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Wilmington Park District starts new recycling effort

BY MARNEY SIMON
EDITOR

The Wilmington Park District is upping its recycling game, turning old plastic bags and wrap into usable benches for to use throughout the district.

Executive Director Kirsten Van Duyne told the board of commissioners about plans for the new program during the board's monthly meeting on Sept. 23.

Van Duyne called the new effort the "bags to benches" program. The district will collect thin plastic waste, including grocery bags, plastic storage bags, and plastic wrap for home-goods including toilet paper, paper towels and water bottles.

For every 500 pounds collected,

the district can have that plastic waste melted and repurposed into plastic benches.

"Every 500 pounds we get a new bench," she said, adding that the program comes at no cost to the district.

The plastic waste needs to be clean before it is dropped off.

The district will start collection bins at the Water Street Fitness facility as well as at the library.

"I thought this was a great way to conserve and save the earth, and we get benches out of it at the same time for no cost," the director said.

In other business before the board on Sept. 23:

- Commissioners began discussions on making a change in their legal representation.

"The [attorney] we have now is out of Lansing, and it's just hard for them to get here," Van Duyne told the board.

Van Duyne said so far she has met with one potential law firm from Joliet to find out what services would be available, and plans to reach out to a second firm based in Bolingbrook.

Board members said one area where they'd like to see a new attorney participate is during regular board meetings.

"We have not had our attorney here during most all of our board meetings," board president Randy Hill said. "It just costs too much for [the current attorney] to drive all the way out and participate start to finish. If we really don't have any legal

issues, why pay the attorney. But, I would like to see when we go into this, we have them on some sort of retainer which includes they be at least a percentage [present at meetings]. I just don't want to see us pay for an attorney at every meeting every month, when we could have them on a retainer with a percentage for meetings."

The board plans to meet with representatives from prospective new firms in October.

• Van Duyne reported that the district's collaboration with the Wilmington Public Library District is going well.

"We have started our Kids Club Programming and daytime programming collaboration with the library, so we have their youth program

director coming over here and doing some things like toddler time, and also working with the Kids Club and the Kids Club staff for activities for after school," Van Duyne said.

Van Duyne said attendance for toddler time has been steadily increasing each week.

- The park board unanimously appointed Katie Francis to one of the board's two vacant seats. The park board lost two commissioners this year, first when no one ran in the April election for the second available seat, and the second when former commissioner Chad Kavanaugh resigned to move out of state.

- The board approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$32,559.

Welcome Home, Wildcats!

Homecoming traditions return to Wilmington 209-U



Photos by Marney Simon

A ROYAL WAVE — Homecoming King Tysen Meents waves to the crowd as Homecoming Queen Neve Van Duyne and the rest of the Homecoming Court looks on. This year's theme was "to the moon."



FUTURE CHEER SQUAD — The Wildcat Cheerleaders get a sideline cheer for themselves from some hopefuls for the competitive squad during the Homecoming Parade on Friday afternoon.



STUDENTS AND PARENTS from Wilmington School District 209-U lined up all along Wildcat Court, Kahler Road, and Kankakee Street to cheer on the Wildcats during this year's Homecoming Parade.



LOLA VICAT from France is spending her senior year studying at Wilmington High School. She is a member of the Spiritline.

Studying 4,400 miles from home

BY ELLA COOPER
WHS STUDENT REPORTER

In Varacieux, France a little over a year ago, Lola Vicat was scrolling through a popular social media site, TikTok. She came across a creator who was a foreign exchange student which peaked Vicat's interest. She looked on the page and saw thousands of other kids studying all over the

world. That's when she decided she wanted to do the same thing too.

Vicat, 18, is completing her senior year here at Wilmington High School, over 4,428 miles away from her home town. Back home, she has an older sister, three younger sisters and a little

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COVID-19 cases decline in Will County

STAFF REPORT

New cases of novel coronavirus are slowly on the decline in Will County.

As of the start of this week, the Will County Health Department is reporting that 56% of the county's residents are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, with a test positivity seven day rolling average at 3.6%.

Infections are beginning to slow across the region. The health department's

reporting on new infections lags by three weeks. But with that in mind, the department shows that among school age children, for the week of Sept. 13 (reported on Sept. 20), the county reported six new infections in Wilmington, and zero

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Lola

brother. Her father is an electrician and her mother is a secretary for the same company.

Vicat has become a valued member of the WHS Spiritline since her arrival. She was a seasoned dancer in France, but cheerleading isn't an offered extracurricular where she is from, so she leapt at the chance and has since fallen in love with it.

Cheer is one of Vicat's favorite things here in America, but her host family is

the best part. She is living with the Bradley-Orr family and has grown extremely close with her roommate, Grace Orr, 16, another member of the student body at WHS.

Spending the school year in Wilmington has so far come with cultural changes. She is very good at communicating in English and Spanish and has been learning all throughout Middle School and High School.

But, even with great communication she struggles with certain American customs. Where she is from, meals are strictly scheduled, you eat with your whole family at the same time every meal. As

opposed to here where it is totally normal to grab leftovers and eat them on the couch.

Vicat, also mentioned that being here she has had many people ask her about French stereotypes, students have asked her if people in France really wear berets all the time. Vicat has made it very clear that they are common but not worn all the time by everyone.

When asked how the schools were different Vicat said, "School is just like the movies here. In Varacieux we don't have pep rallies, school dances, or sports through the school. Every club or sport is

outside of campus. But what really shocked me was how everyone really are true to themselves. Where I am from no one expresses themselves they all just follow one-another."

After Vicat finishes her school year here, she plans on heading back to France and going to college to pursue a degree in Tourism. She'll stay in France for two years then proceed to travel all over Europe for her last two years.

WHS is happy to host this wonderful student, and excited to see what great things she will accomplish here and in the future.

Braidwood man accused in attempted child abduction

STAFF REPORT

A Braidwood man is being held in the Will County Adult Detention Center on \$1.2 million bond, after allegedly trying to lure a teenager into his car.



SCHARGORODSKY

The Braidwood Police Department reported that on Thursday, Sept. 30, a 15-year-old female reported to police that she had been approached by a male in a gray vehicle while walking in the 300 block of East Main Street, shortly before 8 a.m.

The teen told the police that the man verbally tried to coax her into his vehicle.

According to the Braidwood Police Department, Anthony Schargorodsky, 42, of the 900 block of Jordan Avenue in Braidwood was quickly identified as the suspect.

"We immediately identified the subject as Anthony Schargorodsky, who is a registered sex offender," the BPD noted in a press release.

The press release noted that the report was not made until more than seven hours after the incident happened.

After the report was made, Schargorodsky was apprehended in Joliet by the Joliet Police Department.

Schargorodsky was charged on eight separate counts after the arrest, including two felony counts of child abduction/luring a victim under the age of 17, criminal trespassing, fleeing the police, and residential burglary, as well as misde-

meanor counts of theft, criminal damage to property, and violating an order of protection.

Per the state's criminal code, a person commits the offense of child abduction if they intentionally lure or attempt to lure a child under age 17.

Schargorodsky was arrested in December of 2020 by the Braidwood Police Department and indicted for violating the sex offender registry and failure to report annually as a sex offender. His last court appearance on those charges was Aug. 23, with pretrial scheduled this week.

Schargorodsky's next court date on the child abduction related charges is scheduled for Oct. 22.

The Braidwood Police Department also urged parents to talk to their children about this type of dangerous situation, and to encourage them to tell an adult and/or report the incident to the police immediately.

Covid

in Braidwood.

The total number of school aged children with new cases of COVID-19 throughout Will County was 262 as of Sept. 20. That is a steady decline of cases over the month of September, where there were 318 county-wide cases of school aged children as of Sept. 13, and 384 as of Sept. 6.

As of Sept. 20, there were 26 total new cases of COVID-19 in Wilmington, and 10 new cases in Braidwood. The Will County Health Department only provides information on new cases, not on total active cases.

Meanwhile, the Will County Health Department has followed suit with the Illinois Department of Public Health, adopting the Centers

for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for a booster shot of Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in certain populations and a booster dose for those in high risk occupational and institutional settings.

The CDC recommends the booster at least six months after completing the two-shot Pfizer series for people aged 65 and older, residents aged 18 years and older in long-term care settings, and for those 18 and older with underlying medical conditions or who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting.

Those medical conditions that qualify people for a booster dose include cancer, chronic kidney disease, moderate to severe asthma, cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, COPD, dementia or

other neurological conditions, diabetes type 1 or 2, Down syndrome, heart disease, HIV, immunocompromised state, liver disease, obesity, pregnant and recently pregnant, sickle cell disease, smoking and tobacco use, transplant recipients, stroke, and substance abuse disorders.

At this time, boosters have not been approved for Moderna or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19.

The Will County Health Department is also planning for the expansion of the COVID-19 vaccination campaign efforts to include the 5-11-year-old age group.

The county is seeking feedback from Will County parents and guardians regarding their plans for vaccinating their 5-11-year-old children.

Feedback can be submitted online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/PRNTYKQ.

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Attorney Black files Tadey estate claim notice

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No. 2021 P 814

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RAYNICE TADEY, DECEASED

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of Raynice Tadey. Letters of office as Independent Executor were issued to Angela Wilkerson, 17009 88 Court, Orland Hills, Illinois 60487, whose attorney is TIMOTHY J. BLACK, BLACK & BLACK, 201 Liberty Street, Suite 211, Morris, Illinois 60450.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Will County Courthouse, 100 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432, with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or, if mailing or delivery of a notice is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Library to hold Oakwood Cemetery walk

Come out and learn some local history with John Persic, Jr. from the Wilmington Historical Society, in conjunction with the Wilmington Public Library District for a historical walk through Oakwood Cemetery on Saturday, October 17, 2021 at 1 p.m.

Space is limited, so call the Wilmington Library at 815-476-2834 to reserve a spot. Participants will meet at Memorial Park at Vine and Williams Streets the day of the event. For more information, please feel free to contact the library.

Attorney Lynch files Harkins 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 JOHN E. HARKINS, Deceased; No. 21 P 726

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of John E. Harkins. Letters of Office were issued to Sandra L. Harkins whose address is 730 South Weber Road., Unit 908, Romeoville, Illinois 60446 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 22nd day of March, 2022 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 John E. Harkins, Deceased

BY: Jennifer M. Lynch
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Attorney Fisher files Frese 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 Mark L. Frese, Deceased. Case No.: 21 P 809.

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Mark L. Frese of Carbon Hill, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 20, 2021, to Jessica E. Taylor as Independent Administrator.

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, 100 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication date of this Notice, which is on or before March 22, 2022, or if mailing or delivery of this notice from the personal representative is required by Sec. 18.3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Dated: September 20, 2021.
Jessica E. Taylor, Independent Administrator

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Class of 1961 plans reunion

After skipping a year due to the pandemic, the Wilmington High class of 1961 is getting together for a 60th-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Wilmington's South Island pavilion.

The city rents the pavilion from noon to dusk, so plan to eat around 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. There will be meat provided and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Anyone with questions can call Sharon at (815)-861-6534.

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October 1921, old pioneers move on

The first week of October, 1921 had weather somewhat like we are having now. The clouds form, rain a bit, and the sun comes out, only to have another shower later on. We know this because a baseball tournament was scheduled that week.



TIME WAS...
Sandy Vasko

"The baseball tournament held on the baseball field near the Prairie Oil Pipe Line station (Rt. 53 and Prairie Creek) Sunday last, given by the Standards of this city, was largely attended in spite of threatening weather and heavy rains of Saturday and Sunday morning. The tournament was called off and then called on again after the weather cleared up again. Braidwood and Symerton were in the contest with Wilmington but the South Wilmington team did not show up. The first game was between the Wilmington and Braidwood, the former winning by a score of 11 to 1. Then Wilmington played a nine-inning game with the Symerton club, trimming them to the tune of 7 to 0."

The new State Road from Elwood to Wilmington was proceeding along, except for a few "bumps in the road."

Several people refused to sell.

"Saturday last, in Joliet, the Department of Public Works instituted condemnation proceedings seeking to condemn certain lots in Good Roads District NO. 4 for approaches to the new state bridge (Engels Bridge) in this city."

"The lands sought to be condemned are lot 1, owned by Bettie A. Bennett, lot 2 by Jefferson D. Riley, lot 3 by Elizabeth Allott Osburn, lot 4 by Bettie A. Bennett and lot 5 by Edward Donahoe. It is recited that the department, proceeding under law, endeavored to purchase the said lands, but have been wholly unable to arrive at an agreement with the owners as to the value."

The old 100th Regiment, mustered in during the Civil War, held a reunion in Joliet during the 2nd week. William Johnston, the only living member left from Wilmington, attended.

Mrs. L. A. Bitterman was in the news as well that week. She was the cashier of the First National Bank in Wilmington. While riding on the "L" in Chicago something crashed through the window glass near her. A piece of the glass struck

Mrs. Bitterman in one of her eyes causing her to lose her sight in that eye, though not the eye itself.

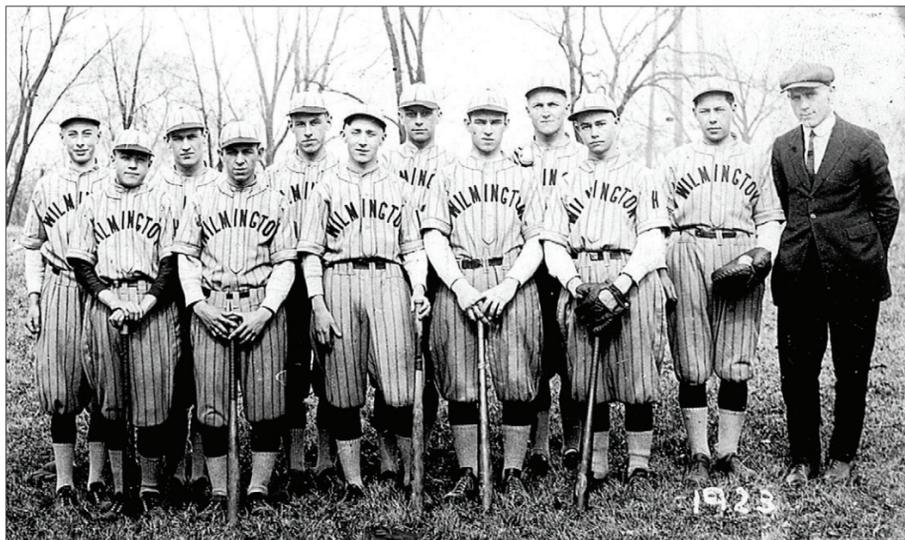
It was announced that all of the lots needed to complete the new road through Wilmington had been purchased. The road was commenced almost immediately.

During the third week of October, Florence Township lost two respected citizens. The first was John Ohlhues, who died at his home in Symerton. He was 84 years old.

The second was James Baskerville. He died two weeks after falling at his home and breaking his hip. He was born in Tipperary, Ireland. When orphaned in 1845, he and his six siblings came to America. Three years later he came to Florence Township, never leaving that home. The funeral was held at St. Rose's and was one of the largest ever held in Wilmington. The cortege behind the casket was over two miles long.

In Wesley Township, known for its many summer cottages along the river, we read that several had changed hands. The buyers and sellers were all from Joliet.

Also, in Wesley, two leading merchants of Wilmington spent a week fishing and hunting at the Hiles camp on the Kankakee. It was reported they came back well laden with



THEY WERE STILL playing baseball in the fall of 1921 thanks to the weather. This photo, taken in 1923, shows the Wilmington team pin-striped uniform of the time period.

game and fish.

During the final week of October, a new kind of store opened up in Wilmington catering just to the ladies. It was called a Woman's Exchange Shop. It carried a line of toilet articles such as perfume, combs, etc. as well as fancywork taken on consignment from local women needle workers. The store also contained one of the things that

was really appreciated by women consumers in the downtown area - a public restroom. It contained not only a toilet, but a place to wash up and chairs to rest a few moments. Mrs. W. H. Carter was the proprietress.

And of course, there was October 31. We read, "That Hallowe'en was observed in this city there was no doubt on Tuesday morning. Our sport-

ing youths (many with whiskers) accomplished wonders in the line of street decorations. Vehicles, rolls of wire, etc., were impressed in the service of the grotesque artists, and in several cases art of a high order, a buggy on the top of Brophy's barn, was noticeable. Fun is fine, but when property is damaged by tipping over outhouses and running wagons into the creek, is going too far."

Return of Homecoming makes lasting memories for Wilmington 209-U



Photo by Ella Cooper

MARSHMALLOW MAN - Brandon Adolfo, sophomore, skillfully catches a marshmallow in his mouth Thursday when games day was held at Wilmington High School as part of the Homecoming week.



Photo by Ella Cooper

SENIOR POWER - Seniors (from left) Katelyn McLin, Neve Van Duyne and Anna Liaromatis pull together during a round of tug-of-war as part of games day held last week during Homecoming.



Photo by Alyssa Ohlund

KING AND QUEEN - Tysen Meents and Neve Van Duyne reigned over the Homecoming festivities last week at Wilmington High School including the introduction of the Homecoming court during half-time of Friday's football game.

WHS seniors of the week

BY ELLA COOPER
WHS STUDENT REPORTER

The WHS Seniors of the Week feature highlights WHS seniors from the Class of 2022 who turn in a list of questions. Featured this week are Katelyn McCann and Eileen Hall



KATELYN McCANN

What do you plan to pursue upon graduation? I plan to attend a four-year university to study nursing.

Do you have a hobby you're good at? Sports and working out.

What is one thing most people don't know about you? I am a pretty open book.

Favorite memory from high school? Winning state for cheer my freshman year.

What is something you've been involved with that you're really good at? I have been involved with the Wilmington Track program for several years.

What is your favorite thing to eat? Watermelon

Famous person (dead or alive) you would like to meet and why? A famous person I would like to meet would be Tara Davis because she is my long jump idol.

If you could create a class, what would it be? Home Economics because high school students need to learn

basic at-home skills.

Funniest memory from high school? There are too many to pick just one.

What advice would you give to underclassmen? Do not care what others think and do things for yourself.

Eileen Hall

What do you plan to pursue upon graduation? I plan on becoming a high school level history teacher.

Do you have a hobby you're good at? I like to read.

What is something that you've been involved with that you're really good at? I have been in band my whole life.

What is one thing most people don't know about you? I have no clue.



EILEEN HALL

Favorite memory from high school? Any of Synder's classes.

What is your favorite thing to eat? Anything spicy

Famous person (dead or alive) you would like to meet and why? I'd like to meet Misha Collins because he is in one of my favorite shows and seems like a cool person.

If you could create a class, what would it be? Nap class. We all don't get enough sleep and could all use it.

Funniest memory from high school? Having a Ketchup war with Ivanoff my sophomore year.

What advice would you give to underclassmen? Don't push yourself too hard.

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Still need fossil fuels

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

The river ran dry

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

Added to the dole

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

Guess who pays

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

We know better

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

Mercy healing

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

Ashamed to read

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

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

The Fed's agenda

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

Trained to protect

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

Petition the railroad

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

Road repair needed

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

Wake up Christians

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

History equals revenue

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

What a joke

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

An economic disaster

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



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

It's not right

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

It's the cruelty

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

The other view

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

I have a dream

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

Keeping the power

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

The virus excuse

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

22,000 coming

MORRIS—October chaos in Del Rio, TX at

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

You will pay

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

A senseless burden

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

In Washington, D.C.

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

Live as one

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

Would like to know

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

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Madison Lathum and Joseph Kerulis

Kerulis, Lathum to wed Oct. 9

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

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

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Lissys to celebrate 60th anniversary

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

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

A small family gathering is planned.



First Presbyterian plans memorial celebration

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

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

Worship Service will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. with the unveiling immediately following the Service. The membership and friends in our community are invited to stay after the ceremony for coffee, punch and light refreshments

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Celebrating 12 years of hope

TaTa Trot supports breast cancer fighters, survivors

STAFF REPORT

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

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

through support of the Riverside Medical Foundation.

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

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

New to the event is a free

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

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

port the fight.

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

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

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Playing in the park



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

Death joins Morris Hospital cardiology practice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Wed., Oct. 13 7:00 p.m. WOTM Meeting	
Fri., Oct. 15 5-7:30 p.m. Fish Fry	
Sun., Oct. 17 9:00 a.m. Moose Riders Meeting	
Sat., Oct. 23 5-7:30 p.m. Steak Fry	
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On Tuesdays, "Fight for life" meeting can be found in Coal City at the United Methodist Church on 6805 E. McArdle Rd., from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

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

Wilmington Soccer Club results

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Duynne and U. Sanchez had the goals.

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

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

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

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

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

AA meetings at Masonic Lodge

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

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

F/S 'Cats keep their record perfect

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Howling coyote wins Midewin contest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other winning photos and finalists in each category:

Sunrises and Sunsets: Henslow Bridge at Sunrise by Barbara Parisi

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

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

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

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

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



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

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OBITUARIES

Josiane Grindstaff

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Juan A. Herrera

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Frederick Schuster

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Sunset Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

William Enz



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

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

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



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

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

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation was held on Monday, Oct. 4, 2021 at Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington.

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

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

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

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

Elma Jean Cramer

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

For information go to www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Wayne Milton

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marguerite Olsen



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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OBITUARIES

Margarete Godsey

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

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

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

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



Manteno; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

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

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

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

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

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

Richard I. Scott



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

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

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



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

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

Cremation rites have been accorded.

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

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

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

Ferrari Funeral Services of Coal City are entrusted with arrangements.

Tara Ann Wilson

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

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

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



and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

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

Cremation rites will be accorded.

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

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

Take a sip of the 1980s



THE SUNDAY COCKTAIL
Brian Rung

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What exactly goes into the signature 19th Hole cocktail?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Police chief to speak at next WGC meeting

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

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

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

Get federal offered to help pay phone, broadband bills

Under the federal Lifeline Program, low-income consumers who participate in certain public assistance and veterans' pension programs or who qualify based on income can receive a discount of up to \$9.25 per month off their monthly bill for phone, broadband, or bundled phone and broadband service.

Staying connected to local emergency and community resources is vital for all residents, and potentially saves lives.

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

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

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

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

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

Lifeline participants must recertify each year at <http://linkupillinois.org/recertification/>. To see if you qualify, visit <http://linkupillinois.org/>.

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Pork roast dinner set for Oct. 16

The First United Methodist Church will hold its annual pork dinner on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 4 to 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

State offering help in finding unclaimed life insurance benefits

The Illinois Department of Insurance's Life Policy Locator can help find a deceased family member's lost life insurance policies or annuity contracts. IDOI has already helped consumers collect more than \$3 million this year.

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

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

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

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

- IDOI: <https://insurance.illinois.gov/Applications/LifePolicyLocator>
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If you have lost a family member or friend to suicide, please come and join us as a way to heal. Bring a picture of your loved one with you.



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

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

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

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

Commentary

Why we need a community forum

BY BRIAN J. ALLFREY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gas prices on the high side as demand grows

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

Gas prices in Illinois are 2.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.09/g higher than a year ago. "We've seen very little overall movement in gas prices over the last week with prices remaining near their 2021 highs as crude oil prices remain well above \$70 on sup-

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

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Illinois is priced at \$2.87/g while the most expensive is \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.12/g. The national average price is unchanged in the last week, averaging \$3.18/g. The national average stands \$1.01/g higher than a year ago. "With energy in high demand ahead of the winter heating season and a surge in global demand due to COVID-induced imbalances, we're not likely to see a meaningful decline at the pump any time soon, but unfortunately, could see prices holding near these levels for the next few weeks."

Circle jam set for Oct. 9

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

Bring your instrument and play, sing or just enjoy. The free event is open to everyone including musicians and listeners. Donations will be accepted.

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

Spooky Scavenger Hunt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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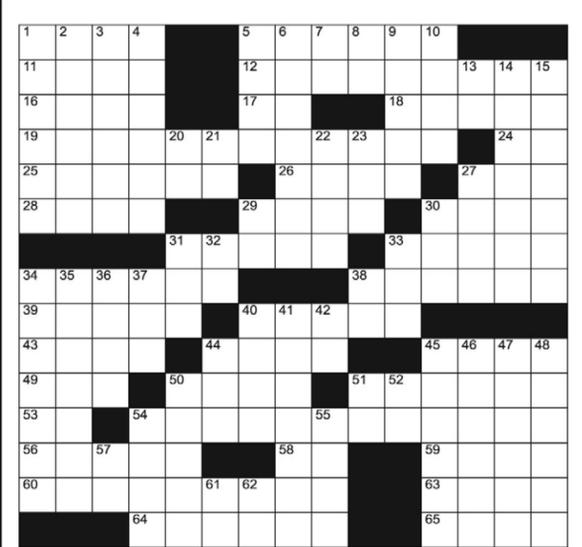
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Brian J. Allfrey - Executive Director, Utah Press Association. He commentary is being shared in newspapers across the nation as part of National Newspaper Week.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Leg shank
- 5. A way to recognize
- 11. "VeggieTales" character
- 12. Getting out of by cunning
- 16. Mythological mountain
- 17. Atomic #18
- 18. Viscous liquid
- 19. 2010 Denzel film
- 24. 12th star in a constellation
- 25. Made better
- 26. Pouches
- 27. Nervous twitch
- 28. This (Spanish)
- 29. Tennis legend Bjorn
- 30. Hand (Spanish)
- 31. Afrikaans
- 33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
- 34. Treated with kid gloves
- 38. Leaseholder
- 39. Frogs, toads, tree toads
- 40. Popular dance
- 43. Sailing maneuver: tack & _
- 44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
- 45. Mark
- 49. Health insurance
- 50. Custom clothing brand
- 51. One who makes suits
- 53. Execute or perform
- 54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting
- 56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels
- 58. Blood group
- 59. Imaginary line
- 60. Hopeless
- 63. Darken
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A way to fit out
- 2. Football carries
- 3. Force out
- 4. Maintaining equilibrium
- 5. Sealed with a kiss
- 6. Type of container
- 7. Hollywood
- 8. We
- 9. Small freshwater ducks
- 10. Norse personification of old age
- 13. Says who you are
- 14. Candidate
- 15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
- 20. Defunct language (abbr.)
- 21. Take too much
- 22. Iranian province
- 23. Records electric currents
- 27. _ and feathers
- 29. Beloved Mr. T character
- 30. More (Spanish)
- 31. Beverage
- 32. Promotional material
- 33. Green vegetable
- 34. National capital
- 35. To any further extent
- 36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node
- 37. Anger
- 38. Pound
- 40. Popular Yugo
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. Milliheny
- 44. Israeli city _ Aviv
- 45. Make wider
- 46. Drink containing medicine
- 47. Acknowledging
- 48. Private, romantic rendezvous
- 50. Calvary sword
- 51. Disease of the lungs
- 52. 2001 Spielberg film
- 54. Fleshy, watery fruit
- 55. In one's chambers
- 57. Set of information (abbr.)
- 61. Dorm employee
- 62. Indicates position

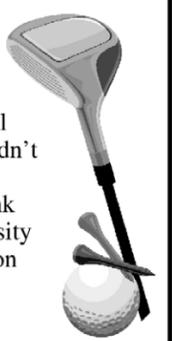




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TAKE A KNEE GENTLEMEN - Wilmington coach Jeff Reents kneels with his players in a huddle while congratulating them for beating Reed-Custer 21-14 on Friday night. It made for a special homecoming as both teams were undefeated entering the contest. The 6-0 Wildcats travel to Lisle on Friday.



Photo by Shawn Long

BLOCKING OUT the end to allow room for Karsen Hansen (22) to run is Wildcat offensive lineman Brody Benson (74).

Expect the 'Cats to bleed the clock at Lisle

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The undefeated Wildcats (6-0) have made the playoffs for the 26th consecutive year. With three games left in the regular season they're playing for the best seed they can get.

Wilmington coach Jeff Reents humbly credits coaches and players for achieving 26 straight years.

"It's such a big gig to make the playoffs 26 years, it's kind of tough to get your arms around it," said Reents. "It comes down to a great coaching staff and having great players come through the program. Really good players make coaches look good so I've had some very good players and I'm very fortunate to be in a program that has gotten to the playoffs 26 years in a row. I feel really lucky to be a part of it."

The 'Cats' offense is improving, rushing for nearly 300 yards every week. Their next test will be Lisle, who is coming off of a 7-0 win over Herscher.

The Lions are now 4-2, beating Harvard (26-16) and Westmont (51-0) before falling to Reed-Custer 42-14 in Week 3. They got back in the win column 28-14 over Streator and fell to Coal City 24-12 before their win at Herscher.

The 'Cats upended Reed-Custer 21-14 on Friday by controlling the clock. They'll have to do the same to shutdown a high powered Lions offense. Wilmington also has wins over Marengo (23-0), Johnsburg (28-13), Coal City (10-7), Peotone (10-0) and Herscher (41-7).

The Lions, who are coached by Paul Parpet, lost to Wilmington in the 2019 playoffs but has been a team that is familiar to the football playoffs, going three of the last six years.

They'll try to run the ball with the Double Wing offense while also trying to spread the field with their speed.

"They've got some really nice kids," commented Reents. "I think they're really athletic at the wing back spot. They have some good size to them. Their only losses are to Coal City and Reed-Custer so we know those teams are really tough. We have a history of not playing the best up there. We've got a lot of work to do. We're worried about a let down after coming off of an emotional win against Reed-Custer."

The Lions will try to get it to their speedy wing back Tyrese Watson (#10), who can turn on the jets once he hits the edge. The 'Cats will need to have a fast team defense to limit Watson. They've done a great job so far. Watson carried the ball in for a touchdown in their loss

to Coal City.

"We've got to try to stop the run game. They run our Double Wing offense but they do spread it out some. They have some really good kids at the wing back spot that have some really good speed. Their coach is a hall-of-fame coach who does a great job so I'm sure they'll have something new for us. For us defensively, it's about how well we make adjustments. As always with us we have to be able to run the ball."

Their quarterback is Abe Payne (#5). He throws a good ball when he gets time. When he's hurried there's a possibility he will force the ball into coverage. Payne passed for 51 with a touchdown against Coal City.

Their other set of speed backs are Dominic Nigro (#2), Col Campbell (#3) and Gabe Quinones (#4).

Campbell led all receivers with three catches for 47 with a touchdown against Coal City.

Joe Raineri led the defense against Streator as he's the big linebacker. He collected 5.5 tackles with 3.0 tackles for a loss. Raineri (#50) is fast and hits hard.

The 'Cats run a Double Wing offense that is used to run the football. They hardly throw it.

The 'Cats have a committee in the backfield but most of the time, they will use Jacob Friddle

and Colin James. Friddle has run for 672 yards with seven touchdowns while James has 512 yards with four scores. Their fullback Karsen Hansen also has 242 yards with a touchdown.

The 'Cats also possess a very good kicker in Allan Richards that can change the game with his leg. He hasn't missed an extra point. He's missed one field goal with a long of 37 this season.

The Wildcats won the last meeting with the Lions which was a 35-24 win to open the spring season but the Lions hold homefield advantage as the 'Cats will have to travel to Benedictine University on Friday.

"The biggest thing is you don't want to shoot yourself in the foot. We don't need turnovers and we don't need to give up the big play. They have some kids that can do that. At the beginning of the game you need to control the momentum. You've got to make each possession count because it could be a very fast game."

Wilmington needs to establish their ground game, bleed the clock and this one will be all over.

Wildcats put out Comets' fire

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 1 ranked Wildcats improved to 6-0 and locked in an IHSA football playoff berth for the 26th straight year with a bruising 21-14 victory over Reed-Custer.

The Comets, 5-0 coming into Friday's contest, was a serious threat. They're having their best year since 2009 and earned plenty of respect when everything was done and through. For the first time in a long time Reed-Custer was seen as an equal.

Wilmington coach Jeff Reents gave credit to the Reed-Custer players who fought hard.

"We beat a really good team in Reed-Custer," said Reents. "Those guys are undefeated. They were great. Offensively, they've got a ton of weapons. We were able to move the ball on the ground. I thought that was a big part of the game and defensively we bent but didn't break. Our kids played some good team football."

Wilmington won the toss and wanted the ball. They wanted to churn down the clock to set the tone. They would do just that, grabbing the early advantage as Allan Richards would connect with a 37-yard field goal to give them a 3-0 lead.

The 'Cats had the lead and they would get the ball back again as they forced Reed-Custer quarterback Jake McPherson into his first mistake of the year and Kaleb Patterson gave Wilmington the ball in good field position with the interception.

A few bruising runs later, Colin James would hit the hole, slip a few tackles and score from 20 yards out to make it 10-0 with 2:54 remaining in the first quarter.

"Colin did a really good job," commented Reents. "I thought we had all three running backs doing a nice job. Karsen (Hansen), (Jake)

Friddle and Jamesy and our offensive line did a great job so I'm really happy for the guys."

The Comets needed some momentum and they got it as they put together a long drive of their own and running back Elliot Cassem found a lane, broke a tackle, and coasted in from 19-yards out to cut into the 'Cats lead, 10-7.

With a little time before the half, the 'Cats put together another long drive that featured big runs from wing backs Jake Friddle and James. Then, Richards would add the go-ahead 25-yard field goal with six seconds on the clock to take this one to half, 13-7.

"It feels great to get a win my last time playing them," said Friddle. "I'm on top of the world right now. I love scoring touchdowns and making the crowd go wild. Colin James set me up going all the way down the field and I finished it. Everything was the line honestly."

They were getting the ball to start the half and made the most of it with quick passes, one of which helped them take a 14-13 lead. McPherson found Dylan Garrelts who slipped a tackle and dashed in from 18-yards out to put the Comets on top.

But Wilmington was not done as they led another long drive that burned up over 10 minutes and Friddle powered his way in from eight-yards out to give them a 19-14 advantage.

Wilmington offensive coordinator Barry Southall elected to keep the offense on the field for the two-point conversion and it worked as Friddle got in for two to put them up by seven with 7:55 left in the game.

Reed-Custer had one more chance as they drove it down the field and got inside the 30-yard line as McPherson hooked up on a deep ball to Connor Esparza. The Comets had only five yards to gain for their fourth down so they went for it and were a yard short.

"That was a huge part of it," added Reents. "Our kids hung in there. They didn't get their heads down and they got a couple big plays on us--it just goes back to you've got two really good teams going at it and it's a rivalry and the place is up for grabs. That's what high school football is all about. We're fortunate to come out on top."

Wildcat QB Ryder Meents took a knee to officially ice the win.

The Wildcats led with 281 yards, all from rushing. They led in time of possession as well, holding the ball for over 28 minutes, compared to 19.

The Comets, on the other hand, held the ball for almost 20 minutes, totaling 279 yards with 142 through the air and 137 on the ground.

Colin James led the 'Cats' offense with 128 yards on the ground with a touchdown. Jake Friddle also had a touchdown, rushing for 116. Karsen Hansen (36) and Meents (1) also ran the ball.

McPherson was 13-of-20 passing for 142 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Brandon Moorman was his main receiver, catching six passes for 60 yards. Eddie Gad had three receptions for 43 yards while Esparza (2-25) and

Garrelts (1-18-1) also had five tackles.

For the Comets, McPherson had 68 yards while Cassem had 67 on 12 carries with a touchdown and Moorman also gained two yards.

Both defenses played well. Wilmington's was led by Richards, who collected 15 total tackles. Hansen had nine with Ryan Banas and Brendan Moran had seven. James added

four tackles.

The Comet defense was anchored by Jace Christian, who picked up 20 total tackles. Josh Bohac had 12 while Vander Dransfeldt, Noah Windsor and Zach Cieslak were all in on 10. Peyton Bradley had nine while Moorman had eight and Gunnar Berg had seven.

The Wildcats travel to Lisle on Friday.

Sheriff's sale of 612-14 S. East Street

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

LINCOLNWAY COMMUNITY BANK, AN ILLINOIS BANKING CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
vs.

MARK R. RAMSEY, TRAVIS DUKES, THOMAS DURNING, JIMMY HARRIS, ALEXA HARRIS, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SABRE INVESTMENT LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY, SI RESOURCES, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OLD SCHOOL INVESTMENTS LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant.
No. 20 CH 0579

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment entered in the above cause on the 31st day of August, 2020, MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, Illinois, will on Thursday, the 14th day of October, 2021, 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: LOT 51 BROOKSIDE, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 25 AND OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, IN TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH AND IN RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 18, 1948 IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 3, AS DOCUMENT NO. 646751, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE SOURCE MATERIAL BENEATH THE SURFACE, TOGETHER THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 612-14 S. EAST STREET, WILMINGTON, IL 60481
Description of Improvements: 2 single family apartments in the Building
P.I.N.: 03-17-36-203-005-0000
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.

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Sheriff's sale of 117 W. Park Street

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

American Advisors Group, Plaintiff,
vs.
Elizabeth M. Blatt; et. al., Defendant.
No. 21 CH 0123

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment entered in the above cause on the 4th day of August, 2021, MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, Illinois, will on Thursday, the 14th day of October, 2021, 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: 10-11-29-101-006-0000 LOT 11, 12 AND 13, IN BLOCK 7, IN THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT "D" AND PART OF LOTS "B" AND "C" IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ELWOOD, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 104 PAGE 565 AS DOCUMENT NO. 71303, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 117 W. Park Street, Elwood, IL 60421
Description of Improvements: Residential
P.I.N.: 10-11-29-101-007-0000
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.

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DEFENDING THE LINE for the Lady 'Cats during last week's home contest is outside hitter Bella Reyes.



Photo by Alyssa Ohlund

SENIOR JENNA JACKSON attacks the ball at the net during a recent home contest.

Lady 'Cats hitters beat Manteno, fall to Coalers

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The Wilmington volleyball team dropped a tough three-set 25-19, 21-25, 22-25 loss to Coal City on Thursday.

The 'Cats got the first set but ended up dropping the other two by the slimmest of margins.

The 'Cats had their attack working and Castle did the damage, pounding down 10 of the team's 32 kills. She also had three digs.

Bella Reyes chipped in another seven kills while digging out a team-high 13 digs

and adding a block. Anna Liaromatis hammered five kills with 16 setting assists. She dug out 12 and registered a block. She also served up an ace.

Jenna Jackson drilled four kills of her won with two digs while Abbie Rampa and Jaylee Mills added three. Mills was big at the net as she pounded back a team-high, seven Manteno hits. Rampa had a dig and added a block.

The dig game was strong for other girls too. Leah Talley dug out 10 from her libero spot. She also had seven setting assists with two aces. Breanna Horton added six digs

while Neve VanDuyne chipped in another five. VanDuyne added another five setting assists while serving up an ace. Grace Burkey added two digs with an ace and two assists.

The JV girls ended dropping it in three sets, 25-16, 18-25, 21-25.

The freshmen girls also lost but in two, 12-25, 9-25.

**Wilmington 25,25
Manteno 19, 21**

The Wilmington volleyball team took care of Manteno in two sets on Tuesday.

The 'Cats played well, collecting 16 kills with 27 digs, two aces and a block. They were led

by Reyes who pounded down six kills. She also dug out five. Mills drilled four at the net and added a block.

Jessica Castle and Jackson chipped in two kills each. Castle dug out two.

Van Duyne and Liaromatis added a kill. Liaromatis led the team with seven assists and had three digs with two aces while Van Duyne added another six assists with two digs.

Talley led the team digging out 11 while Horton had three digs and Rampa added another.

Put on pink for WHS Volley for a Cure event

The WHS Lady Cat Volleyball Team will host the Lisle Lions for the annual Volley for a Cure game on Thursday, Oct. 14, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. to raise funds for Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute.

The event will be held in the WHS gym, 209 Wildcat Ct.. Games will begin at 5 p.m. for the freshman team (No JV game, due to Lisle injuries).

Honoree presentation will begin at 6 p.m., immediately followed by the varsity game.

The event will include silent auction items (hand-painted pumpkins created by volleyball program), raffle baskets, specialty raffle baskets (\$5/chance), event t-shirt and coozie sales. Raffle tickets will sell for \$1 each, 6 tickets for \$5, or 26 tickets for \$20. Raffle basket winners will be posted at the conclusion of the varsity

game, and prizes may be collected at that time.

"We have organized the Volley for a Cure and Real Men Wear Pink events to raise money for Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute because cancer does not discriminate when it comes to age," said Megan Van Duyne, event coordinator.

"We want to focus our fundraising efforts this year to assist Megan Bugg, a Coal City teen that has courageously been battling cancer for a large portion of her life, in her efforts to fully fund a childhood cancer research project as a "Citizen Scientist". Her goal is \$233,000.

"The bigger goal is to raise awareness that only 4% of all money raised for cancer goes towards Children's Cancer research. The Wilmington Lady Cats volleyball program

wants to change that! We would love to see our stands packed with pink at our event on Oct. 14th in support of our efforts to make a real difference in the fight against childhood cancer," said Van Duyne.

About Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute

Our involvement with the Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute begins with the Citizen Scientist Project for Rhabdomyosarcoma Cures (Citizen-Scientist in Residence - Megan Bugg).

Megan Bugg is a beautiful young lady that lives in a nearby town, and she has been a voice for those that have not been heard. Megan is a 6+ year stage 4 alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma cancer fighter. During her personal battle

she has been through 4 relapses, 133 weeks of chemotherapy and 197 radiation treatments. Through her experiences she has become a passionate advocate for childhood cancers. Her personal goal is to make sure no more kids have to experience what she has gone through.

Rhabdomyosarcoma and soft tissue sarcomas are among the five greatest causes of death from childhood cancer and are among the most unaddressed causes of childhood cancer morbidity. Despite 49 years of cooperative group trials of intensified chemotherapy, the dismal survival for advanced disease remains unchanged. The goal of this project is to bring consumer (patient)-level participation and accountability to a new, strategic approach to developing, testing and prioritizing

new rhabdomyosarcoma drugs for incorporation into cooperative group clinical trials. Unfortunately, many RMS patients do not have the luxury of time. Therefore, all studies will be focused on testing existing FDA-approved or already clinically-investigated drugs with the goal of repurposing them for quick transition to treat RMS. To further expedite this research project, this fundraising goal includes an allocation to support the employment of a full-time researcher dedicated to this project.

A major difference in this project from other grant-funded research is that patients will be embedded in their research team, and presentations of their progress will be given to these science-empowered patients and family members weekly.

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'Cats kickers upended by Lions, Bulldogs

BY SHAWN LONG
SPORTS WRITER

The Wilmington soccer team fell in an 11-3 loss to Streater on Thursday.

The Bulldogs put up 10

goals to Wilmington's 1 in the first half to grab a commanding half-time lead. They allowed that with another one in the second half and the 'Cats were only able to muster two more in the blowout.

Erik Ostheim recorded the hat trick and Josh Girot set up all three goals. Ostheim leads the team with 11 goals. Girot has had nine assists.

The defense stole 16 away from the opposition with Reid Waldon leading with six steals. Ostheim added three while Carson Rogers and Jerimiah Senter chipped in two.

Alex Boyer, Connor Cieskiewicz and Manual Rodriguez added another.

Gabe Cravens did his part in goal, collecting 22 saves. The freshmen leads the conference with 178 saves.

The Wildcats will be back out on the pitch Friday for the IHSA Regional which will be held at Coal City High School. **Wilmington 0**

Lisle 8

The 'Cats were unable to catch up with Lisle on Tuesday.

Lisle scored seven early goals to take a commanding half-time lead and scored another to seal the deal.

The 'Cats had 14 steals with Talin Yakima and Waldon having five each. Ostheim had two while Senter and Rodriguez added another.

And Cravens played well in goal with 16 saves.

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