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CARY-GROVE HOLDS AGAINST CENTRAL

Cary-Grove's boys' soccer team with Matt Siggsworth (above) came away with a 1-0 win against Crystal Lake Central on Wednesday, but the Tigers made it tough on them. Trailing 1-0, the Tigers mounted a tough second-half charge but couldn't net a goal, thanks in part to a key save by C-G goaltender Ben Alleva. **For more, see page 1B.**

▶▶ LOCAL®ION

JUDGE TO LAWYERS: DON'T DISCUSS CASE

Judge Joseph Condon told attorneys that they must limit their public statements concerning a fatal boat crash. Rick McGuire has been charged with driving under the influence in connection with the crash, but his attorney previously has said that the other boat involved was at fault. **For more, see page 1C.**

ABUSE VICTIM SHARES STORY THROUGH FILM

Carolyn Cox is sharing her story of years of abuse at the hands of her ex-husband, who was convicted of attempted murder last year, through a documentary called "Carolyn: The Silent Secret," which premieres today. **For more, see page 1C.**

▶▶ BUSINESS

CROWDS PACK NEWEST CHIPOTLE

The latest Chipotle Mexican Grill opened its doors Wednesday in Crystal Lake by offering up free burritos and burrito bowls to visitors. Lines stretched outside the building off Northwest Highway, and a district manager estimated that about 1,500 burritos or burrito bowls would be given away. **For more, see page 9C.**

▶▶ COMING FRIDAY

FOOTBALL SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS AREA

Our prep football special section will preview each team in McHenry County, including players to watch and rosters. Coming Friday in Sports.

▶▶ WEATHER

HIGH **88** LOW **58**

Complete forecast on 10A

Police burn 3rd pot farm

Campsite found; no arrests made

Online

See a photo slide show of McHenry County sheriff's police burning the 1,200 marijuana plants at **NWHerald.com.**



By JILLIAN DUCHNOWSKI
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HARVARD – Authorities burned about 1,200 marijuana plants Wednesday in their third sting this summer on large-scale rural growing operations.

The plants, which would have produced an estimated \$1.2 million worth of marijuana, were about 5 to 8 feet tall, McHenry County Sheriff Keith Nygren said.

They also found a campsite and personal items indicating that at

least two people had been living there, watering and fertilizing the field on less than 5 acres northeast of Harvard.

Nygren vowed that his office would continue to investigate and destroy these types of fields with help from the McHenry County Conservation Police and federal drug enforcement agents.

About four weeks ago, they burned about 3,800 plants found in two similar fields near Hebron.

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McHenry County sheriff's police seized \$1.2 million worth of marijuana plants Wednesday in an unincorporated area northeast of Harvard. Police also recovered a drying rack, personal items, and a tent from the scene.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION | DAY 3



AP photo

Former President Bill Clinton speaks Wednesday during the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

Clinton: Take it from me

Former president says Obama ready for the job

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DENVER – Former President Bill Clinton spoke to the Democratic delegates Wednesday from a unique perspective: as one of only two living Democrats who has served in the Oval Office.

As someone who knows what it takes to be President of the United States, Clinton shared why he believes that Barack Obama is the best candidate for the job.

"He has a remarkable ability to inspire people, to raise our hopes and rally us to high purpose," Clinton said.

"He has the intelligence and curiosity every successful president needs. His policies on the economy, taxes, health care and energy are far superior to the Republican alternatives. He has shown a clear grasp of our foreign policy and national security challenges, and a firm commitment to repair our badly strained military.

"His family heritage and life experiences have given him a unique capacity to lead our increasingly diverse nation



AP photo

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., is seen with Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., at the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

and to restore our leadership in an ever more interdependent world."

The crowd's response to Clinton was at least as enthusiastic as the warm welcome Hillary Clinton received during her speech Tuesday night.

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More coverage

'SPIRIT OF UNITY': Democrats pick Obama in historic roll call. **PAGE 6A**

OBAMA makes a surprise appearance at the end of Biden's speech. **PAGE 7A**

ANALYSIS: Clinton's speech an unqualified endorsement. **PAGE 7A**

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SEE A PHOTO slide show at **NWHerald.com.**



AP photo

Biden: Obama will restore American dream

DENVER – Sen. Joe Biden was nominated by Democratic convention delegates to take the second spot on the party's 2008 presidential ticket with trailblazing Sen. Barack Obama, which he formally accepted Wednesday night.

"I realized [Obama] had tapped into the oldest belief in America: We don't have to accept a situation we cannot bear," Biden said. "We have the power to change it."

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Modine cancer deal set

Ruling: Plaintiffs can apply for funds

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A federal judge gave final approval to Modine Manufacturing Co.'s settlement in the McCullom Lake brain cancer cases, paving the way for residents to get reimbursed for medical monitoring.

U.S. District Court Judge Gene Pratter ruled Tuesday that the \$2 million settlement, tentatively reached in January by both sides, meets federal guidelines. A class-action lawsuit filed in April 2006 blames pollution from Ringwood plants Rohm and Haas and Modine for a number of brain cancer cases among current and former residents of McCullom Lake.

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On the Net

You can read and watch more about the McCullom Lake brain cancer cases at **www.nwherald.com/mccullomlake.**

CN rail plan stirs village

Hearing draws thousands

By KEVIN P. CRAVER
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BARRINGTON – At least 500 protesters opposed to Canadian National's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway formed a train of their own Wednesday afternoon.

They marched down Lake-Cook Road, crossing the EJ&E on their way to a public meeting at Barrington High School to air their grievances before representatives of the environmental section of the federal Surface Transportation Board.

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