bluestem.

Special Guests Smokey Bear and

Woodsy Owl will be available for photo.

There will be displays by nature based organizations, partnerships and agencies to enjoy, explore and learn about.

There will be demonstrations by local artisans wildlife artist Ray Koehler Jr. and Spinner Kathy Tovey.

Walks

Midewin volunteers will lead 30-minute nature walks and history walks. All walks will leave from the Ranger Trailer.

• Nature walks will be held at 11 a.m., and 1 and 3 p.m. Midewin volunteer Janine Catchpole will guide prairie enthusiasts through the emerging buds and blooms that are expected to be sprouting soon just footsteps off of old historic Route 66 including Golden Alexanders, Spring Beauties and

Shooting Stars.

These, and more, have popped up on this land every spring, even hundreds of years before there was a Route 66. Participants will learn about the importance of today's non-native plant removal initiatives to protect and improve habitat for native flowers and pollinators.

• History walks will be at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Drift back in time some 150 years on a Midewin Heritage Walk. Learn what life was like along Route 66 during its heyday. Participants will learn a bit about early settlers who lived along the road that became Route 66.

The History walks will be guided by Midewin volunteer Lorin Schab, who is also the Midewin Heritage Association President.

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We could still come up short in global warming

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that the Paris climate accord as it stands won't be enough to stave off cataclysmic global warming anyway, even if the U.S. and the other participating countries honor their commitments?

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To date, 197 countries have signed onto 2015's landmark Paris climate accord ("The Paris Agreement"), which aims to limit global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by 2100 through voluntary emissions reduction plans.

But skeptics argue that even if all participating countries follow through with their promised cuts, we may still come up short in leveling off global warming as needed.

Researchers working on the Climate Action Tracker, a tool used to monitor climate action and global efforts to meet Paris Agreement goals,



found that with current and planned emissions reduction policies, we are on track to hold the global mean temperature down to approximately 2.8 C above pre-industrial levels by 2100 - not the 2 C environmental leaders are hoping we can achieve.

For some context, the current global average mean temperature hovers around 1 C above pre-industrial levels, but climatologists expect the warming to accelerate as a result of a century's worth of carbon dioxide (CO2) built up in the atmosphere.

If we keep up our current pace of emissions up without any checks, climate models suggest the global average mean temperature

will rise about 3.6 C by 2100. Meanwhile, others think we are even further from achieving our goals. Blogger and Skeptical Environmentalist author Bjorn Lomborg calculates that, even if each of the Paris signatories keeps its emissions reduction promises, we can only expect a negligible reduction in global mean temperature, that is, only 0.17 C lower by 2100, but still well above what climatologists consider safe and sustainable.

"Paris is being sold as the summit where we can help 'heal the planet' and 'save the world,'" says Lomborg. "It is no such thing."

What such negative extrapolations don't factor in is that the Paris Agreement leaves room for participating nations to adjust their emissions reduction goals moving forward.

Indeed, setting more ambitious targets mid-stream is baked into the agreement. Negotiators figure that improving technologies and the reduced cost of renewables in the coming years will help drive down emissions more than

we can count on at this point, and getting more nations on-board now is the top priority.

To wit, the U.S. has promised "deep, economy-wide emission reductions of 80 percent or more by 2050" while the European Union has likewise pledged to slash its own emissions by 80 to 95 percent of 1990 levels by 2050.

But are such lofty goals achievable? Stockholm University's Johan Rockström thinks so, but only if we're careful how we get there. Lead author on a recent paper on the topic in Science Magazine, Rockström argues that we need to cut greenhouse gas emissions from utilities and industry around the world in half every decade until 2050 while also cutting out net greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture and deforestation altogether. Meanwhile, we'll have to significantly scale up efforts to sequester CO2.

According to Rockström, if we can remove five gigatons of CO2 from the atmosphere every year until 2050-almost double what the world's trees and soils already do naturally-we



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THE MELTING of the ice sheets around Ilulissat, Greenland and elsewhere in the Arctic is accelerating thanks to global warming.

might be able to get in striking distance of the 2 C goal.

CONTACTS: Bjorn Lomborg's "Impact of Current Climate Proposals," onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1758-5899.12295/full; Climate Action Tracker, www.climateactiontracker.org; "A Roadmap for Rapid Decarbonisation,"

<http://science.sciencemag.org/content/355/6331/1269.full>.

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Nationwide gas prices increase this week

Average retail gasoline prices in Illinois have risen 8.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.52 per gallon on Sunday, April 9, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,378 gas outlets in Illinois.

This compares with the national average that has increased 5.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.39 per gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Illinois during the past week, prices on Sunday were 45.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 17.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 9.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 34.6 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"With all but two states seeing average gasoline prices rise over the last week, the jump at the pump has continued," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum

analyst for GasBuddy.com.

"Over half of the nation's 50 states saw prices rise by more than a nickel in the last week while five saw a jump of double digits. While the continued increases are completely seasonal in nature, it's not any easier for motorists to digest.

"Oil now stands \$5 per barrel higher than just a few weeks ago and are the main culprit for rising gasoline prices. Many areas are also nearing completion of the transition to summer gasoline, and with it comes a complex list of various summer blends of gasoline that cause us to pay more each and every spring.

"In addition, with the situation in Syria, there is a rising risk of more heat between some of the world's largest oil producers, causing concern in oil markets which could be a slight contribution to higher prices," DeHaan added.

For live fuel price averages, visit FuellInsights.GasBuddy.com.

Senator: Illinois debt closer to \$66,000 per person

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Illinois recently passed a milestone. The state's backlog of unpaid bills topped \$12.8 billion, enough to put every man, woman, and child on the hook for \$1,000 in debt. But one state lawmaker says Illinois is in far worse shape than that.

There are just under 13 million people in the state, and Illinois has about \$13 billion in unpaid bills.

Simple math breaks that down to \$1,000 per-person in the state. But State Senator Chuck Weaver said that's only calculating the unpaid bills.

"Take that \$1,000 per man, woman, and child and then add to that Illinois' unfunded pensions of about \$130 billion," Weaver explained. "The debt is about 10 times that number," or closer to \$11,000 per person.

Weaver says when you do the rest of the math, the burden on taxpayers

gets even larger.

"That \$11 thousand includes children. So if you take a family of three, you get \$33,000. But you have to add to that the fact that half the people in the state don't pay income taxes," Weaver said. "Now you're up to \$66,000 for the half the state that pays income taxes."

He says that's a lot of debt for Illinois taxpayers. And that doesn't even get to what they're on the hook for locally.

JJC scholarship applications due by May 1

Joliet Junior College students interested in applying for scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year have until Monday, May 1, to complete their online application.

To apply, students can visit www.jjc.edu/scholarships, register with their JJC student ID, review what scholarships they are eligible for and then complete their application.

Scholarships are started by donors and are a resource that is not repaid. They are awarded for various reasons such as academic standing, leadership, specialized talents, ethnic origin or financial need. Scholarships are available whether just beginning JJC studies or are near graduation.

Scholarships have varied criteria and many of the scholarships are "need based" and require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit

bwww.jjc.edu/financial-aid.

• When applying, students must meet all criteria for each scholarship to be considered.

• Scholarships will be awarded annually, starting in the fall semester and must be used during the academic year for which they are awarded.

Undocumented students should contact JJC's Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) for assistance with completion of their personal financial statement. Visit OMSA in room A-1107 or call 815-280-2829.

Those who have received a scholarship check from an external donor outside of Joliet Junior College should bring the scholarship check to Kerry Joutas, Scholarship Specialist, Main Campus: A - 3027.

For more information call 815-280-2721 or email kejouta@jjc.edu.

Tax Day trivia

With Tax Day just over a week away, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its Tax Day 2017 By The Numbers report which features an infographic filled with fun facts about tax season as well as insights from a panel of leading tax experts.

Find a handful of highlights below, followed by additional taxpayer resources from WalletHub.

- The cost for the IRS to collect \$100 in federal revenue is 35 cents.
- One in five people would get an "IRS" tattoo for a tax-free future.
- Total time Americans spend on their taxes each year is six billion hours.
- The average wait time when calling the IRS in 2016 (42 percent less than in 2015) is 17.8 minutes.
- Seventy percent of filers get a federal tax refund, \$2,897 on average.

Low cost animal clinic set for April 15

Hopeful Tails Animal Rescue will host a low cost shot clinic on Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to noon.

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Schedule an appointment by emailing hopeful-tails.shotclinic@gmail.com.

Hopeful Tails Animal Rescue is located at 2303 Oak Leaf St., Joliet.

Music teachers to meet April 21

The Joliet Area Music Teachers Association will meet Friday, April 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the University of St. Francis in the Moser Performing Arts Center, Sexton Auditorium.

Dr. Eric Sutz will begin his presentation on classical improvisation at 10 a.m.

Sutz is an eminent Chicago-area musician and musical instructor. He is a pianist, guitarist, choir director, conductor of orchestra and band, and musical instructor with many years of experience in developing improvisational skills.

He will share the licks used by all classical composers to improvise over a set of basic chord changes. His steps to improvise will be outlined on handouts. Audience participation will be encouraged so bring your collection of sonatas and sonatinas to share.

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT Mazon-2BR, off street parking, appliances included, \$675/mo., cc 13a-16b Coal City: beautiful, newer large 1 BR, A/C, appliances, \$625 to \$650/mo. 815-744-1708. cc7a-18b	APARTMENTS FOR RENT Coal City, newer 2 BR, 1 BA, eat in kitchen, gas heat, CA, laundry facility, pet friendly, ample parking, close to schools and park, \$780 to \$805/mo., 815-634-4244. See pictures at www.apm4rent.com. ch 48b-tfn	APARTMENTS FOR RENT Wilmington, 2nd floor, efficiency/studio, \$475 mo plus security, plus utilities, no pets, no smoking, 815-768-5020 text or call. cc 15b-19a Diamond, 2BR, 1BA, appliances furnished, move in ready, off street parking, reasonable utilities, references and deposit required, no pets, call 815-634-8677. ca 12a-15b	APARTMENTS FOR RENT Wilmington - single studio, country setting, quiet, clean, fully furnished, all utilities, TV and cable included, no pets, no smoking. \$225/ week, security deposit. 815-476-2005. ca 15b-20a Braidwood, 1 & 2 BR, apartments available, security, lease, no pets, no smoking, credit check and application fee, call 708-692-1330. cc 14a-17b
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HELP WANTED Area No. 1 Outdoor Club, I-55 West Frontage Rd., north of Rt. 113 is seeking lifeguards and a head guard for the summer 2017 season. For more information about these positions visit www.areano1outdoorclub.net ch Driver: New Sign-On Bonus for 2017! Dedicated Out & Back Tanker Runs. Frequent Hometown. Excellent Benefits. Paid Orientation/Training. Must have CDL-A w/ Hazmat. 23 yrs, 12 mos. exp. Call 888-569-4858. cc	HELP WANTED Grass Cutters/ Landscapers Needed! (Will - Kankakee County Area) The season is here! Must have a valid driver's license; with a clean record. This full time plus position will be open to all levels of experience, must be willing to learning how to operate commercial lawn equipment. Perfect candidate will be able to work with limited supervision, be on time daily, and able to learn running a crew. Experience with various types of construction tasks and equipment maintenance is a plus! Apply in person @ 1095 S. Water St. Suite 211, Wilmington. cc15a-18b Kellie Marie Salon is now hiring a hairstylist and/or Nail tech 2615 E. Division St, Diamond or 815-518-5046. cc15a-18b
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ELDER CARE PROVIDERS Professional Care Giver does in-home care. Call 815-614-8140 cc14a-17b
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ESTATE SALES 50+ year Estate Garage Sale, 1108 Harmony Ave, Mazon, IL. Fri., April 14th and Sat., April 15th, 8-4pm. For information and photos visit: www.midthermo.com. Antiques, collectibles, advertising, Grundy County History, tools, fishing lures, jewelry, racing collectibles. Rain date: Sat., April 22nd and Sun., April 23rd. ch15a-15b

FOR FREE Free for the hauling, horse manure, Wilmington area, call 815-931-0098. fr 12b-16a

GARAGE SALE Moving Sale: 1490 Widows Road, Wilmington, Wed., April 12th, 2-6pm; Thurs., April 13th & Fri., April 14th, 9-5pm. Couch & chair, coffee tables, end tables, lamps & paintings (Oliver), tools and too much to list. ca15a-b

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES Independent Contractor needed to deliver the Daily Journal in Wilmington, Braidwood & Gardner. If interested call Larry at 815-937-5137. cc13a-16b

DUPLEX FOR RENT 3 Bedroom Duplex ranch style, only 2 units per building. 1/2 mile from I-55 (Diamond). Attached garage, large backyard. oak cabinets, concrete drive, w/d hook-up. All maintenance included. Available June 1, \$945 per month plus sewer and water. No smoking or pets & year lease. Call 815-634-2755. 10a-19b
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Diamond-2 BR duplex, 1 car garage, appliances, no pets, 2380 Peachtree Ln., \$850 mo. Call Frank, 219-671-0308. cc 14a-17b
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CoalCity-3 BR, 2 BA duplex, ranch style, 1 car garage, stove, fridge, C/A, W/D hookup, no pets, security deposit, credit check, \$950/mo. Call 815-634-8055. ca 15b-19a

Wilmington, 218 Hintze Rd, Thurs., Fri, Sat., April 20, 21, 22, (half price/half day Sat), 8am-4pm, many power tools, cast iron cookware, 30" almond gas stove, tennis equip., much misc., 5 hp heavy duty roto tiller, 15 gal. pull behind lawn sprayer, don't miss. ca
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Wilmington, 120 N. Kankakee St., Fri. and Sat., April 14 & 15, 9am-2pm, a lot of new and used merchandise, huge sale, great deals. cc 15b

Elwood Raceway Pizza Drivers, Cooks and Kitchen help needed, responsible and reliable, days, nights and weekends. Full-time and/or part-time. Apply within 109 E. Gardner St., Elwood. cc12b-16a

Experienced Collision Repair Technician needed full time. Randazzo's Gallery Collision Center in Bradley is looking for an experienced technician to join our team. We are Kankakee and Iroquois County's only Factory Certified Collision Repair Shop, with Honda, Nissan, Hyundai, GM and F.C.A. We are an I-Car Gold Shop and our technicians are I-Car platinum certified. Our extensive list of equipment includes GYS S.T.R.S welders, GYS steel and aluminum pulse MIG welders along with Silicon bronze welding. We have 2 frame and uni-body racks along with KJ computerized measuring and a Garmat Down Draft Baking spray booth. We offer flat rate pay along with paid vacations, holidays, benefits and ongoing training. If interested please email us at randazzosgallery@com cast.net or send you resume to 385 E. North St. Bradley, IL 60915.

Maintenance / Handyman Needed (Will - Kankakee County Area) Maintenance Tech needed to provide maintenance on properties. Must have a valid driver's license; with a clean record. Must be able to perform light plumbing: leak detection, sump pump repair/replacement, Roofing: shingle repair/replacement, Siding, Gutter, Soffit, Fascia repair/replacement, Re-glaze windows, Install doors, and perform drywall repairs. Must have own basic tools. Look forward to talking with you. Apply in person @ 1095 S Water St Suite 211, Wilmington // www.5starproper-typreservation.net cc15a-18b

Experienced cook needed, starting at \$11-13 hr, 25 hrs. plus per week. Apply in person Vinos Bar and Grill, 120 Depot St., Gardner. cc 14a-15b
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General labor needed, must be able to pass background check, drug test and have valid driver's license. Call 815-634-0150. ca
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Genuine Pool Care in Coal City is hiring service techs for upcoming pool season. Hours during operating season are full time plus. To set up an interview call Jim at 815-474-7931. ca

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CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Needed: experienced CDL-A driver for MORNING, local mail delivery, extensive background check, O.L. Thompson Transport Svc. Inc., call 815-726-2569. cc 8a-15b

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Offering CNA classes, days, evenings and weekends. CNA Instructors needed, Home health nurses needed. Call for class dates, 630-771-1162. cc 5a-16b

Part time fryer/cook, apply at Nelly's, 140 Bridge St., Wilmington. ca 12b-16a

Pizza Hut is hiring delivery drivers. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, proper insurance and good driving record. www.jobs.pizzahut.com ch15a-16b

Servers and delivery drivers needed at La Piazzia, 435 W. Division, Coal City. Apply in person. ch 11a-18b

VACANCY NOTICE Coal City Community Unit School District #1 is accepting applications for a full time custodian. This position will require skills in cleaning and maintaining commercial buildings. Salary determined as per the Custodial Negotiated Agreement. Interested candidates may pick up an application at the Administrative Office, 100 S. Baima St., Coal City. Support staff applications are also available on the district website at www.coalcity.k12.il.us. Application deadline is Friday, April 14. EOE ch 15a-b

Waitresses, cashiers, housekeeping, cooks and handyman needed, apply in person at Mobil Truck Stop, 155 at Lorenz Rd. Wilmington or call 815-476-4271 after 3pm. 15b-19a

HOMES FOR RENT

3 BR ranch in Wilmington, LR, FR, utility room, large kitchen, 2 BA, 2 car garage, no pets, no smoking, references and security deposit req., \$1,250 mo., call 815-476-6641. cc 15b-17a

1910 Wabash, Wilmington, 3 BR, 2 car garage, no smoking, no pets, \$1,050/month, 815-476-6816. ck12a-15b

Braidwood: 2 BR, 1 BA. Large corner lot, C/A, covered deck, large living rm, dining rm and kitchen with stove & refrigerator, W/D, storage shed, mobile home, 495 W. 6th St. at Division St. (Rt. 113), \$750, first, last, security, credit check 815-476-6462 by appointment only cc14a-17b

Coal City 190 E. First St., 3BR, 1 1/2 BA house with 2.5 detached garage. Lg. yard w/ deck, all appliances inc., \$1150/mo + utilities. no pets, no smoking, 1 yr. lease, 708-265-1158. cc 15b-19a

Gardner-Lg. lot, 3 BR, 1 BA, water, sewer, garbage pickup included, \$700/mo. + \$700 deposit. Available beginning of May. call 815-277-6018, text anytime, calls preferred after 5pm. cc 14b-18a

HOMES FOR RENT

Clean and cute, 2 BR, 1 BA, 2 story house in Wilmington, CA, laundry, small yard, first and security, \$800, call 480-286-1518. ca 14b-17a

Morris-Channahon, 2 BR, 1 BA, 2 car garage, partial fenced yard, stove, fridge, C/A, W/D, large shaded yard, 5245 Sandridge Rd., \$875, 1st, last, sec. credit check. Call 815-476-6462 by appointment only. cc14a-17b

South Wilmington small bungalow house, 650 Elm St., appliances, CA, utility shed, no smoking, no pets, \$750 mo. plus security, call 815-237-8429. cc 14b-16a

Wilmington, 28340 Elm St, 2 BR, 2 BA, 2 1/2 car garage, 2 story, 4 porches, remodeled 2 yrs. ago, kitchen appliances, laundry room, Phelan Acres on river, \$1,300/mo. call 815-423-5255. cc14a-17b

Wilmington: 3 BR, 1 BA, huge detached garage, large yard, full basement, w/d and appliances all fairly new, \$1,400/mo plus sec. deposit. 815-954-8177 ch13a-16b

HOMES FOR SALE

Coal City, New Construction, 3 BR, 2 BA, 1600 sq. ft., 150 Robin Ct., local builder, call Clubb Construction, 815-634-2544. ch 14b-18a

Diamond: 1050 Crystal Lane. Beautiful, furnished, 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA home for sale, \$289,900, call Bill 815-514-5278. cc14a-17b.

Wilmington: 25732 Cottage Rd., FSBO, owned land on Kankakee River, 2,475 sq. ft., 3 BR, 2 BA, \$425,000, 815-476-9936. cc14a-17b

LOST & FOUND

Have you found a lost pet or lost a pet in Will County? Please call Will County Animal Control. We may have your pet. We want to reunite your family, 815-462-5633. fr/tfn

LOTS FOR SALE

Wooded 3/4 acre lot in Deer Ridge Park for sale by owner. 32831 Nikki Lane, Wilmington. Reed Custer schools. \$34,000. 815-922-7622. cc14b-18a

MISCELLANEOUS

Essex Lions Club Community Building for rent, seats 275 people, kitchen and bar available, call Phil at 815-405-5020 or Nancy at 815-365-2823. cc

Hall Rental

Available for parties, showers & meetings. Seats 100 people, full kitchen available. If interested call New Hope Presbyterian Church in Coal City, 815-634-8332. ca 9b-17a

Passport/Foid Photos

We take color photographs for passports, gun owners' cards (FOID), plumber cards, ID's and more. \$8 each for FOID or Passport (2 pics) for \$10. Taken throughout the week, ready the following Monday. Please do not wear white or very pale colors. Call 815-476-7966 or stop by the Free Press office, 111 S. Water St., Wilmington. tfn/47b

SHOP YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

MISCELLANEOUS

Used riding lawn mowers & \$60 push mowers. Call Rodney 815-214-8003. cc13a-28b

Honor your veteran or Joliet Arsenal worker with a memorial stone at the Island City Memorial. Cost is \$100. Call Bert Niehls at 815-560-1039. fr tfn

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

Open House April 22-23 & April 29-30, 1-5 p.m. Woodsmoke Ranch, 2795 E. 28th Rd., Seneca, Woodsmoke Lot 281. Sleeps 7, lg. screenroom, walking distance to pool 1, laundry & restaurant, \$20,000, 815-386-7425. cc 14a-17b

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY - MORRIS, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK N.A. IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2005-WMC1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Plaintiff, -v- KRISTIN B. OLSEN, DAMEN H. OLSEN Defendant 16 CH 73 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 17, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 9:00 AM on May 18, 2017, at the Grundy County Courthouse, 111 East Washington Street front door entrance, MORRIS, IL, 60450, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 121 W. HIGH STREET, Morris, IL 60450 Property Index No. 05-04-277-003. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$151,810.27. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003 Please refer to file number C16-34051. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 263-0003 E-Mail: ipledings@potes-tivolaw.com Attorney File No. C16-34051 Case Number: 16 CH 73 TJSC#: 37-1786 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Published in the Free Press Newspaper on April 5, 12, & 19, 2017

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF 163 W. Bodine Drive, Braidwood, IL 60408 (Single Residential Home). On the 27th day of April, 2017 to be held at 12:00 noon, at

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ceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by sub-divisions (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 5/15-1507(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 sub-divisions (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. For Information Please Contact: Malmquist, Geiger & Durkee LLC 415 Liberty Street Morris, IL 60450 P: 815-942-5072 F: 815-942-5073 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. Published in the Free Press Newspapers on April 5, 12 & 19, 2017

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF 149-150 Fossil Lake Court, Wilmington, IL 60481 (Single Family Home). On the 4th day of May, 2017 to be held at 12:00 noon, at the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, under Case Title: Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff V. Renee E. Tucker, et al. Defendant. Case No. 16 CH 1467 in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois. Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF 163 W. Bodine Drive, Braidwood, IL 60408 (Single Residential Home). On the 27th day of April, 2017 to be held at 12:00 noon, at

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the Will County Courthouse Annex, 57 N. Ottawa Street, Room 201, Joliet, IL 60432, under Case Title: First Community Financial Bank, F/K/A and as assignee of Mazon State Bank Plaintiff V. Scott Fitzwater; Angela Fitzwater; Unknown Owners; Non-Record Claimants Defendant. Case No. 16 CH 1451 in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois. Terms of Sale: ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Will County. In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by sub-divisions (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. For Information Please Contact: Coditis & Associates, P.C. 15W030 N. Frontage Road Suite 100 Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527 P: 630-794-5300 F: 630-794-9090 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. Published in the Free Press Newspapers on April 12, 19 & 26, 2017

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