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## Museum hosts program on bees Sept. 19

Bees pollinate about three quarters of all fruits, nuts and vegetables grown in the United States.

And that's just a start.

The Food and Drug Administration notes that honey bees produce honey, pollen, royal jelly, beeswax, propolis and venom—all collected and used by people for various nutritional and medicinal purposes. But there is very real threat to bees and the vital products they produce. U.S. beekeepers lost nearly 40 percent of their honeybee colonies—a record—last winter, according to the Maryland-based Bee Informed Partnership.

“The biggest thing right at the moment is colony collapse disorder,” said Jerry Gudauskas, a 24-year master gardener and certified master beekeeper from McHenry. “Poor queens developing and a lack of food sources are problems, but the biggest thing in the world is the Varroa mites and the viruses they carry. There are theories and concoctions as to why, but we don't know for sure. All we know is that we don't have the environment we did in the 1850s.”

The non-native “white man's fly” was shipped to the colonies from England in 1622, and quickly populated this country. Along with native bees, such as the mason and leafcutter varieties, they pollinate everything from flowers to fruit; cabbage to coconuts.

But many pivotal pollinators have become collateral damage in the war against other insect pests. Enforcement of insecticide labeling rules, showing a “bee hazard” warning when appropriate, as been spotty. Soils lack the nutrients, affecting the quality of seed and pollen harvested by bees and their brethren. And then there is climate change.

“A new analysis of a massive, in-

ternational dataset has found that, in the span of just a few decades, the number of places populated by bumblebees have declined by 46 percent in North America and by 17 percent across Europe,” *Smithsonian Magazine* reported. “Climate change appears to be a major culprit, driving temperature spikes and extreme heat waves that—combined with pesticide use, disease, and habitat loss—may threaten the insects with imminent extinction.”

During the last six years, Gudauskas said he has gained a whole new appreciation for the role pollinators play in food production. And he is devoted to spreading the message. He will speak starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the McHenry County Historical Museum, 6422 Main St., in Union.

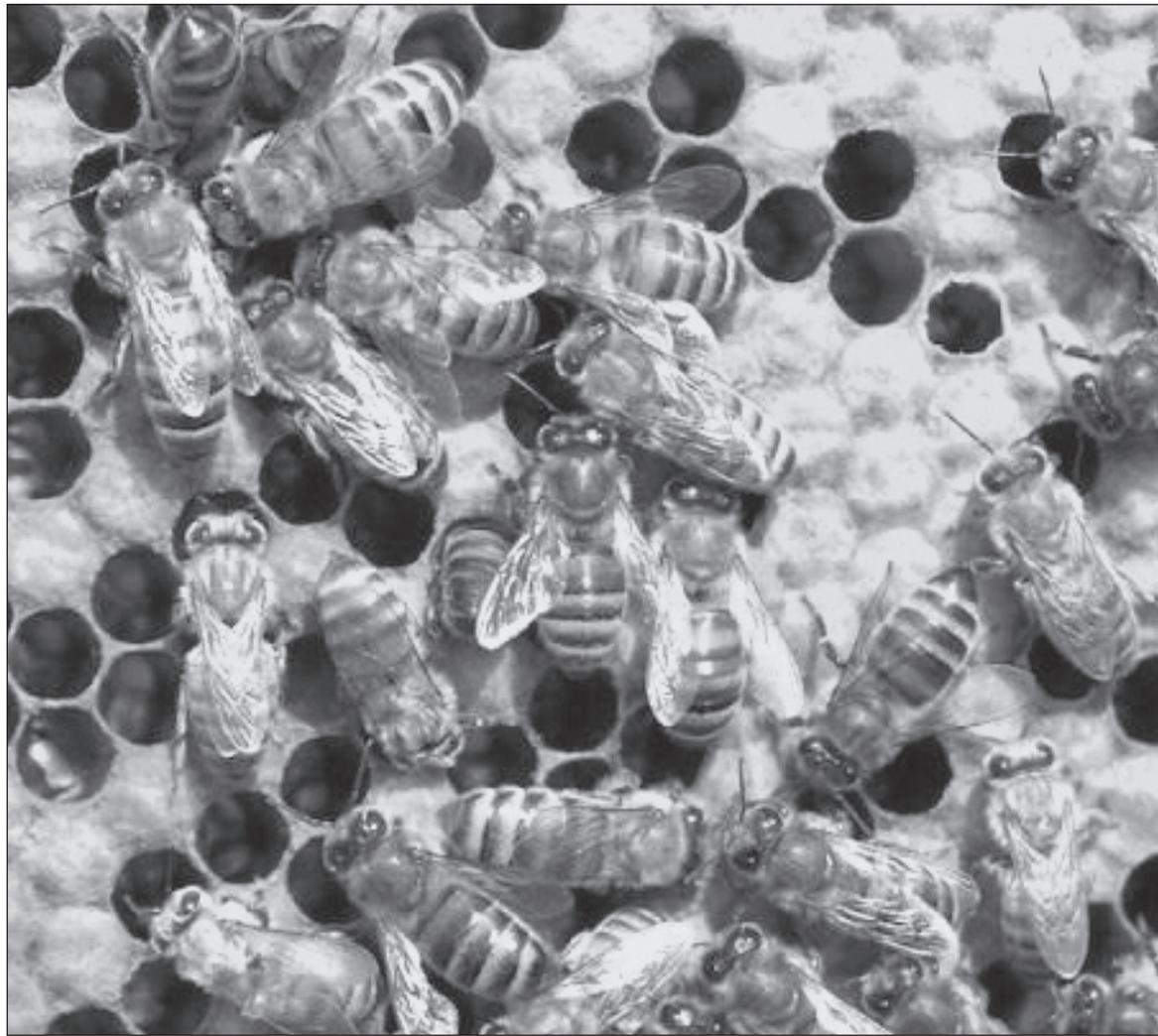
The roughly hour-long program will include a PowerPoint, before adjourning outside to view native plants in the museum's pioneer garden. Topics covered will include bee history, some rudimentary information about beekeeping and tips for creating a bee-friendly yard.

For details and to register, visit [www.gothistory.org](http://www.gothistory.org). The program is \$5 for society members, \$8 for nonmembers.

Because of social-distancing rules related to COVID-19, seating is limited to the first 25 people. Advanced registration is required for Gudauskas' “Bee All You Can Bee” program, as well as for anyone wishing to visit the museum beforehand.

For details, visit [www.gothistory.org](http://www.gothistory.org).

“We need to have flowers for when bees need that pollen and nectar,” Gudauskas said. “I like to get people involved with bees so that they respect them and are not afraid.”



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**Jerry Gudauskas, a 24-year master gardener and certified master beekeeper from McHenry, will present a program on the importance of bees Saturday, Sept. 19.**

## Conservation district seeks restoration volunteers

Connect to nature, to community. Enjoy a bit of history and science, a bit of reflection, restore nature and yourself. Join McHenry County Conservation District for the seventeenth “Weekend of Restoration” event – Fire: The Great Transformer” on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park, Rt. 31 and Harts Road, Ringwood. This award-winning program is a mini vacation that makes a difference.

Fire, water, earth and air are the four sacred elements of ancient philosophy. Fire both destroys and renews life and also plays an important role in the ecology of the Midwest—and our attitudes toward fire have changed greatly over time.

Seventy-five years ago we tried to stop every landscape fire as soon as possible. Now we set prescribed fires to achieve our strategic management goals. This dramatic cul-

tural shift in attitudes appeared in popular culture, land management and science.

Learn about fire, assist with reforestation efforts, plant trees and build protective cages. You can help make a difference. Take a volunteer mini-vacation to learn about, engage with, and take part in conserving our local treasures.

Group size limited to 20. Registration deadline is Sept. 25; register online at [MCCDistrict.org](http://MCCDistrict.org), program code: 6778. Open to ages 16 and up. Cost (fee includes a box lunch): \$15/seniors (60+) \$10/students \$10/free if registered district volunteers (Call (815-678-4532, ext. 8144 for discount code). For additional information, contact Tom Simpson at 815-678-4532, x8218, or [tsimpson@mccd-district.org](mailto:tsimpson@mccd-district.org).

Witness the activities and results of prior weekends of restoration on Facebook at [MCCDWEOR](https://www.facebook.com/MCCDWEOR).

## Program lets teens explore health care career options

A new program at Northwestern Medicine hospitals in Huntley, McHenry and Woodstock will offer STEM career exposure to McHenry County high school sophomores and juniors who are considering a future in health care.

The Northwestern Medicine Discovery Program will include tours, guest speakers, hands-on projects and networking with health care professionals. The program will also develop professional skills and provide community service and leadership experience.

“The Northwestern Medicine Discovery Program gives high school students an up-close look at different health care career options,” said Dawn Roznowski, director of community affairs. “Our goal is to develop the next generation of leaders so they will pursue additional education and return to McHenry County to care for our community members.”

The one-year program is open to 15 high school students who meet eligibility criteria and complete the application process. Meetings are typically from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays once a month at one of

the hospitals, and may include opportunities to visit other Northwestern Medicine locations. During the COVID-19 pandemic, classes will be virtual. This year's first session will be in November.

“The Discovery Program began in Chicago in 1996 and our participants have gone on to enjoy many different careers in health care,” Roznowski said. “Some have become nurses or physicians, and others have pursued engineering and architecture. Every student brings a unique perspective to the experience, and we look forward to welcoming our first students from McHenry County.”

The Discovery Program is in addition to the youth residency programs offered in partnership with Huntley High School and McHenry West High School. Students who are Kane County residents are encouraged to apply for the West Chapter of the Discovery Program in Kane County.

Applications must be received by Oct. 2. Notifications will be emailed by early November.

To learn more about Northwestern Medicine, visit [news.nm.org/about-northwestern-medicine.html](https://news.nm.org/about-northwestern-medicine.html).

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# Belvidere Police, Fire Dept. taking steps to improve level of service

By Bob Balgemann  
REPORTER

First of two parts

Most anytime Mayor Mike Chamberlain talks about the quality of life offered by the city, he includes the level of service provided by the police and fire departments as being a big part of that.

On Sept. 8, the city council approved two actions requested by the police department in the department's continued attempt to the best it can be.

First up was signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office and Boone County Sheriff's Office, to be part of the DigiTICKET program. This is an electronic ticketing system designed to maximize efficiency, reduce errors, and increase safety for law enforcement officers.

For police and the sheriff's office, the purpose is to be able to electronically submit citations to the circuit court clerk's office.

The MOU is good for five years. Total purchase agreement with DiGiTICKET is \$86,294, according to information provided by the po-

lice de-partment. Belvidere's share of the purchase cost is \$8,000, plus \$1,920 to allow the digital information to be imported into the department's report management system.

Belvidere Police Chief Shane Woody first requested permission to be part of that program at the Aug. 24 Committee of the Whole meeting. Aldermen voted 9-0 to recommend approval and the final go-ahead came Sept. 8.

Here are some of the benefits from being part of the program:

- DigiTICKET allows officers to quickly create and submit tickets electronically. Currently, they can spend patrol time handwriting traffic citations. It can scan the back of a driver's license or identification card from virtually any state, and automatically enter all that information into the ticket.

Also, the web-based digital software program allows officers to enter traffic stop data, which then is provided through a mobile printer. That information then is transmitted to the police department's report management system, the circuit clerk's office and Illinois Department of Transportation.

Previously, according to a memorandum from Woody, the aforementioned information now is entered manually and can take hours to complete.

- DigiTICKET can reduce the amount of time required to issue traffic tickets by more than 50 percent, lessening officer exposure to a variety of roadside hazards.

- Spending less time on traffic stops allows officers to spend more time in the community, whether on patrol or actual contact with residents and business people.

- Cost savings through eliminating illegible and uncollectible citations, which allows a time savings that could include more immediate collection of fine revenue, and potential for reduction in overtime.

### eCrash reports

The other police department request approved Sept. 8 was an agreement allowing Belvidere to take advantage of the eCrash program from LexisNexis/Coplogic Solutions.

Information provided by Woody said that "managing and distributing crash reports is an outdated, inefficient process that requires a lot of

time and patience. That's because the work is often manual, which results in frequent delays, data entry errors, and minimal process standardization.

"Lexis/Nexis eCrash can help by bringing simplicity and efficiency to the handling of crash reports. By automating the reporting process—from the scene of the accident to public report distribution—it provides a highly secure, electronic data management resource that helps agencies deliver faster crash report data, while advancing traffic safety and the quality of life for the people they protect and service.

"At a time when many agencies are challenged with budget cuts, this solution is available at no cost to law enforcement. That means there is no cost to acquire the technology, customize it, implement it, integrate it with agency-specific mobile software or update it. The system pays for itself by assessing a modest convenience fee to citizens, insurers, and other authorized parties who purchase the accident reports."

Alderman Marsha Freeman said she had a couple of concerns. She referred to several fees that were

specified in the agreement, and asked how they would be applied.

"Anybody can still come to the Public Safety Building and receive a hard copy if they wish to do that," he explained. "This is a digital format as a convenience to the motorist. Motorists involved in the accident will be provided an accident report free of charge."

"The company charges fees to the insurance companies, attorneys, so on and so forth, when they request accident reports," he added.

Earlier, he said the department would charge the same price—\$5—to get a digital accident report that it did to get a hard copy report.

"Now, honestly, to you think there will be more tickets issued because they (officers) have more time to patrol?" she asked.

"No, I wouldn't say one is more directly related to the other," the chief answered. "My concern is the amount of time officers and motorists spend on scene, waiting for the officer to complete the accident report. Lexis/Nexis will allow them to fill out minimal information and accomplish the same thing in about one-third of the time."

## Back in the saddle

# Apple orchards, school buses, and harvest time

By Ann Marie Cain, FBCM  
WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU

### Crunch Time

September is the season for apples. Apple orchards work all year long to grow delicious, juicy apples. Our AITC staff is busy preparing for virtual school tours to the apple orchard this month.

Check out our virtual tour of Edwards Apple Orchard on YouTube at [youtu.be/FyJGarQvpV0](https://youtu.be/FyJGarQvpV0) and learn about the parts of an apple in our Kids Corner at [www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org/kids-corner.html](http://www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org/kids-corner.html). If you're looking for a good book to share with your kids this fall, check out "The Apple Orchard Riddle" by Margaret McNamara and G. Brian Karas.

### Big Wheels

In previous years, big yellow school buses would be bouncing down the roads daily picking up and dropping off our future. While this school year looks very different and there are fewer buses on the road, it is vital to our children's safety that we pay attention, share the roads, and stop for school buses as they transfer students to and from school. In addition to sharing the roads with local emergency responders, tow trucks, and school buses; don't forget about farm equipment.

### Share the roads

With the harvest season just around the corner, it is important for everyone to remember that

we all need to share the roads. Farmers and motorists both have the right to use the roads. Although farm equipment will use the roads all year round, motorists encounter more farm equipment in the spring as farmers are preparing the soil and planting the crops and in the fall as farmers are harvesting their crops.

Here are a few safety tips and reminders for both motorists and farmers to help prevent accidents on the roads during harvest season. Help prevent accidents. Please stay alert, be patient, and when you see farm equipment ahead, slow down.

### Motorist:

- Reduce speed when encountering farm equipment on

public roads. Flashing amber lights mean "Caution."

- Slow down when you see the Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) Emblem—the orange and red reflective triangle warns you that the tractor or combine travels at a slow rate of speed.

- Keep a safe distance from the farm equipment so the farmer can see you. If you can't see his mirrors, he can't see you!

- Pass wide, large farm equipment only if you know conditions are safe and you are sure the farmer will not be making a left-hand turn. Be cautious when pulling back in.

- It is illegal to pass in a no passing zone or within 100 feet of an intersection, railroad crossing, or bridge.

- Be prepared to yield to wide equipment.

- Always wear a safety belt and heed the road's speed limit.

- Watch for the farmer's indication of a turn. Newer equipment has one or more amber lights flashing rapidly to indicate a turn. Older equipment is typically not equipped with turn signals so watch for farmer's hand signals.

### Farmers:

- Plan travel to avoid rush hours, bad weather, the busiest roads and the time before daylight and after dark.

- Be obvious to motorists by proper use of reflective SMV emblems on any implement of husbandry operated on public roadways. It's the law!

- Use reflective marking tape and reflectors on the extremities of equipment.

- Turn on hazard lights mounted on farm equipment and turn off field work lights for all roadway

travel.

- Install mirrors that are wide enough for you to see what is following you.

- Always use turn signals to indicated plans to turn into fields or driveways

- Be aware of traffic- oncoming, in front of you, and behind you.

- If road and shoulder conditions are safe, pull over temporarily to allow traffic to pass.

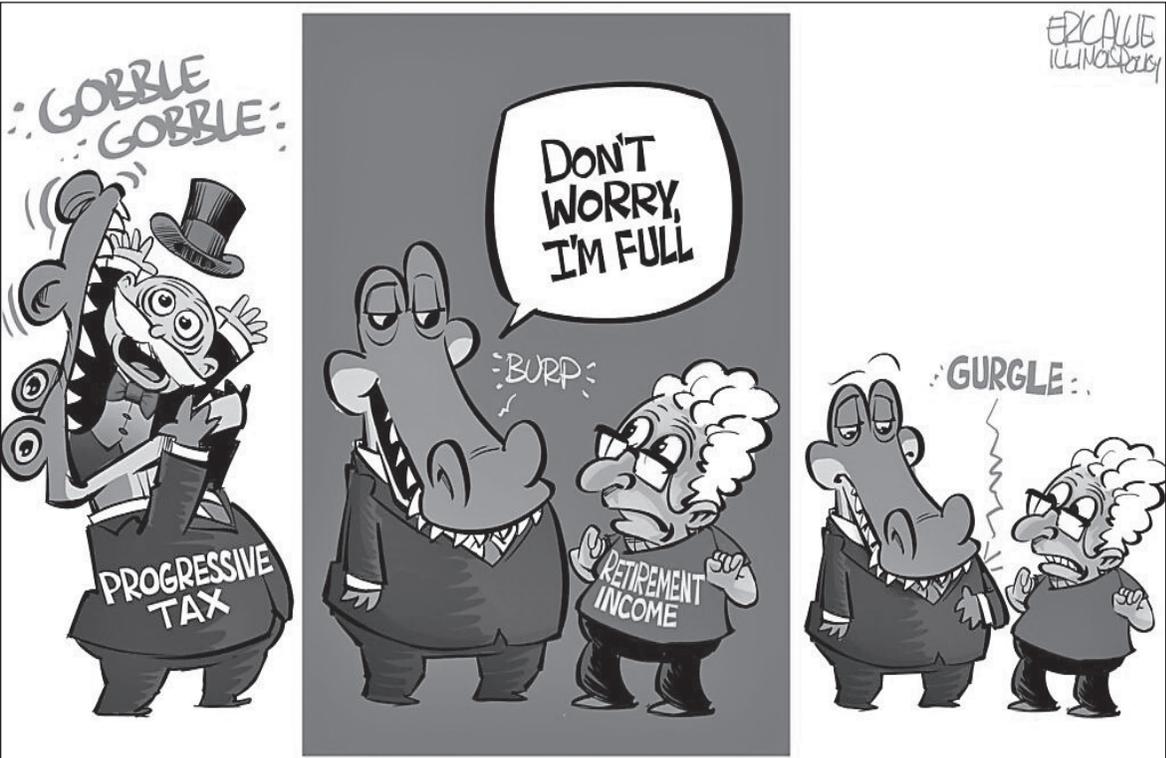
- Slow down on turns and curves. Check the traffic behind you.

- Minimize the width of equipment as much as possible. You may not interfere with traffic in the adjoining lane.

- When practical, truck larger equipment to the next location. **"Vote No Progressive Tax" signs are now available for farm bureau members**

Illinois Farm Bureau policy states clear support for a flat income tax. This policy, which has been vetted by our members, believes the flat tax is a fair way to tax the citizens of Illinois. A flat tax applies the same tax rate on everyone—no matter their income level. If the Constitutional amendment is approved in November, lawmakers will impose varying tax rates based on how successful you are as an individual or as a corporation.

As we move closer to the Nov. 3 election, we look forward to working with our members to share the message that Illinois Farm Bureau opposes the proposed income tax amendment to the Illinois Constitution. "Vote No on the Progressive Tax" yard signs are available to members at the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau office.



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# Ida Public Library providing library cards to local students

By Anne Eickstadt  
REPORTER

"We're excited to announce our new Distance Learner library cards," said Library Director Louis Carlisle. "We wanted to help kids having a hard time without access to the school library.

"We are allowing all students in Boone County to have access to the Ida Public Library resources. The student will have to be enrolled in Distance Learning a school teaching Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the School District 100 or 200 area. The free library cards for these students are restricted to Ida Public Library materials and resources. Students can use our computers for their school research and projects.

"The cards cannot be used for inter-library loans or age-inappropriate materials. They will have a 20-item limit on resources being checked out of the library for home use.

"This restricted use card is free and parents can come in with their child. This program will continue through

the end of December. If the schools were to open for an extended period of time, the students would have access to the school libraries and the Ida Public Library restricted use card would expire.

"We feel connected to Boone County as a whole and want to help out during this difficult time."

Cards are available for all students K-12 anywhere in Boone County during remote learning. Please bring a photo ID (parent/guardian if a student is under 18) and proof of enrollment to the Youth Service department to sign up.

The Ida Public Library, 320 N. State St., Belvidere, is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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**Right: Ida Public Library materials and resources are available for students across Boone County to help them do their school research and projects.**



## Eligible video gaming establishments reaches 34 in Belvidere

By Bob Balmegann  
REPORTER

Several years ago the city council approved capping at 30 the number of active video gaming establishments that could be operating in town at any given time. But it was agreed that additional license applications would be considered after the ceiling was reached, and approved if warranted, resulting in creation of a waiting list.

Today there are 34 establishments with licenses. So, four are waiting for someone to cease operation, at which time the city would be able to allow one of them to open its doors.

The most recent addition was at 400 W. Chrysler Drive, a 41,500-square-foot property housing the anchor store, Fiesta Market. That application received final approval during the Sept. 8 council meeting.

First stop for the request was the Aug. 11 Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) meeting. Community Development Planner Gina DelRose provided the background.

The six allowable video games were proposed for a 12-by-21-foot area in the northeast corner of the existing building, and would be serviced by personnel from the existing restaurant. The gaming area would be separate from the general public, including the restaurant seating area. A surveillance system and those working at the restaurant counter would provide continuous monitoring.

Staff recommended approval of the special use subject to the following conditions:

- Open alcohol is prohibited outside the premises, unless otherwise permitted.
- Video gaming shall be in sub-

stantial compliance with the site plan that had been submitted to staff.

### One question

There was one question, from Commissioner Robert Cantrell, who asked if the establishment had a liquor license.

DelRose replied that the Fiesta Market had such a license; the applicant was present at the meeting and added the license had been in place since 2006.

Video gaming establishments are a relatively new source of revenue for the city.

In her most recent financial update to the Committee of the Whole, in July, Budget and Finance Officer Becky Tobin said the city's share of income from those machines had been in the \$30,000 range for May, June and July 2019. One year later, in May 2020, revenue dropped to \$18,345.82 because of the beginning of the time such establishments were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It will be September before we begin to see any revenue from video gaming," she told the committee.

Such establishments were allowed by the state to reopen July 1, subject to their continued compliance with COVID-19 restrictions.

There was no further discussion Aug. 11, with commissioners voting 5-0 to recommend approval of the requested special use. City council also voted unanimously, at its Sept. 8 meeting, to approve the special use.

Also at that night's P&Z meeting it was time once again to elect a chairman and vice-chairman of the commission. The process calls for that to be done by the mayor, with recommendations from members of the commission.

This time Commissioner Andy

Racz nominated Paul Engelman as chairman, with Carl Guewuch as vice-chairman. A second came from Commissioner Cantrell and there was an ensuing 5-0 vote for approval, with no discussion.

### Snow blower

In addition, at the Sept. 8 council meeting, aldermen approved sale of the 1979 Fair snow blower to wrap up the recent purchase of a new piece of equipment.

Initially, on Aug. 10, the Committee of the Whole, Public Works, recommended buying a Larue snow blower, which was preferred by Public Works Director Brent Anderson, from Casper's Truck Equipment in Butler, Wis., for \$160,741. That was more expensive than the bid of \$153,502.60 submitted by Bonnell Industries Inc., in Dixon. And Anderson provided a lengthy list of reasons for recommending the Larue.

The more expensive bid was read into the record by Mayor Mike Chamberlain at the Aug. 17 council meeting.

Second and final reading came Sept. 8, with a unanimous vote of approval and no discussion.

### Parking lot

Also Sept. 8, sale of the former Manley Motors parking lot on First Street, across from the Belvidere Community Center Complex, remained on the table, where it was placed Aug. 3.

Chamberlain provided an update, saying that while the Community Center board agreed in principle with changes the city requested in the agreement, it had not yet voted approval.

City council wants the property to always be available for public parking, even if the Community Center board would decide to sell it at some point in the future.

## Boone County Board vacancies

The following volunteer boards of the County of Boone have a vacancy:

- Boone County Board of Review has one vacancy for remainder of term expiring on June 1, 2021.
- Commissioners of the Housing Authority one vacancy open for a five-year term expiring Jan. 1, 2025 and one vacancy open for a five-year term expiring Jan. 1, 2023.
- Fire Protection District #3 has two vacancies open for three-year terms expiring July 20, 2023.
- Regional Planning Commission has two vacancies open for remainder of term: one expiring Dec. 31, 2020, and the other expiring Dec. 31, 2021.
- Boone County Ethics Commission has three vacancies open for one-year terms expiring June 30, 2021.

## Habitat for Humanity Boone County Pasta Dinner Drive-thru

On Saturday, Sept. 19, the public is cordially invited to attend the Habitat for Humanity Boone County Pasta Dinner Drive-thru. The drive thru will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, 610 Bonus Ave. Belvidere. Tickets are \$10 and all meals will be delivered curbside. There is an online auction at [www.32auctions.com/HFHBC2020](http://www.32auctions.com/HFHBC2020). You can also sponsor a home: Bronze sponsorship \$99 to \$199, Silver sponsorship \$200 to \$349, Platinum sponsorship \$350 and up.

For more information please contact: Beth Carson 815-979-0473 or Kim Mickey 815-980-6247. Please make checks payable to Habitat for Humanity of Boone County.

### About Habitat for Humanity of Boone County

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## IHSA director says content of letter to governor 'misconstrued'

On Sept. 11, IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson issued the following statement to help clear the air regarding the content of a letter he issued to Gov. Pritzker and Deputy Gov. Ruiz:

"With support from the IHSA Board of Directors, I issued a letter on September 10 to Governor Pritzker and Deputy Governor Ruiz, that seeks permission for the IHSA and its Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to resume control over determining the resumption of IHSA sports and activities.

"However, the content of that letter has been greatly misconstrued on social media in a short amount of time. There have been no discussions, let alone proposed timelines, for resuming any sports at this time. Should our office receive a positive response from government officials, it could result in the IHSA reexamining its previously

released season schedules, as well as postseason schedules, for the 2020-21 school year.

"It is important to note that, under the leadership of Governor Pritzker, Illinois has attained one of the lowest COVID-19 infection rates in the country.

"Additionally, several surrounding states have successfully conducted sports categorized as medium and high risk here in Illinois, and we believe sports and activities are safest when conducted under the IHSA safety protocols by school personnel. Those combined factors led us to issue this letter, and we will respectfully await response to it.

"The IHSA is not involved in any planned protests this weekend related to high school sports. If protests occur, we encourage all attendees to be safe, smart and respectful."

## Belvidere fire calls

The Belvidere Fire Dept. responded to 55 calls Sept. 7 to 13.

### Monday, Sept. 7

BFD responded to 12 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

600 block of W. Locust St. – motor vehicle accident

2800 block of E. 6th St. – good intent call

500 block of W. 7th St. – assist police

1100 block of Nettie St. – false alarm

200 block of Fox Lane – assist invalid

600 block of Whitney Blvd. – attempted, illegal burning

1200 block of Lake Summerset Road – swimming/water rescue

300 block of Garden Dr. – call cancelled en route

### Tuesday, Sept. 8

BFD responded to 3 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

1400 block of Bliss St. – good intent call

900 block of E. 6th St. – false alarm

200 block of Lynne Lane – false alarm

### Wednesday, Sept. 9

BFD responded to 6 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

1200 block of Crosslink Pkwy. – sprinkler activation, no fire

400 block of Lynne Lane – call cancelled en route

### Thursday, Sept. 10

BFD responded to 2 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

400 block of W. 10th St. – carbon monoxide alarm

500 block of E. Perry St. – gas leak

### Friday, Sept. 11

BFD responded to 3 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

100 block of Highline – motor vehicle accident

N. State St./N. Appleton Road – motor vehicle accident

1000 block of N. State St. – smoke/odor removal

### Saturday, Sept. 12

BFD responded to 0 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

2100 block of Tobyne Dr. – call cancelled en route

Belvidere Road/Logan Ave. – call cancelled en route

E. Menominee St./Hancock – motor vehicle accident

1800 block of 14th Ave. – good intent call

### Sunday, Sept. 13

BFD responded to 7 medical calls.

## Slices of life

# Don't let one Karen ruin the whole lot

(Dedicated to all the innocent Karens in the world.)

None of us chooses our own name (at least not the original one.) Let that sit for a moment. You might be John or Steve or Julie or Lisa, but not by choice. Most likely your name came by the choice of your parents.

Imagine that another Steve or Julie did something publicly embarrassing. What if John or Lisa acted in a manner that caused others to shake their heads in disbelief and mumble, "Man, what were they thinking?"

And then, ponder Karen. Poor, poor Karen. (Not the original manager-seeking one, but those who just happen to have that same name.)

I counted and I've known an estimated 12 Karens during my



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Contributor

lifetime. An even dozen — by and large they were an agreeable lot. Not condescending. Not complainers. Not unkind. Not entitled. Not demanding. Not unreasonable. None of those things.

The Karens I know are teachers, nurses and social workers, to name a few. They are helpers. They give more than they receive.

And none of them, to my knowledge, has ever asked to speak to a manager.

But people are ruthless, especially

when anonymous and online. That's why Karens are taking a beating — on every social media platform capable of posting a meme. Because memes speak the truth. We all know that. (Duh.)

How many jokes can be made about wanting to speak to a manager?

In the words of Buzz Lightyear, "To infinity and beyond." That is reality for all of our Karens (and each of us has a few, if we don't carry the name ourselves.)

Currently, that is their legacy. A legacy they didn't choose. A legacy, quite frankly, they don't deserve. At least not 99.95 percent of them.

The caring Karens I've known have been just that. How many other first names can you think of that sound so close to caring or kindness? Karen fits that bill as do

the bulk of Karens in my life.

Yet the name, for many, has been dragged through the mud — and poopy, self-righteous mud at that. It warrants its own Wikipedia page. It has become a caricature, created to make a point, but resulting in pulling some innocents along the route along the way.

Karen (and you know who you are) I apologize for the one Karen who wrecked it for you all. Life is unfair. And we all deal with unfairness, but no one wants their very name to be plowed through a cesspool of poopy mud.

Never mind the other Karen — the guilty one. There are thousands and thousands of you who are not doers of the transgression so described in countless memes and on Wikipedia.

Hold your head high. Speak your

name proudly. Stereotypes are for the desperate. For the ignorant. For the belittlers. For all the things none of us aspire to be.

My name is Karen. I am Karen. It's Karen with a "K." That's you. And there are scores of us, not named Karen, who will stand beside you, proudly.

In the meantime, I'll do my best to not wreck it for the other Jills out there. We can all do our part.

During these tough times, who needs to add to anyone's load and burdens? Please let's be kind — to the Karens we love and everyone else, no matter their name. It's what each of us needs. Truly.

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## Kopp disclosure

# Scratching the surface of who's to blame: A brief and sobering look at leadership

By Dr. Robert Kopp  
CONTRIBUTOR

"Having turned away from the knowledge given by God, the Christian influence on the whole culture has been lost. Here is the great evangelical disaster — the failure of the church to stand for truth as truth.

There is only one word for this: namely accommodation. The church has accommodated to the world."

(Among the Last Words of Francis Schaeffer)

Civilized people regard the 2016 run to the White House as an embarrassment.

Who's to blame?

Who's to blame for America's decline?

President Obama blames President Bush and everybody who doesn't agree with him on everything.

Sanders blames capitalists.

Trump blames stupid people.

Hillary blames Obama and Bush

and everybody but herself while pandering to every whacked out, whining-and-crying-and-pitching-a-fit special interest gang; making pastors who agree with the last person they've talked to look better than sentences ending in prepositions.

Watching the GOP and DNC and their idolaters is like watching bad skits on SNL; bringing the Eagles to mind: "I turn on the tube and what do I see? A whole lotta people crying, 'Don't blame me!' They point their crooked little fingers at everybody

else. Spend all of their time feeling sorry for themselves. Victim of this. Victim of that. Get over it!"

That's the problem.

Nobody admits individual/collective culpability for America's decline.

What's the solution?

Clint Eastwood's "American Sniper," the movie about legendary Navy Seal hero Chris Kyle, provides more than subtle hints.

In a flashback to his childhood, we see Chris sitting at the dinner table with his dad, mom, and brother.

Speaking to his sons, Wayne Kyle says, "There are three types of people in this world: sheep, wolves, and sheep-dogs. Some people prefer to believe that evil doesn't exist in the world; and if it ever darkened their doorstep, they wouldn't know how to protect themselves. Those are the sheep. Then you've got predators who use violence to prey on the weak. They're the wolves. And then there are those blessed with the gift of aggression — an over-powering need to protect the flock. These men are the rare breed who live to confront the wolf. They are the sheepdog."

Leaders are sheepdogs.

The Good Shepherd Jesus described leadership as under-shepherding: "You've been called to take care of the sheep. There are wolves in the world. So be as wise and tough-minded as serpents and as gentle and tender-hearted as doves."

Leaders/sheepdogs/undershepherds are to blame for wolves/predators/savages ravaging America.

Leaders/sheepdogs/undershepherds are to blame for not shattering the sound of silence that consents/acquiesces to who and what ravage people/sheep/nations.

Leaders/sheepdogs/undershepherds are to blame for not looking up, standing up, speaking up, and acting up for Jesus by the book as salt, light, and good leaven that mixes in to make better.

Read Hosea 4.

Read James 3.

Leaders/sheepdogs/undershepherds

have a simple formula for reversing America's decline: "God said it! We believe it! That settles it!"

They hear His voice: "Return to Me and I will restore you. If not, not."

If you're a presidential candidate, politician, professor, pastor, parent, grandparent, teacher, lawyer, doctor or "leader" of any kind and you aren't leading by following Jesus by the book, get out of the way in favor of those who do... before it's too late!

If you're not leading by following Jesus by the book, admit that everything is going everywhere but to heaven because you have failed to follow Him by the book as the

only One who can save America and everybody else.

Stop being so arrogant!

Your leadership style/substance has failed!

That's because only Jesus is Lord and Savior; and everything goes anything but heavenly apart from Him.

If you really care about America and everybody else, stop doing what you're doing and submit to His saving sovereignty before you completely destroy the "good" entrusted to you.

There is hope! Not you! Not me! Not them! Him! Jesus by the book!

## In my opinion

# The miracle of the U.S. Constitution

By Dr. Harold Pease, Ph.D.  
COLUMNIST

Constitution Day, Sept. 17, the day Americans celebrate the signing of the Constitution, which was then sent to the states for ratification, is almost here. The numerous attacks on it, it's founders, and the anarchy in our big cities today should give us cause to reflect upon what a gift it was/is to mankind.

For nearly six thousand years of recorded history governments best described as regimental in nature have dominated man. Only for a few fleeting moments in the past has individual man had anything to say concerning the restrictions placed upon him. Under an occasional benevolent monarchy or an unconcerned king, man has, in rare instances, been left to himself as in Athens, Rome, Runnymede, or in Philadelphia, unusual moments allowing individual freedom to flourish for a time.

Until 1787 man did not know how to free himself from excessive government - the enemy of true liberty. The Constitution harnessed government as never before.

Now its wonders are everywhere apparent: magnificent material things, abundance of food, and unheard of leisure, etc. No society upon the earth has been more greatly blessed. None worked so little for so much. The last hundred years have brought such gifts to mankind, which only the insane would have supposed possible 200 years before, and truly America has become, for

those willing to work, the envy of all the world - the land of the rich. Even the poorest among us have had a standard of living exceeding the vast majority that ever inhabited the planet.

The genius of the American Constitution, other than harnessing the government rather than man, is that it incentivized individual labor and creativity, which unleashed tools, which unleashed abundance as never before. Probably at least 80 percent of the inventions of the planet have come from our soil.

The one message the present generation has not seemed to grasp is that freedom can be lost - even in a single generation. Today we have that generation, oblivious to history, natural law, common sense, morality and the Constitution and likely the most un-churched. A generation believing themselves entitled to someone else's wealth. The most privileged residents of the earth who have never themselves fought for their own freedom yet are now poised to lose what others died to give them. Perhaps the most ungrateful and ignorant people ever.

They argue for such things as a Green New Deal, which nullifies airplanes, automobiles, and tractors; no borders, which protects us from invading masses; and reparations, which makes the present generation pay money to descendants of those offended 160 years ago. These Neanderthals oppose self-defense by opposing the Second Amendment while simultaneously supporting

defunding of police which, for those that can still think, means no police, which together means no protection for the most vulnerable in society. These would destroy America.

The greatest irony of all human history is that once man, with God's help, finally discovered the formula for liberty for all, the Constitution, a small portion of this privileged class, university intellectuals, and the superrich like George Soros, using Millennials and students as useful idiots, seek to destroy it for the rest of humanity, perhaps forever.

Following the Civil War ending slavery, America was and is today probably the least racist society ever created and was so prior to the Obama Administration. If indeed America is racist a black man (Obama) never could have become president and a black woman (Kamala Harris) never nominated Vice President by a major political party, if there were no hope that her nomination would lead to the majority of Americans voting for her?

This group of history and cultural illiterates have no problem voting by violence. In previous months major Democrat led cities have allowed, even encouraged, acts of anarchy, robbery, pillage, rape and violence against police and small businesses. Antifa and Black Lives Matter easily infiltrated the demonstrations of sincere folks naively thinking

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# Up in the Air event draws dedicated flyers

By Anne Eickstadt  
REPORTER

The third year of the Up in the Air event at Prairie Fields Sports Park, 1111 Fairgrounds Road, was drab and misty and rainy on Saturday, Sept. 12. Only 12 to 15 kites were ever up in the air at the same time.

“In 15 years,” kite flyer Rich May said, “this is the first time it has been drizzly and not perfect kite flying weather.”

May came to Belvidere from Grinnell, Iowa, for the Belvidere Park District’s Up in the Air event.

“The gentleman over there, Mr. Batliner, came to Grinnell one year and flew a dual line kite. I said, ‘I want to do that.’ I bought a kite from David Zavell of Chicago Kites and promptly crashed it. We replaced the struts, I got a five-minute lesson from a flyer, and I was doing Figure 8s and loops.”

“Now I have 15 nice kites and another half dozen not-so-nice kites that I bought online that were not what I expected. How many more kites do I need? Just one more...and one more...”

“Dual line kites were used during World War II for target practice on battleships,” he said. “The kites would have enemy plane shapes painted on them and the gunners used them for target practice as they ducked back and forth like enemy planes.”

David Zavell of Chicago Kites gathered all the kites – sports and fantasy kite flyers but only the dedicated flyers who did not mind getting their kite wet had their kites up and flying. The very large, inflatable fantasy kites such as the alien spaceship which always appears at the Up in the Air event did not get unpacked

and inflated.

The performance kites were having a wonderful time. Kathy Brinnell of Fire & Ice Kite Alchemy said, “We are a kite team. I am from Illinois and Mark Ledvina and Paul Koepke are from Wisconsin. Our kite maker, Blue Moon Kites, is from North Carolina and he came out to meet with us today. We normally go to an event in Milwaukee on this weekend but it was cancelled so we came here for a fun fly.”

“Paul and I have been flying together for 15 years. As a team, the three of us have been together for seven years. Last weekend we were doing a demonstration set to music in Wisconsin. Today, we are here just for fun.”

Flyers came to this Belvidere event from Iowa, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Illinois and from Kansas City.

When they saw the weather, the taco truck turned around and left but J&C Old-Fashioned Ice Cream truck stayed. I won’t say they had a booming business because most of the usual activities were not available (pandemic restrictions), many parents and grandparents did not want to bring the kids out into the wet weather, and only a few flyers were hardy enough to stick out the rain, but the truck did some business as the kids that were there got treats and the flyers did not want to leave the park to find other food.

The organizer, David Zavell of Chicago Kite, got the dedicated flyers to come to Belvidere and he helped replace broken struts and even sold a couple of kites while he was there.

“Chicago Kite/Kite Harbor has been serving the kite enthusiast for over 28 years. We have everything



The largest kites in the air on a damp, dreary day were a couple of Manta Ray kites gracing the Belvidere Park District’s Up in the Air event.

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Designed specifically for the Fire & Ice Kite Alchemy team, these kites chase each other across a dreary sky.

## Goodwill launches ‘Mystery Bags to Go’

Online shop offers mystery bags at all 11 retail locations

Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois has launched “Mystery Bags to Go” online shop at [www.goodwillgoodtogo.com](http://www.goodwillgoodtogo.com) with curbside or in store pick-up all 11 of its retail locations.

Mystery Bags to Go contain a category of items and sizes that have been originally on the sales floor. The contents remain a mystery until opened for a fun shopping experience. The online store will list new bags every Friday to keep it fresh for the consumer.

The basic bag sells for \$9.99 and the designer bag for \$19.99 but the site will also include specialty bags at various prices. All bags contain a minimum of 12 items and are heavily discounted. The value of the mystery bags range from approximately \$60 to \$120 respectively.

Shoppers can access the site at [www.goodwillgoodtogo.com](http://www.goodwillgoodtogo.com) to shop the various bags and pick up curbside or come into the store—whichever is more convenient.

“We were looking for ways to engage our shoppers with new concepts and experiences and felt ‘Mystery Bags to Go’ was a great way to offer customers deeply discounted merchandise while making it fun,” Ben Bernsten, president of Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois, said.

Bernsten said they will continue to monitor the success of Mystery Bags to Go and will evolve the

online site based on consumer demand.

For additional information about the program and store locations, visit [www.goodwillni.org](http://www.goodwillni.org).

### About Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois

Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois is a community-based not-for-profit organization whose mission is to create opportunities for individuals with barriers to enhance their lives.

Goodwill funds job training programs, employment placement services and other community-based programs by selling donated clothing and household items in its 12 retail stores located in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. In 2019, Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois served 26,273 people in the communities in which we reside.

A three-year CARF Accreditation was awarded to Goodwill for its employment programs in 2018 which is official recognition that the organization is guided by internationally recognized service standards and best practices.

Goodwill stores in northern Illinois (Rockford, Machesney Park, Freeport, Sterling, DeKalb, Ottawa, McHenry, Huntley, Crystal Lake and Algonquin) and Beloit, Wisconsin employ over 600 people. Visit their website at [www.goodwillni.org](http://www.goodwillni.org).

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# BPD sponsors Mobile Food Pantry

By Anne Eickstadt  
REPORTER

The third Belvidere Police Department-hosted Food Pantry was scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Cars were already lining up before 2:30 p.m. The Northern Illinois Food Bank truck arrived an hour and 20 minutes late and volunteers from the Belvidere High School Golf Team assisted the BPD unloading the food as quickly as possible, piling tables and pallets high with boxes of food. The BHS Golf Team came out to perform community service under the watchful eyes of Coach Jeremy Edwards and Assistant Coach Jordan Larson (who teaches at South Middle School).

With all the willing help, food distribution began before 5 p.m. with cars pulling into the distribution area and popping their trunk or their hatch long enough to be loaded with produce—corn zucchini, peppers, cauliflower, carrots and cabbage; hummus; breakfast cereal; chicken meatballs; Bistro Asian Style Chop;

and chicken meatballs.

They also received a box of dairy products containing two gallons of milk, four, flavored milks, French onion dip, one pound of sour cream, eight ounces of Swiss cheese and 24 ounces of cottage cheese.

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) assisted the police with directing the traffic while members of the Golf Team loaded the food into each vehicle. A few of the volunteers replenished the tables with boxes from the pallets sitting behind the tables.

“Due to the generosity of the community,” said Deputy Chief Matt Wallace, “the Belvidere Police Department has been able to provide three mobile food pantries this year with enough food for 250 families each time. Our first one was at the B-1 church, 1105 7th Ave. The second one was at General Mills Park, 2106 Christi Lane, and the last one is here at the Public Safety Building, 615 N. Main St.”

“The Northern Illinois Food Bank



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The Belvidere High School Golf Team provides plenty of helpful muscle and willing attitudes in delivering food to vehicles during the third BPD Mobile Food Pantry this year. Asst. Coach Larson (purple shirt) is directing their efforts.

is distributing one and a half times more food than usual right now,” said NIFB representative Jeannine Kannegiesser.

During these lean times during the pandemic that have kept people away from work and wondering where their next meal is coming

from, it heart-warming to find the BPD and other organizations going above and beyond to help the community.

# Citizens Police Academy: What do detectives look for at a crime scene?

By Anne Eickstadt  
REPORTER

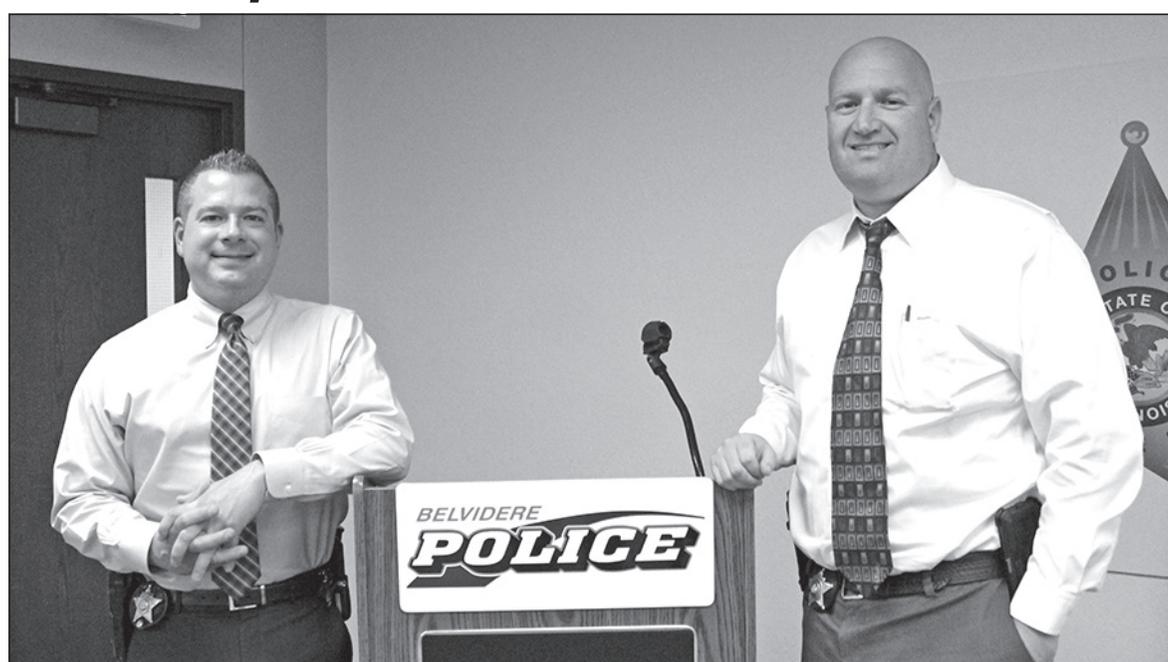
Detectives Delavan and Bird were the instructors for this second session of Forensics and Crime Scene Investigation. They came prepared with video from security cameras, squad car dash cams, and crime scene photographs.

Detective Delavan began with an Armed Robbery case they had on Friday, Sept. 18, 2015 on N. State St. The temperature was 75 degrees. The owner of the store had installed security cameras shortly before the robbery and was able to access the cameras from his cell phone. He was off on personal business when he had to wait a few minutes and decided to check on the shop. What he saw caused him to call 911 and get officers to the scene as the robbery was being committed.

The Belvidere Police allowed the perpetrators to leave the store so the female employee could not be used as a hostage when they moved in. Having unobtrusively surrounded the crime scene, they were on the escape vehicle's trail with more squad cars joining the chase. Dash cams show the entire pursuit and recorded every communication between the officers before the escape vehicle was stopped and the criminals apprehended.

The call was logged in at 12:05 p.m. Officers were in the vicinity by 12:06, and at 12:08 the officers had stopped the escape vehicle. By 12:12 the suspects were in police custody and the crime scenes were secured.

Detectives Bird and Delavan exam-



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Detectives Bird and Delavan tested the group's observational skills with actual crime scene video and photos during the Citizens Police Academy class.

ined the primary crime scene, the store, and Det. Kaplan examined the secondary crime scene, the car. Det. Bird located another store's security camera encompassing the parking area, showing the men had staked out the store for at least two days before making their move.

At this point, Det. Delavan started asking questions and testing what we remembered from last week's session.

“What is wrong in this picture?”

The men are wearing bulky coats on a warm day. They mostly keep their hands in their pockets. They are dividing the clerk's attention from different parts of the store.

“What evidence should we be looking for?” Fingerprints on a cell phone, other items they handled, and the cash register, the cord they used to tie up the clerk, money, the guns they used, their hats and gloves, and more.

The clerk identified the two men.

The coats, hats, gloves, guns and money were found in the car. The detectives also found drug paraphernalia in the vehicle.

The men were tried, found guilty and were incarcerated.

Senior Detective Bird has been on the Belvidere force for 18 years. He showed photos from an arson case he investigated on S. State St. that took place Aug. 7, 2016.

At first, the Belvidere Fire Department thought the fire was accidental, but the more Chief Hyser thought about it, the more doubts he had. He requested the BPD send an arson investigator out to see if his suspicions were true.

With such a vague idea about how the fire could have started, Det. Bird took photos of virtually everything, from every angle, to ensure no evidence would be missed. He also located nearby security cameras to see if anyone or anything suspicious had been in the vicinity. He called for an expert arson investigator to examine the scene and give an opinion.

The expert only had to step inside the door before telling Bird that it was definitely arson. Someone had used gasoline to set buckets on fire just inside the door. Chief Hyser had had to move one of the buckets to gain entry into the building the night of the fire. That was what had roused his suspicions about the blaze.

The arson expert followed the trail of gas leading up the stairs to the upper apartment and pointed out all the other evidence pointing to arson. Then it was up to Det. Bird to locate the arsonist.

He spoke with everyone who had been in residence at the time the fire was set to find out what they could tell him about anyone suspicious, any enemies, or someone who held a grudge. He checked the area security cameras

and found photos of a man with a backpack on a bicycle carrying something red which could have been a gas can.

With these small beginnings, Bird was able to learn that man's name and found that he had just been released from jail and was on probation. The man had been convicted due to the testimony of one of the upstairs tenant's testimony. He learned that the man always rode a bicycle and was currently visiting his parole officer. Det. Bird got there in time to take photos of the man wearing similar clothing to those of the suspect on the night of the arson fire with his bicycle.

The bicycle was a unique bike with old-fashioned handlebars and shiny chrome rims on the wheels. It had not been manufactured for 20 years. Det. Bird did further research and was unable to locate anyone who had one of these unique bikes for sale so Bird was sure that no one else in the area would have a bike like this.

Bird had also received a report from a nearby neighbor from where the fire had been set. They had found something that didn't belong in their backyard. A red gas can had been concealed under a bush. Bird also obtained footage from the security camera of the gas station where the suspect had purchased gas shortly before the fire was discovered.

Det. Bird was sure he had the right man, obtained a warrant, searched the suspect's residence and put him under arrest.

Det. Bird showed photos of the crime scene. “What should we look for?” he asked as he pointed out the clues made clear by the expert arson investigator. He showed the security camera clip of the suspect with the bike and compared it to a photo he took of the suspect leaving the probation officer. The bike looked the same, the clothes were similar, and the body type was the same.

Det. Bird showed photos taken when he searched the suspect's residence. “What do we look for here?” We saw the suspect's backpack from the night of the fire and clothing that appeared to match the arsonist's clothing.

During interrogation, the suspect was dismayed to learn that people had been in the residence and that attempted manslaughter was one of the charges he would be facing. He eventually admitted to setting the fire in an act of revenge towards the upstairs tenant.

This case took careful observation, the help of members of the community, tenacity, and the ability to put all the clues together using the skills a police detective has gained through training and experience. It took days of painstaking work – the kind that TV police dramas don't show because it isn't exciting.

The final class of this COVID-19-interrupted Citizens Police Academy will be on Defensive Tactics and the class graduation.

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# New horror novella by Poplar Grove author released

In the new novella "The Homestead," a group of criminals breaks into a mansion hoping for a haul of epic proportions. What they get is something very different, and they find themselves struggling to just get out alive before it's over. Coming from Rockford-area author Gary Hill's "The Homestead" was published by Tales of Wonder and Dread Publishing on Sept. 4.

Sept. 4 is an important date for Tales of Wonder and Dread as it is the two-year anniversary of the publication of their first three books. "The Homestead" follows Hill's March release "Wizard Song," but the two are very different stories. One could almost look at the two as

a Yin and Yang relationship of light and dark.

"Wizard Song" is a science fiction tale. It has some dark and violent events, but is overall an action adventure that involves space travel. The setting is expansive, taking place on various planets and on ships travelling between them. It has humor, inspiring heroism and positive tones. While there are a few "swear words," it's actually not completely unsuitable for teen or young adult readers.

"The Homestead," on the other hand, is much darker and grittier. If it were a film it would be rated "R" for violence and language. There are some silver linings to the story, but it is dark, and the setting, in compar-

ison, is claustrophobic. The tale has elements of a heist adventure, but rapidly turns darker and more horror-based.

Gary Hill has been publishing "Music Street Journal" (musicstreetjournal.com) since 1998. In August of 2006 his first book "The Strange Sound of Cthulhu: Music Inspired by the Writings of H.P. Lovecraft" was published. Since then several other books, in addition to his most recent "Wizard Song" ("The Concert Photography of Gary Hill," "Strange Realities: Collected Short Stories and More by Gary Hill Expanded and Revised Edition," "Poetry of the Air: A Collection of Love Letters from Musicians to Music" and "The Suite

Music World of Gary Hill," and a series of three books "The Dark Starr Files") have been released.

He launched Tales of Wonder and Dread Publishing to release science fiction and horror books in 2018, but published a collection of those types of stories in 2017 titled "Dark Dreams and Worlds." Under the Tales of Wonder and Dread nameplate, Hill has published more than a dozen books including a series on Rockford Illinois cemeteries ("Rockford's Final Resting Places"), "Spooky Rockford" and "Spooky Rockford Two" and "Spooky Berwyn."

Hill launched Spooky Ventures in 2019 and has been doing video interviews, Spooky News segments and more for the Spooky Ventures YouTube Channel since then. Since 2018 Hill has published Music Street Journal simultaneously on-line and in book form.

He also published all the article archives as a collection of books. In 2019 Hill began a series of books under the Music Street Journal banner focused on the Rockford, Illinois

music scene titled, "Music Street Journal Local: Rockford Area Music Makers."

Founded in 2018, Poplar Grove-based Tales of Wonder and Dread Publishing has released 18 books to date. All the T.O.W.D. books have a focus on science fiction, horror, or generally macabre type subject matter. In addition to the books mentioned previously in this release, T.O.W.D. has published "Interstellar Journeys: A Collection of Space Travel Stories," "Life Blood: A Collection of Vampire Stories," "Original Superheroes: Classic Tales of Superhuman Beings," "Spectral Stories: A Collection of Ghost Tales," "Speculative Stories: A Collection of Science Fiction Tales," "Spirited Classics: A Collection of Timeless Ghost Stories," and "Temporal Journeys: A Collection of Time Travel Stories."

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# GOP investigators hope to get answers from Madigan

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Republicans who will serve on a special investigative committee looking into House Speaker Michael Madigan's role in a bribery scandal involving utility giant Commonwealth Edison said Sept. 9 they hope the Democratic leader will speak directly to answer questions.

"This body, the special investigative committee, is the forum of which the speaker can come and state his position with regards to this statement of fact," Rep. Grant Wehrli, R-Naperville, said during a Statehouse news conference. "What in this statement of fact is not true, speaker? We need to know."

Wehrli was referring to a deferred prosecution agreement filed in July in federal district court in Chicago in which officials at ComEd admitted that over a period of years they awarded lobbying jobs and contracts to close associates of Madigan in order to curry the speaker's favor for legislation that benefitted the company.

The company has been charged with bribery, but as part of the agreement federal prosecutors said they will not pursue the case for at least two years in exchange for the company paying a \$200 million fine and having its officials cooperate in an ongoing investigation.

Madigan has not been charged with any crime and he has strongly denied any wrongdoing and has called the hearings a "political stunt." But on Friday, Sept. 4, a former ComEd lobbyist and senior vice president for governmental affairs, Fidel Marquez, was charged with bribery conspiracy for his role in helping orchestrate the scheme. Marquez is the first individual in the case to be charged.

The special investigative committee held first meeting Sept. 10 in the Statehouse, but it is expected to be only an organizational meeting in which the six committee members were to have discussed the procedures they will use and a timetable for the investigation.

A spokesman for Madigan said in an email Sept. 9 that because it is only an organizational meeting, the speaker did not plan to attend. But it remains unclear whether he will attend future hearings or agree to testify in person.

The other Republicans on the panel include Rep. Tom Demmer, of Dixon, who will serve as the ranking member, and Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, of Elmhurst.

"Illinois is fed up with decades of corruption," Mazzochi said. "That's why I ran for office, and I want corruption exposed and ripped out of our state government."

The investigative committee process is separate from the criminal investigation that is ongoing. It was prompted under the House's own rules when three other Republican House members, led by Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, filed a petition with the speaker's office requesting the probe.

The main task is to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to justify a formal charge and possible disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from office. If the panel makes such a finding — which would require a vote from at least one of its three Democrats—a separate disciplinary committee would be formed to conduct what amounts to a trial.

But conducting the legislative hearings amid the criminal probe

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# License extension for drivers 75 and older

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the expiration date for valid driver's licenses held by Illinois drivers who are 75 years of age or older has been extended for a period of one year past the licenses' current 2020 expiration date. As a result, drivers age 75 and older with a 2020 driver's license expiration date do not need

to visit a facility to renew their driver's license until shortly before their birthday in 2021.

"I am mindful of the heightened risks associated with seniors contracting COVID-19, and that is why I have authorized this important change during this challenging and unique time," said White.

There are approximately 147,000

drivers age 75 and over with expired or expiring driver's licenses in 2020. Letters are being sent to drivers that qualify for this extension. The letter should be kept with the qualifying driver as further proof of the one-year extension.

In addition, driving records on the secretary of state's computer system have been updated to show

the new 2021 expiration dates for qualified drivers, and law enforcement agencies both state and nationwide have been notified of the extended expiration dates.

In addition to being 75 of age or older, the driver must have a valid license; drivers who are suspended or revoked do not qualify for the one-year extension.

White is reminding all other drivers that expiration dates for driver's licenses/ID cards and license plate stickers have been extended until Nov. 1, 2020. As a result, expired documents will remain valid until Nov. 1 so customers under age 75 do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities, especially during hot weather.

For those customers who must visit a facility, face masks are required. In addition, these customers

are asked to be patient due to heavy volume and to be prepared to wait outside in various types of weather. This is due to social distancing, which limits the number of people inside a facility at one time.

White continues to urge the public to consider using online services when possible instead of visiting a facility due to heavy customer volume. Customers who can conduct business online may go to [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) to take advantage of online services—such as renewing license plate stickers—from the comfort of their own home. People who conduct online transactions will avoid waiting in line at a facility.

Illinois law gives the Illinois secretary of state the authority to extend driver's license expiration dates by up to one year.



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## Huntley branch pick up

**Sept. 21-25: All roads north of Kreuzer; Sept. 28-Oct 2: All roads in Sun City. Branches must be placed on the parkway prior to the Monday that collection begins in each area. Please stack branches along the curb line so that the trunks (larger end of branch) are all facing the same direction; either toward the roadway or with traffic. Branch collection crews will make only one pass in each neighborhood. Branches put out after village crews have passed will not be collected. Crews will not go on private property to pick up the branches. Residents who miss the curbside pickup can make arrangements with their waste hauler or drop them off Saturday, Oct. 3, at Public Works, located on Donald Drive from 8 a.m. to noon. The following items will not be accepted: Tree limbs larger than 10 inches in diameter or smaller than 1/2 inch in diameter; tied bundles of branches; bagged material or material in cans; leaves and yard waste; trimmings from bushes; evergreen material; and stumps of any kind. Materials not accepted can be properly disposed of by contacting your waste hauler or utilizing a landscape service. Questions or concerns can be directed to the Public Works and Engineering Department at 847-515-5222.**

## McHenry County Sheriff's report

The following arrests in McHenry County were reported by the McHenry County Sheriff's Department. Suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

**Aug. 25**  
Andres Carbajal-Bernal, 28, Woodstock, was cited for aggravated DUI accident death, driving on suspended driver's license, DUI-alcohol, DUI alcohol/intox compnd/drug, DUI-drugs and failure to reduce speed;

Edward S. Williams, 50, Wonder Lake, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm and domestic battery/physical contact;

Mitchell A. Radziuk, 22, Salem, was cited for del 200+ sched. I&II/analog, mfg 1-15 gr cocaine/analog,

possess 15>200 pills ecstasy/anlg, possess 200+ gr other sched I&II, delivery/manufacture cannabis over 30 gm, possession of a controlled substance, and cannabis control act—over 100 gms not more than 500 gms;

**Aug. 26**  
Michael A. Corns, 60, McHenry, was cited for disorderly conduct;

Leah C. Briggs, 35, Fox River, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm;

**Aug. 27**  
Amber D. Ehredt, 39, McHenry, was cited for drug-induced homicide, other amount methamphet/anlg;

Michael N. Matthews, 51, Yorkville, was cited for domestic battery/physical contact, and domestic battery/ bodily harm;

**Aug. 28**  
Matthew D. Armbrust, 35, Cary, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm, and violation of bail bond/family member;

**Aug. 29**  
Zachary J. Kay, 27 Wonder Lake, was cited for domestic battery/physical contact;

**Aug. 30**  
Adrian Wenda, 30, Poplar Grove, was cited for possession can/>100-500 gram/1st;

**Aug. 31**  
Hector J. Garcia, 56, McHenry, was cited for 4 counts of violating an order of protection.

**Sept. 2**  
Edmond P. Kephart, 54, McHenry, was cited for do-mestic battery/bodi-

ly harm and domestic battery/physical contact;

Michael T. Cashmore, 28, Ingle-side, was cited for driving on revoked/suspended DUI—sss 4-9;

David J. Clark, 55, Alden, was cited for battery/make physical contact; Jason S. Grizely, 38, Woodstock, was cited for driving while license suspended;

**Sept. 3**  
Justin A. McLeod, 33, Crystal Lake, was cited for contempt of court;

John W. Retzler, 50, El-gin, was cited for possession of a controlled

substance;

**Sept. 4**  
Charles C. Gozzola, 46, Crystal Lake, was cited for violation of order after served notice;

Alexander M. Oleston, 30, Wonder Lake, was cited for failure to report change of address;

**Sept. 5**  
Gaitano W. Lombardo, 25, McHenry, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm;

**Sept. 6**  
Daquan D. Wilson, 23, Waukegan, was cited for carry / possess firearm 1st.

## Woodstock Police report

The Woodstock Police department reported the following arrests and citations. Persons charged with domestic battery and juveniles 17 or younger are not named.

An arrest does not constitute a conviction, and suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Aug. 28, 2:20 p.m., in the 600 block of Lake Avenue, Alejandro E. Quintero, 19, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

Aug. 28, 12:43 p.m., in the 1200 block of Davis Road, Brian W. Kruse, 37, no address given, was arrested for WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

Aug. 30, 2:48 p.m., Washington Street and Elm Lane, Osvaldo R. Flores, 26, of Woodstock, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Aug. 30, 7:13 p.m., in the 300 block of North Madison Street, Michael A. Gryzb, 18, of Woodstock, was arrested for possession of adult use cannabis in a vehicle (passenger).

Aug. 30, 7:13 p.m., in the 300 block of North Madison, Michael D. Thornton, 18, of Woodstock, was arrested for possession of cannabis (100-500 grams), possession of cannabis with intent to deliver (30-500 grams), possession of adult use cannabis in a vehicle (driver), and failure to signal.

Aug. 30, 10:30 p.m., Route 14 near Doty Road, a 17-year-old Woodstock female was arrested for speeding 40-plus mph and squealing /screaming tires.

Sept. 4, 6:19 p.m., in the 200 block of Fair Street, Antonio Romero-Gomez, 49, of Woodstock, was arrested for no valid driver's license and no front registration plate.

Sept. 4, 7:04 p.m., Route 14 near the South Street Bridge, Kavin L. T. Voss, 18, of Rockford, was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis/driver, no valid driver's license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, speeding 35+mph over and driver/child seat belt (6<16).

Sept. 4, 9:16 p.m., in the 500 block of Dean Street, Rodrigo Cruz Cas-

tenada, 46, of Woodstock, was arrested for no valid driver's license and improper lane usage.

Sept. 6, 5:48 p.m., in the 700 block of St. John's Road, Paul E. Schieler, 54, of Woodstock, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Sept. 6, 7:47 p.m., Church Street near North Madison Street, Glenn B. Campbell, 60, of Woodstock, was arrested for DUI and DUI over 0.08.

Sept. 6, 10:53 p.m., in the 100 block of East Todd Avenue, a 41-year-old Algonquin man was arrested on two counts of domestic battery.

Sept. 9, 10:51 a.m., in the 100 block of East South Street, Craig J. Whittington, 36, of Woodstock, was arrested for driving while license revoked and failure to yield left.

Sept. 9, 11:32 p.m., in the 200 block of Main Street, Grant R. Caudill, 28, of Woodstock, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Sept. 10, 8:16 p.m., in the 200 block of North Madison Street, Kenneth R. Knoll, 37, of Woodstock, was arrested for driving while license suspended.



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the Estate of  
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No. 2020-P-54  
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Independent Executor  
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In the Matter of  
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deceased

No. 2020-P-56  
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60033, as independent execu-  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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In the Matter of  
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DOROTHY A. FERRY,  
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donia, Illinois on July 25, 2020.  
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J. FERRY and LAURA E. LEE,  
(address), as independent exec-  
utor, whose attorney is TOBIN  
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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE  
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# LEGALS

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a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 20CH000177  
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### Ordinance No. 2021-0-01

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL OF THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2020 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4

**SECTION 1:** That the fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be and the same hereby fixed and declared to be from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021.

**SECTION 2:** That the following Corporate Budget, containing an estimate of the cash expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date:

### SECTION 1: GENERAL CORPORATE FUND

Beginning cash on hand \$4,496.

### SECTION 2: ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Tax Levies for General Corporation purposes \$10,000.

Foreign Fire Insurance 500.

Total Estimated Receipts \$10,500.

Estimated Funds Available \$14,996.

### SECTION 3:

That the following sum of money be and hereby are appropriated for the general corporate purposes of said Boone County Fire Protection District No. 4, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021.

### ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Contractual Fire Protection \$9,100.

Trustee Salaries 450.

Office Supplies 300.

Association Dues 75.

Total Estimated Expenditures \$9,925.

Estimated Balance Corporate Fund at

April 30, 2021 \$5,071.  
Investment Account Balance at

April 30, 2021 \$17,800.  
**PUBLIC HEARING DATE**

**Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the LeRoy Township Building.**

(Published in the Belvidere Republican Sept. 17, 2020)  
381291

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

MC HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2007-NC2, MORTGAGE-PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-NC2

Plaintiff,  
-v.-

EDWARD VANEK JR et al  
Defendant

19CH000654  
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 25, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 20, 2020, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 390 Congress Parkway, Suite D, Crystal Lake, IL, 60014, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 74 IN TURNBERY UNIT NO. 4, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTIONS 2, 3 AND 11, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JANUARY 8, 1974 AS DOCUMENT NO. 609313, IN MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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Property Index No. 18-1104-008-0000

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Case Number: 19CH000654  
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Case # 19CH000654  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 )ss  
COUNTY OF BOONE )  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 17th JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
COUNTY BOONE - IN  
PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of  
LEILA J. SIMAS,  
Deceased.

Case No. 20 P55  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
- WILL AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of Leila J. Simas. Letters of Office were issued on September 1, 2020, to Krystle L. Simas, Administrator, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Nathan J. Noble, P.C., 504 North State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before March 17, 2021, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk-Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N Main St, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the estate legal representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office-Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to his attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Date: 9/11/20

Nathan J. Noble  
Attorney for Administrator  
Nathan J. Noble, P.C.  
Attorney Nathan J. Noble  
504 North State Street  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
815.547.7700

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# COVID-19 update

Boone reporting an increase of two cases of COVID-19. Illinois announced 2,145 new cases, including 32 additional confirmed deaths.

## Opinion

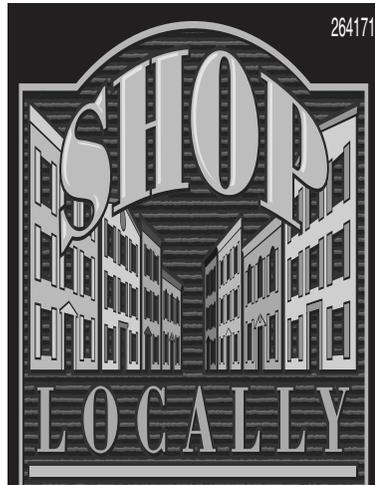
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themselves advancing social justice and the result was/is buildings and cars ablaze and injured law enforcement officers and citizens. Media outlets on the left refuse to cover such leaving the few on the right to show victims kicked in the head, such is the divide. Bring an "All Lives Matter" sign to a Black Lives Matter gathering and you can expect a beating.

Their obsession with racism, now mostly non-existent, has resulted in their tearing down statues of our greatest constitutional founders, those most responsible for the very freedom the anarchists enjoy. Thomas Jefferson, the principal author of The Declaration of Independence, which allowed our freedom birth experiment, was torn down by a small mob in Portland, Oregon. Four days later, in the same city, the same befell the statue of George Washington our Revolutionary War general, president of the Constitutional Convention, and first president that made liberty and the Constitution possible. Revolutionists draped the American flag around his neck, set it a fire, pulled the statue to the ground, placed another flag over his head and back and set it too afire. These anarchists, their party, and all supporting them hate America, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and liberty for all.

Yes the miracle of the Constitution eventually created the freest and most prosperous society known to man. Ironically it is the sons and daughters of these, the most privileged ever, that if not stopped will destroy it. Re-member! Remember! What we have in place before we follow those who choose to lose it.

*Dr. H. Pease is a syndicated columnist and an expert on the United States Constitution. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He taught history and political science from this perspective for over 30 years at Taft College. Newspapers have permission to publish this column. To read more of his weekly articles, please visit [www.LibertyUnderFire.org](http://www.LibertyUnderFire.org).*



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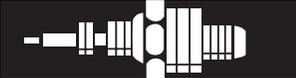
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# Republicans outline charge against Madigan, seek witnesses and documents

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS  
Republicans in the Illinois House on Sept. 10 unveiled a single charge they hope to bring against Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan, accusing him of "conduct unbecoming to a legislator or which consti-

tutes a breach of public trust."  
House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, introduced that charge during the first day of hearings of a Special investigative Committee that is looking into Madigan's role in a bribery and extortion scheme involving utility giant Com-

monwealth Edison.  
"As was stated earlier, this is a unique proceeding. It has only been invoked once and that was back in 2012," Durkin said, referring to hearings that led to the expulsion of former Rep. Derrick Smith, who was then under federal indictment

for accepting a \$7,000 bribe from a confidential informant in exchange for legislative favors.  
But unlike the Smith case, Madigan so far has not been charged with any crime and he has strenuously denied engaging in any wrongdoing, a fact that Democrats on the six-member panel pointed out repeatedly.

son, agreed to by the United States of America," he said. "That is quite different and more substantial than a mere charge."  
Safer also noted that the committee's job is not to determine whether Madigan committed a crime, but rather whether he engaged in conduct unbecoming to a legislator of which constitutes a breach of public trust.

## • REAL ESTATE •

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA MR. COOPER; Plaintiff, vs. VICTORIA VETTER AKA VICTORIA S. VETTER; Defendants, 20 CH 24

in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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Property Index No. 18-11-104-008-0000  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted.

"This case is unique to previous special investigating committees, in that the member that is subject of the petition has not been accused by federal prosecutors of any criminal activity," committee Chairman Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, said at the outset of the hearing.

Welch noted the same thing in his opening remarks.  
"This is a political process, not a legal proceeding. We are not a court of law," he said. "As such, this committee is not bound by traditional rules of evidence. However, we are bound to adhere to the rules of decorum."

NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in the office of inside the front entrance of the, Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street., Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
P.I.N. 04-10-226-008.  
Commonly known as 120 North Wooster Street, Capron, IL 61012.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Madigan was implicated in the scheme when officials at ComEd entered a deferred prosecution agreement in July with the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Northern District in Chicago. In that agreement, the company admitted that over a period of years, it awarded lobbying jobs and contracts to close associates of Madigan in an effort to win his favor for legislation that benefited the company.

In addition to the formal charge, Republicans said they are seeking "voluntary" witnesses to testify and produce documents. Those include Madigan himself and several people mentioned in the U.S. Attorney's subpoena.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

Although Madigan has not been charged with a crime, U.S. Attorney John Lausch has said there is an ongoing investigation into the matter and his office has issued a subpoena to Madigan's office for documents and records of communication related to efforts to secure jobs at ComEd or its parent company Exelon for several named individuals.

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Among those are Michael McClain, a ComEd lobbyist who has been a close confidant of Madigan, as well as Fidel Marquez, a former high-ranking ComEd official who was charged last week with conspiracy to commit bribery, and former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore.

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"So the charge is based on criminal activity, criminal activity that has not been charged," Rep. Natalie Manley, D-Joliet, said about the charge being considered by the committee.

The committee adjourned without setting a date for its next meeting. Welch said that he and the ranking Republican member, Rep. Tom Demmer, of Dixon, first need to consult with the U.S. Attorney's office in order to avoid interfering with the ongoing federal investigation.

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Before we take any substantive action, we must consult with the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District," Welch said. "This committee must avoid taking any action that can be an interference with an ongoing federal investigation or investigations."

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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876  
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Durkin noted that was the same process used in the case of former Rep. Smith in 2012 as well as the impeachment proceedings against former Gov. Rod Blagojevich in 2009.

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## Death notices

- Aug. 31**  
Ethel Wolf, 91; Francis Balk, 91
- Sept. 4**  
Edda Klima, 97; Beverly Hursh, 79; Matthew Gillett, 29
- Sept. 9**  
Terrence O'Callahan, 73

- Sept. 10**  
Harold Gates, 72; Dana Turner, 60
- Sept. 12**  
Mary Fox, 90; Linda Coleman, 72
- Sept. 13**  
Linda Rogula, 57

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could present complications because many of those from whom the committee members may want to hear—including Madigan, his former associates and officials at ComEd—may be targets of the criminal probe, and therefore anything they say in a legislative hearing could be used against them in a criminal case.  
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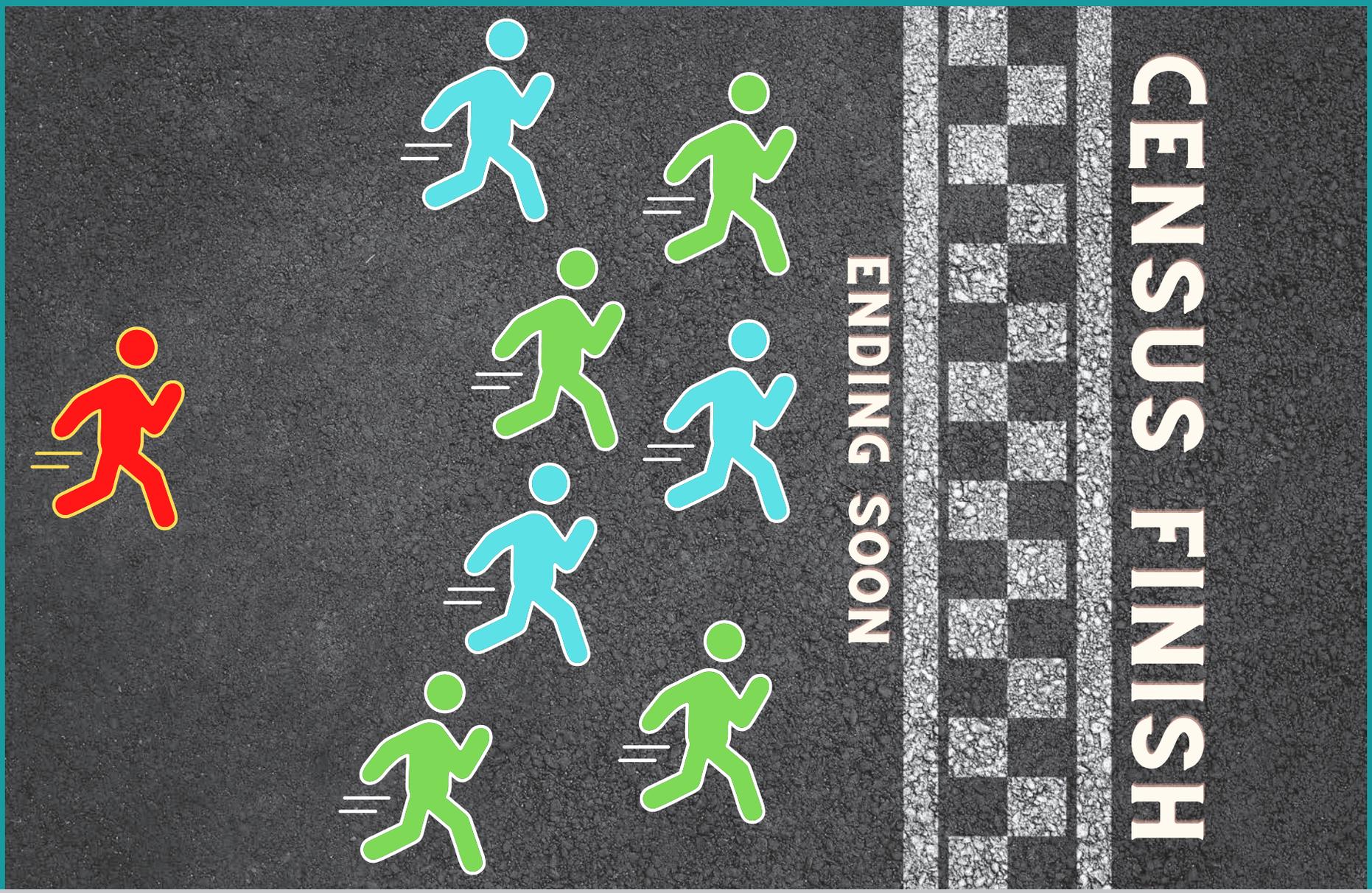
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