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Save the dates and join us!

- August 18, 2022 Annual Steak Fry  
*St. Joseph's Park, Joliet*
- September 9, 2022 Fall Golf Outing  
*Morris Country Club at the Creek*
- October 6, 2022 Oktoberfest/CAWGC Election  
*Grundy County Fairgrounds*
- March 24, 2023 90th Anniversary Celebration  
*Bolingbrook Country Club*

Reminder: Membership Renewal due by July 1st to be included in the 2022/23 Directory

**WE LOVE OUR MEMBERS**

If you would like to be featured in the CAWGC newsletter or on social media pages, email or mail in your company's information including photos and descriptions. Send to: info@CAWGC.org or to 233 Springfield Ave. Joliet, IL 60435

# THE CONTRACTOR CHRONICLES

The Member Newsletter of the Contractors Association of Will & Grundy Counties



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The CAWGC Annual Steak Fry is right around the corner. It will be held on August 18, 2022 at St. Joseph's Park in Joliet from 4:30pm until 8:30pm. This popular event attracts more than 600 people each year and is looked forward to by everyone. Tickets this year are \$60 and include an extra large steak grilled to perfection and smothered in all the toppings, as well as a variety of sides provided by Premier Catering. Also included are assorted beer and drinks. Entertainment will be provided by The Band Sundance. There will be a bean bag tournament courtesy of Backwoods Baggers for a \$10 buy in starting at 6 PM. First place winners will receive \$50 and a trophy. Second place will receive \$25. Who will take home the trophy? The 50/50 raffle will be drawn at 8 PM and all proceeds go to CAWGC's charity of the year, Lightways Hospice and Serious Illness Care. If you would like to volunteer at this event please call the office, (815)-741-1455 or email: kcichon@cawgc.org.

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# 2022 CAWGC Undergraduate Scholarship Winners



**Bridget Knowles-** A 2022 graduate of Wilmington HS, attending St. Mary's College Notre Dame to pursue a dual degree in Engineering from ND and Math from St. Mary's. Bridget is the daughter of Daniel Knowles from member D. Construction.

Bridget Knowles



**Drake Singletary-** A 2022 graduate of Joliet Catholic Academy planning to study mechanical Engineering at University of Kentucky. Drake is the son of Bart Singletary from member firm LLD Investments LLC.



Drake Singletary



**Ryan Cox-** A 2022 graduate of Joliet Catholic academy planning to major in Mechanical Engineering at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Ryan is the son of Jason Cox from member firm Len Cox & Sons



Ryan Cox



**Alexander Bird-** A 2022 graduate of Lincoln-Way West planning to major in Engineering with a focus on Physics at Lewis University. Zander is the son of Dean Bird, an IBEW Local 176 Journeyman Wireman.



Alexander Bird



**Alexander Gordon-** A 2022 graduate of Stagg High School attending the University of Illinois with a major in Civil Engineering. Alexander is the son of Elias M. Gordon from member firm Gordon Law Office.



Alexander Gordon



**Kaden Humphries-** A 2022 graduate of Wilmington HS and will attend University of Illinois to major in Electrical Engineering. Kaden is the son of Bryan and Christine Humphries from member Clennon Electric.



Kaden Humphries

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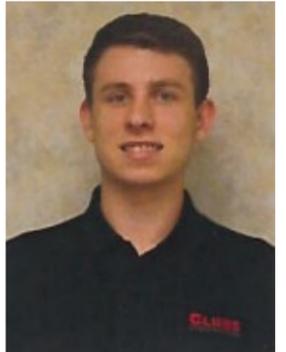
Frank Ryan



**Frank Ryan-** Attending the Milwaukee School of Engineering majoring in Civil Engineering. Frank is the son of Lawrence Ryan, a Laborers Local #68 member.



**Michael J. McShane-**attending Marquette University and majoring in Construction Engineering. Michael is the son of Michael McShane from member firm O'Leary's Construction Equipment.



Michael J. McShane



**Elizabeth Singletary-** attending Lewis University majoring in Business with a minor in Marketing. Elizabeth is the daughter of Bart Singletary from member firm LLD Investments LLC.



Elizabeth Singletary



**Kyle B. Humphries-** attending the University of Illinois majoring in Electrical Engineering. Kyle is the son of Bryan and Christine Humphries from member firm Clennon Electric.



Kyle B. Humphries



**Gea Alberico-** attending the University of Iowa and majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Gea is the daughter of Luigi Alberico from member firm JS Alberico Construction.



Gea Alberico



**Thomas V. Siczkowski-** attending the University of Illinois as an undeclared Engineering major. Thomas is the son of Bill Siczkowski from member firm R. Carlson and Sons, Inc.



Thomas Siczkowski

## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY LESTER CHENEY



The great news... tremendous amount of construction work in Will & Grundy counties, all of Northern Illinois for that matter. The troubling and frustrating news is that it's extremely difficult for many of our members to get material and supplies. Prices have increased tremendously as fuel costs have. Water main, pipe equipment, parts, truck availability. Cement powder has went up 20%. Rebar and mesh prices have increased dramatically. Stone prices have increased dramatically and now the material producers, Hansen, Vulcan & Lafarge have a work stoppage with Local 150. As of June 10, 2022 both sides are scheduled to meet at 1:00 PM. Hopefully a settlement is reached. NIMPA (Northern Illinois Material Producers) reached a settlement the evening of June 9, 2022. I'm hearing from Redi-Mix Concrete producers that residential work is staring to slow down.

Les Cheney  
Executive Director  
CAWGC



## LEONARD C. COX JR.



CAWGC mourns the loss of Leonard C. Cox Jr., longtime member of CAWGC. Born May 29, 1941 in Joliet, he was the son of Leonard C. and Eloise G. (Green) Cox, and was a 1960 graduate of Lockport Township High School. Len worked for E. K. Motors in Crest Hill for six and one-half years before starting his own business, Len Cox & Sons Excavating, over 53 years ago with his four sons. He was also a retired member of Operating Engineers Local #150.

An avid golfer, he enjoyed being a member of the Desert Princess Country Club in Cathedral City, CA. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) or the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)) would be appreciated.

For more information, please call (815) 741-5500 or visit his Memorial Tribute at [www.fredcdames.com](http://www.fredcdames.com). He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY



CAWGC celebrated Administrative Professionals' Day at Montage wine bar in Morris. Guests were greeted with a cosmetics goodie bag and enjoyed a Tuscan style lunch. Music was provided by acoustic artist Alex Hoffer and there were a variety of wines and drinks on the menu. Guests also played a "what's in your purse" game and winners received a gift basket filled with pampering and self-care items. Overall it was a great day out of the office and enjoyed by all.



## Young Chosen for Member of the Year Award

This year's Member of the Year Award was presented to a very surprised John Young of Season's Landscape Construction who currently serves on the CAWGC Board of Directors. In March of 1989, Carefree Lawn Maintenance was established and 4 years later in December of 1993 Season's Landscape Construction began operations. Season's specializes in commercial and residential landscaping; primarily road construction, village/ municipality restoration and hardscape installations. Season's joined the CAWGC in August of 2010. John is a very active member. In the past 11 years, John Young has been in attendance at nearly every event and has proudly supported the Association and volunteered whenever asked. We celebrate your contributions to the Association and applaud your dedication as a Director.

## CAWGC We Build Expo

The 12th annual We Build Expo (formerly called the Meet & Greet Expo) took place on April 21, 2022. There were 50 exhibitors this year, making it the largest Expo in CAWGC history. Admission tickets included food, beer and other beverages. Bob Baish, Dan Byrnes and their cooking crew grilled delicious kabobs and Premier Catering supplied delicious meat and cheese, vegetable trays and pasta salad. Attendees participated in a scavenger hunt to find golden tools for cash and many prize drawings were won. Phil from Kinsley State Farm won the 50/50 raffle and generously donated \$200 of the proceeds back to Lightways Hospice. CAWGC had big help and wants to thank: Sunbelt, Ozinga and Altorfer Cat for post event breakdown.



WE BUILD EXPO 2022



CAWGC 2022 COCKTAIL PARTY

