



# NEWS NETWORK

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## CAWGC Board of Directors meets “Safely”

The Contractors Association Board of Directors regularly meets the first Wednesday of each month. For the first time ever, during the COVID-19 epidemic they were unable to meet. Now after two months they are social distance meeting and continuing with business as usual.

Luckily with this horrible virus the construction industry has continued to work as close to normal as possible. Many companies are saying they are busier than ever! Other companies on the other hand are suffering and barely squeaking by through out all of this.

The CAWGC was forced to cancel all of our special networking events for this year up to now, and refunds were made. We are however still planning our Fall Golf Outing on September 11th (*see separate article on this page*). In addition there is a chance we may be able to hold our Steak Fry which has been rescheduled for October 1st. How-



Pictured L to R: Bob Baish, Baish Excavating; Tom MCGann, TIMM Electric; Marty Rodin, TMR Services; and CAWGC Ambassador Les Cheney.



Pictured L to R: Chairman Jason Cox, Len Cox & Sons; John Young, Seasons Landscaping; Todd Sandeno, “D” Construction and Barry Narvick, Narvick Bros. Not pictured: Jay Adler, Adler Roofing, Lori DuPree, DuPree Construction and Mary Metz, CAWGC Executive Director.

ever, the chance is only slight as the time grows nearer and the state plans are not updated the chances grow slimmer. None the less the Steak Fry Committee has met and made plans for this year's event. In order to guarantee the steaks and other foods are all going to be available a decision would have to be made by September 1st.

In other association news the CAWGC has put a “COVID-19 Exposure Plan and Office Guidelines” policy in place for those visiting. The policy is posted on the door and those entering will need to have their temperature taken. A mask is also recommended. We encourage our members to also do the same.

## CAWGC

### Fall Golf Outing still a go!

Despite all the cancellations this year the CAWGC is planning to hold their annual Fall Golf Outing on Friday, September 11th at the beautiful Morris Country Club in Morris. (*see flyer included in this newsletter*)

Co-Chairmen Barry Narvick and Todd Sandeno both agree that unless a major catastrophe or another state shut down happens it should take place this year. A few adjustments will be made to ensure the Governor's orders and state guidelines will be met.

Reservations for foursomes as well as single golfers are being accepted

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- CAWGC Scholarship Awards
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## CAWGC Scholarships Awarded

The CAWGC is pleased to announce the Annual Contractors Association of Will and Grundy Counties Scholarship Committee has awarded 9 new Scholarship's this year.

Those chosen to receive the scholarship are sons and daughters of CAWGC members or Will/Grundy union building tradesman who will be attending college full-time in the Fall of 2020 or presently are full-time college students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree.

Since the program's inception in 1996, the association has awarded almost \$140,000 to deserving scholars who will be pursuing degrees in the construction field. See pages 6 and 7 for pictures and bio of those recipients.



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The CAWGC would like to run an article on past scholarship recipients...where are they now? Did they pursue a career in construction? Did they turn into a different direction?

If you know one of our former recipients please have them get in touch with our office staff so we can follow up on their career and include them in the article.

Please send the information to: [info@cawgc.org](mailto:info@cawgc.org) or call the CAWGC at 815/741-1455.



## Golf (continued)

at this time. Sponsorships for Driving Range, Beverage Carts, Lunch, Dinner, Contest Holes Sponsors are also available.

The Fall Outing includes: coffee and donuts for the early birds, 18-holes of golf, cart rental, lunch, dinner (pig roast), contests, major sponsor prizes (envelopes chosen from our prize board) and a great golfer gift.



The cost is still \$125 per golfer. Call the CAWGC at 815/741-1455 to reserve your spot or foursome today!

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## Welcome New Members

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## Welcome Aboard



## Ambassador's Report

*Have you seen Les?* Yes, Les is still at it...visiting our members that is! He usually comes baring gifts which might include a CAWGC mask and/or some hand sanitizer. Call Les at 630/303-2036 if you would like to schedule a visit or if you have a concern and need to get in touch with him.



## Plans Room Watch by Karri...



Amazon has purchased the property where the former Old Chicago Amusement Mall was located in Bolingbrook and they plan to build a 850,000 square foot warehouse.

The Joliet Golf Club has announced that they have closed their doors and are exploring options for the property that include possibly redeveloping it into warehouses.

The Joliet Regional Port District has requested Architectural and Engineering services for improvements at the Lewis University Airport that would include construction of an access road, taxiway reconstruction, work on runways and perimeter fencing along with many other things.

The City of Joliet is in search of an alternative water source and has selected Stantec Consulting Services to provide preliminary design, final design, construction engineering and other related tasks. The city is looking to have a new infrastructure in place before the water supply runs out. The current water supply is from a deep well aquifer that will run out by 2030.

Love's Travel Stop planned for construction at Briggs and New Lenox Roads in Joliet will not be built this year but it is still planned for construction in 2021. Owners are awaiting final approvals from IDOT for improvements to Briggs Road along with approvals from Will County and the City of Joliet.

Northpoint Development's Compass Business Park was approved by Joliet Plan Commission in February and was approved by the City Council in April. There are still many who oppose the project and want City of Joliet officials to implement a moratorium on warehouse development along Route 53.

## Will County loses a dedicated leader



Will County Executive Larry Walsh passed away after a long battle with cancer on June 3, 2020. Larry who received the CAWGC "We Build Will & Grundy Award" in 2012 was very instrumental in bringing many new projects to Will County.

Larry was sworn in as Will County Executive on December 6, 2004 where he was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the county departments. Walsh brought greater accountability to Will County and improved communications between municipal and county government with state and federal officials and agencies.

Larry was a farmer from Elwood who knew everyone by name. He is survived by his wife Irene, 6 children and 20 grandchildren. A CAWGC bio read; the same work ethic required to reap a successful harvest also carried over into his work in public service to Will County.

## COVID-19 Testing being offered by CAWGC Member Company

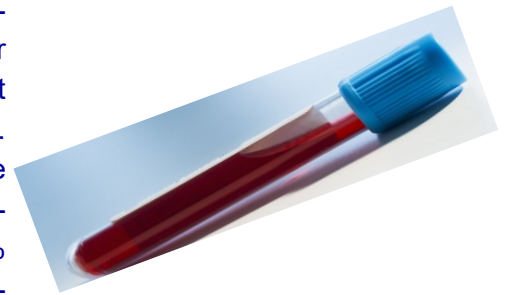
*Future Diagnostic Group*, a CAWGC member company is offering the FDA approved, SARS-COV2 Serology, COVID-19 Antibody Test. This lab test is an antibody test which differs from ones that diagnose infection. Tests for diagnosis are generally a nasal or throat swab that can show active infection. If the results are positive, the patient should take all necessary steps to quarantine or isolate themselves from others. The test that *Future Diagnostics Group* offers is a regular syringe blood draw, venipuncture, not a finger stick (controversy

over the accuracy) or nasal swab. The test is an antibody test that identifies that there has been some previous threat to one's immune system. Antibodies help to fight infection and take some time to present themselves. That is why they require the patient to be illness free for at least 14 days. Per the FDA, due to so many unknowns with the Coronavirus pandemic, researchers are unable to verify if the presence of antibodies mean that a person is protected from future infections.

The Sars-COV2 Serology, COVID-19 Antibody Test, can be added onto an existing lab order without a physician referral or the patient can come in for solely that test. It is available at both of their locations,

Joliet and New Lenox. The Self-pay rate is \$65 or generally covered 100% by most insurance.

Results are available on an average of 3-5 days. Even though they take walk-in lab patients, they have seen an increase in laboratory volumes. So that patients do not have to wait, it is advisable to make an appointment by calling (815) 730-3344 for 254 Republic Ave., Joliet (CAWGC's backdoor neighbor) or (815) 390-7500 for 672 Cedar Crossings Dr., New Lenox.



## 40th Annual Outing on hold til 2021



OK so there is always next year! That's when we will have to hold our 40th Annual Golf Outing instead of this year as planned thanks to COVID-19. The date next year will be Friday, June 4th at Broken Arrow Golf Club in Lockport.



## Keep your cool when the weather is hot



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When the temperature starts to rise, plan to stay cool. In the past 10 years, more people have died in the United States from heat-related illnesses than from hurricanes, tornadoes, lightning and fires combined.

### Here are some tips for staying cool when the temperatures soar:

- ◇ Drink lots of fluids before and during work. When you feel thirsty, that is a signal from your body that it is starting to dehydrate and needs water. A good rule of thumb is to drink at least eight, 8-oz. glasses (2 quarts or 2 liters) of water a day.
- ◇ • Drink sports drinks if that is what it takes to get you to drink fluids, but remember that sports drinks often have high sodium levels, which in large quantities is not good for you if you have high blood pressure. Flavored water is also available.
- ◇ • Pedialyte is one of the best fluids as it helps to replace electrolytes lost in sweating
- ◇ • Avoid using a cooler for hygiene purposes. Never store water bottles in a cooler you can drink from, as the melting ice can become contaminated.
- ◇ • Avoid caffeinated beverages and alcohol because both have substances that will cause dehydration. Stay away from soda too, because the carbonation may cause a feeling of fullness and prevent you from consuming enough fluids.
- ◇ • Wear light-colored clothing because dark clothing will absorb the heat.
- ◇ • Wear loose-fitting clothing made of cotton or other materials that will let air circulate to cool your skin.
- ◇ • Eat light, healthy, low-fat meals.
- ◇ • Stay in shape because body fat acts as insulation and can slow the body's ability to remove heat, and your heart will have to work harder if you are carrying around those extra pounds.
- ◇ • Take enough rest breaks in shaded or cool areas

to let your body cool down.

- ◇ • Don't take salt tablets because it is possible to ingest too much salt from tablets. Although your body does need sodium in hot weather, your general food consumption will provide most if not all of what you need. If you experience symptoms such as nausea and muscle cramps, consult your physician to see if you need to supplement your sodium intake.
- ◇ • Get out of the heat if your stomach is upset or if you feel dizzy or faint.
- ◇ • Wear your hard hat to shade and protect your head. It will give you the same protection as a baseball cap, and the way the suspension inside the hard hat is set up it will actually allow air to circulate while protecting your head from a rock falling out of the excavator bucket.
- ◇ • Wear sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or more to protect you from sunburn.

**Prevention, knowledge and lots of water are the keys to staying cool!**

## CAWGC Membership DUES

Your CAWGC membership dues are due by July 31st. If you have not paid them yet, please send them in right away. If the dues are not paid by August 15th you will be removed from the membership and all benefits will cease. This would include the weekly e-mail, online company director and all correspondence.

Members are also asked to send back their Membership directory update sheets so we know all your information in your listing is correct.

We are also looking for pictures for our front and back covers. If you would like to submit a picture from your company for consideration, please e-mail the pdf file to [info@cawgc.org](mailto:info@cawgc.org). Please include a brief description of the picture.



## ★ 2020 CAWGC Scholarship Recipients



**Nolan A. Cox**

**Nolan A. Cox**, a 2017 graduate of Joliet Catholic Academy, is a senior at Illinois State University and is majoring in Construction Management. His parents are Amy & Jason (Len Cox & Sons) Cox.



**Nicholas P. Daniel**

**Nicholas P. Daniel**, a 2019 graduate of Minooka Community High School, will be a sophomore at St. Ambrose University and is majoring in Mechanical & Industrial Engineering. His parents are Debra and John (Sheet Metal Workers LU 265) Daniel.



**Kyle B. Humphries**

**Kyle B. Humphries**, a 2020 graduate of Wilmington High School, will be a freshman at University of Illinois and is majoring in Engineering. His parents are Christine & Bryan (Clennon Electric) Humphries.



**Keegan A. Johnson**

**Keegan A. Johnson**, 2018 graduate of Earlville High School, and will be a junior at Illinois State University and is majoring in Construction Management. His parents are Kimberly Ohme and Victor Johnson (Block Electric).



**Kade M. Kjellesvik**

**Kade M. Kjellesvik**, a 2019 graduate of Morris Community High School, will be a sophomore at University of Wisconsin and is majoring in Industrial Technology Management with an emphasis on Occupational Safety. His parents are Kelly and Michael (UA Local 130 Plumbers) Kjellesvik.



**Jessica K. Leasure**

**Jessica K. Leasure**, a 2020 graduate of Coal City High School, will be a freshman at Lewis University and is majoring in Construction Law. Her parents are Everett ("D" Construction) Shantel and Leasure.





## 2020 CAWGC Scholarship Recipients



**Michael J. McShane**

**Michael J. McShane**, a 2018 graduate of Brother Rich High School will be a sophomore at Marquette University and is majoring in Construction Engineering. He is the son of Margaret & Michael McShane (O'Leary's Contractors Equipment).



**Nolan T. Perkins**

**Nolan T. Perkins**, a 2020 graduate of Gardner South Wilmington High School will be a freshman at the University of Iowa and is majoring in Engineering. He is the son of Tim (IBEW Local 176) & Colleen Perkins.



**Elizabeth C. Singletary**

**Elizabeth C. Singletary**, a 2020 graduate of Joliet Catholic Academy will be a freshman at the University of Dayton and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. She is the daughter of Tiffany & Bart (CR Leonard Plumbing) Singletary. She is also the granddaughter of CAWGC Honorary Member Rick Leonard.



Pictured is the 2020 CAWGC Scholarship Committee: L to R: Marsha Rolih, Pierro Quality Electrical; Jay Adler, Adler Roofing & Sheetmetal; Chair Becky Fallin, RHL Insulation & Firestopping; and Jim McFarland, Quinn Strategies.

## Mark Your Calendars!



### 2020 Calendar of Events

**September 11...Fall Golf Outing**

*Morris Country Club*

**October 1...Annual Steak Fry**

*St. Joseph's Park, Joliet*

**Networking  
is the key to success!**



*The CAWGC Directors and Staff hope all our members are healthy and remain COVID free!*

### Three Rivers Safety Center

1615 W Jefferson St.,  
Joliet, IL  
815/744-3884  
FAX/744-3886

**Contractor Safety Orientation (Basic)**

Monday – Thursday  
7:30 – 11:30 AM

**Contractor Safety Refresher (Computer Based)**

Monday - Friday (computer based)  
7:30—10 AM

*TRSC is also offering the following classes:*

**Signal Person Safety &  
Rigging Hazard Awareness Training**

August 12th

**Fall Protection Competent Person Training**

September 30th & October 21st

**NFPA 70E**

September 23rd and December 9th

**Scaffold Competent Person Training**

October 14th

Must have current TRSC card in possession, no more than 30 days past expiration date, work steadily in chemical industry.

Register On-Line only at: [www.trma.org](http://www.trma.org)

**CAWGC Board of Directors Meetings**  
**First Wednesday of each month, 4 pm, CAWGC Office**