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Local access to highest level of thoracic surgery care

Surgeons from Northwestern Memorial Hospital establish clinic in McHenry

Patients in Chicago's northwest suburbs now have local access to the surgery team that performs state-of-the-art minimally invasive and robotic chest surgery, treatment for cancers of lung and esophagus, and lung transplantation at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Dr. Ankit Bharat, who performed the United States' first double lung transplant on a patient with COVID-19, began to see patients in McHenry on Oct. 20.

The new office location at Northwestern Medicine McHenry Hospital will be open to patients who have diseases of the chest, including the airways, lungs, esophagus, diaphragm and chest wall. Bharat and his surgical partners will receive referrals from medical oncologists, pulmonologists and other physicians who care for patients in the McHenry County area.

"Our goal is to provide unparalleled care of the highest quality to our patients, close to home," Bharat

said. "We are committed to providing the entire gamut of treatments for both simple and complex problems in the chest."

"Our patients can have appointments and follow-up care in McHenry, and if they need specialized surgeries we perform them in Chicago. This approach provides patients the best of both worlds—convenience for appointments and access to highly advanced surgeries when they're needed."

Nick Rave, president of Northwestern Medicine McHenry Hospital, said patients will benefit from the relationships between the physicians and hospital teams.

"Our patients want the peace of mind that they're doing all they can to address their health issues," Rave said. "By bringing these experienced thoracic surgeons to McHenry, we're making it easier for people who are already balancing family life, work and a health diagnosis."



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Dr. Ankit Bharat, seen here in the operating room, has started seeing patients at Northwestern Medicine McHenry Hospital. The clinic is open to patients who have diseases of the chest, including the airways, lungs, esophagus, diaphragm and chest wall. Bharat and his surgical partners will receive referrals from medical oncologists, pulmonologists and other physicians who care for patients in the McHenry County area.

New mitigations in effect as positivity rate rises

Gov. Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) on Oct. 28 announced that COVID-19 resurgence mitigations will be implemented in the North Suburban Region 9, which includes Lake and McHenry Counties, beginning 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31.

As of Oct. 25, the region's COVID-19 testing positivity rate is 8.4 percent, marking three days above the 8.0 percent testing positivity threshold set in the state's Restore Illinois Mitigation Plan. Region 9's testing positivity rate exceeded the 8.0 percent threshold on Friday, Oct. 23.

Mitigation measures are strategies, such as restrictions on certain activities, put in place to slow the spread of COVID-19. Region 9 restrictions will remain in effect until the region's positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5 percent over a three-day period. Once mitigations take effect, the state will continue to monitor the region's transmission of COVID-19 for 14 days to determine if restrictions can be relaxed or if additional mitigations are needed.

Region 9 mitigation measures taking effect at 12:01 a.m. on Oct.31, include:

Bars

- All bars close at 11 p.m. and may reopen no earlier than 6 a.m. the following day.
- No indoor service.
- All bar patrons should be seated at tables outside.
- No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed).
- Tables should be 6 feet apart.
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting.

- No dancing or standing indoors.
- Reservations required for each party.
- No seating of multiple parties at one table.

Restaurants

- All restaurants close at 11 p.m. and may reopen no earlier than 6 a.m. the following day.
- No indoor dining or bar service.
- Tables should be 6 feet apart.
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting.
- Reservations required for each party.
- No seating of multiple parties at one table.

Meetings, social events and gatherings (including weddings, funerals, potlucks, etc.)

- Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25 percent of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors.
- No party buses.
- Gaming and casinos close at 11 p.m., are limited to 25 percent capacity, and follow mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable.

Organized group recreational activities (fitness centers, sports, etc.)

- Recreational Sports Guidance effective Aug. 15 remains in effect.
- Outdoor activities (not included in the above exposure settings) continue per current Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) guidance.

The state's mitigation measures do not apply to polling places, but residents are encouraged to limit their exposure by voting early, wearing masks,

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Fox River focus of corridor plan

With support from CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program (External link), McHenry County Department of Planning and Development (External link) and City of McHenry Department of Economic Development (External link) are leading a collaborative effort to develop a Fox River Corridor Plan that will focus on:

- Commerce within central business districts adjacent to the river's edge.
- Environment and natural resources (including water resources)
- Multi-modal connections to/on the river.
- Public access and recreational use to/on the river and adjacent to business districts.

Share your thoughts

Public input is crucial to developing a plan that is driven by the needs and vision of the community.

Learn more about the project and share your ideas about the future of the Fox River from Burtons Bridge to Johnsburg. Additional opportunities to share what you think will be added to the site as the planning process moves along.

Project update

Two virtual public open houses will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 2-3 p.m., and Thursday, Nov. 12 from 7-8 p.m. Attend an open house to discuss the strengths and challenges of the Fox River study area. Learn more about the project and register for one of these meetings at engage.cmap.illinois.gov/fox-river-mchenry.

Project background

The Fox River is one of the region's greatest

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Kopp disclosure

It's soooooo tempting

By Dr. Robert Kopp
CONTRIBUTOR

I like schoolteachers. I had a crush on Miss Melton in 8th grade and crushes on Miss Lindsay and Mrs. Kanjorski in 11th grade; and I gotta confess Mrs. Kanjorski really caused me to resonate with Summer of '42 (1971) if you know what I mean.

Excuse me while I drift back to the '60s.

Anyway, I've always liked schoolteachers; which helps because I'm married to one.

She's always instructing me; and it's usually just fine except when she treats me like an 8th grader with a crush on Miss Melton.

After all, I am Peter Pan.

Again, I like schoolteachers.

I spent a lot of time with them in class, on the court, at the diamond, and in detention.

Today, they've got a really good union.

Today's schoolteachers are more protected and pampered than NBA players and Chinese lobbyists.

They get more days off for holidays that we've never heard of than bankers; and I guess Mrs. Kanjorski comes to mind every now and then because teachers are like kids in that they get summers off.

I've always been a big fan of public education because it levels the playing field and fights the socioeconomic and ethnic pride temptations to discrimination and segregation.

School teachers have always epitomized the best of America's commitment to keeping those baptismal promises of caring, nurturing, hedging, wedging, and watching over our children and preparing them to take over when the circle of life says it's their turn.

O.K., you know I'm about to pull an apostle Paul; like when he starts a letter saying really good things about the recipients and then scorches 'em to get their acts together or they're going to be on the menu of eternity's barbecue.

While everybody knows CCP COVID-19 is unprecedented, fluid, and incrementally unfolding with diametrically opposed "experts" on its magnitude and duration - meaning no one really knows what the anything-but-heaven is going on - I'm a little surprised at how many school teachers don't want to go back into the classroom because, well, uh, gulp, sigh, they're afraid they'll, you know, catch it.

I'm kinda surprised that their commitment to children - the least vulnerable according to just about everybody from all perspectives

when it comes to CCP COVID-19 - is dwarfed by their obsession with personal safety and fear of catching it.

But nobody's been able to explain to me why school teachers should be exempt from risking maybe sacrificing their safety, security, and health for the sake of school children while nurses and other health care workers, police, waitresses, and all of those people working in grocery stores, big box outlets, funeral homes, nursing homes, and so many others aren't exempt from, uh, doing their jobs and taking those risks for, as we used to say, the greater good.

It's soooooo tempting to care more about yourself than others.

It's soooooo tempting to be self-centered than selfless.

It's soooooo tempting to be egocentric than theocentric.

It's soooooo tempting to embrace temporary self-gratifications at the expense of eternal consequences.

Temptations are bad things that taste good but lead to emotional, intellectual, and spiritual indigestion and distancing from God and His best intentions for us in time and forever.

Let's take a closer look.

Hebrews 4:15: "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin."

Well, uh, yeah, because Jesus was, is, and will always remain a *substantia et tres personae* (Latin: "one substance in three persons") known to us and worshipped by us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Jesus is not like God.

He is God.

Jesus is pure and perfect in every way.

Divine.

The enfleshed Son of Man knew all about sin while not succumbing to it because He was also the Son of God at the same time; and if you figure that out, you get stimulus checks for the rest of your life.

It must suffice for us to know Jesus knows we are tempted by bad things that taste good - things that we want to do that always distance us from God and His best for us.

Always remember - as an essential part of defining it - temptations are bad things that taste good that will always lead to spiritual indigestion and distancing from God.

Temptations test us by trying to seduce us from God's best for us with something less than God's best that is usually figured out after the damage has been done to our relationships with God and those around us if we fall for 'em.

Temptations always offer temporary self-gratification.

They taste good.

That's why they're tempting.

We are not tempted to do anything with anyone that we don't want to do.

I am not tempted to eat stewed tomatoes because they look like blood clots.

I am not tempted to be wear a Speedo at the beach for the same reasons some women shouldn't be tempted to wear those leggings' that we used to call Danskins.

Catch my drift?

It's only tempting if we wanna do it.

If we don't wanna do it, it's not tempting.

Let's look at how Jesus was tempted like we're tempted yet overcame those temptations and stayed true to Himself.

Matthew 4:1-11 comes to mind.

Satan tempted Jesus in three ways to distance Him from Himself.

Satan has always been about separating us from God and God's best intentions for us.

The first temptation was to satisfy material desires or self-gratification aka lusts.

After an extended period of fasting to increase intimacy with Father God, Jesus was hungry.

So Satan tempted or tested Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Jesus emphasized the eternally positive blessings of intimacy with God as more important than temporary self-gratifications.

It's like comparing a BB gun to heavy artillery.

Satisfying lusts doesn't have a long shelf life.

It's a temporary fixed-in-time-doesn't-last-that-long self-gratification provided by something or someone that's not God's best intentions for us.

An empty soul is more deadly than an empty stomach.

Souls filled with God last eternally longer than stuffed bellies.

Simply, it takes more than McDonald's to stay alive.

We need soul food.

We need Jesus.

Our wants in time aka lusts aren't as important as our eternal need for Jesus that gives us existential relief and enables us to endure our disappointments; or as the Stones sing, "You can't always get what you want; but if you try sometimes, well, you might find you get what you need."

Or as we say on the corner of Lincoln and Main, "The answer to every question is Jesus."

The second temptation is kinda tough to figure out; but appears to be Satan trying to seduce Jesus into a spectacular display of His divinity to prove His divinity. Satan is so arrogant to think he can test God. It seems as if Satan thinks Jesus can be seduced into showing off His power when His real mission is to save the world for heaven, which provides irrepressible hope while still in the

world: "The Devil took Jesus to the Holy City. He sat Him on top of the Temple and said, 'Since you are God's Son, jump.' The Devil goaded Him by quoting Psalm 91: 'He has placed You in the care of angels. They will catch You so that You won't so much as stub Your toe on a stone.'"

Jesus snapped, "Don't you dare test the Lord your God."

We don't test God.

He tests us.

We don't define sin.

He does.

We don't tell God which lives in the womb are worth living.

We don't tell God how many genders there are.

We don't tell God that Jesus was wrong about marriage.

We don't tell God which lives matter.

We don't tell God that there's more than one way to get to heaven and live happily ever after.

We don't tell God to jump off a bridge to prove...

We don't tell God anything.

He's not, as Dylan sang, an "errand boy for our wandering desires."

Our job is to trust and obey God.

Our job is to worship God.

Our job is not to test Him.

Catch my drift?

The third temptation is really familiar to too many of us: "The Devil took Jesus to the peak of a huge mountain. He gestured expansively, pointing out all the earth's kingdoms and their splendor. Then he said to Jesus, "They're all yours - lock, stock and barrel. All You have to do is get on Your knees and worship me. Do that and they're all Yours."

Jesus roared, "Go to hell! Get back to hell and away from Me! Worship

the Lord your God! God alone! Worship God alone! Serve God with absolute single-mindedness! Honor God alone with your head, heart, and gut!"

Anyone or anything aka temptation that draws our attention, affection, and allegiance from God alone must be rejected.

The big ten makes that clear: "No other gods! No idols! Don't associate the precious name of God with anything or anyone unbecoming to Him! That's taking His name in vain! Anytime you say something about God that's not true to His Word, that's taking His name in vain! And you better take time out to worship God!" (see Exodus 20).

Pride is a deadly sin.

People under the influence of the unholy trinity of Satan, Antichrist, and false prophecy elevate themselves to the level of God as they sink deeper into sin and separation from God.

It goes like this: "I know that's what the Jesus and the Bible say but I think..."

Such arrogance is reflected in Godless governments, schools, media, entertainment and even churches that have replaced The Word with whim, which is another word for sin.

Quick parenthesis.

Since when is pride a Christian character trait?

Since when is ethnic, or gender, or national, or denominational, or whatever else that we come up with to dis-criminate and segregate, a Christian character trait?

Just saying.

No, I'm not just saying!

It's not what we say that matters

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Letter to the editor

Writers have 'deep concerns' in District #100

Dear Dr. Woestman and President Maville,

We are writing to express our deep concerns with Belvidere School District #100's decision not to resume in-person instruction for students, despite a significant number of families requesting the return of students and strong professional recommendations that students return for their wellbeing.

The district's decision contradicts your own rationale that it is "based on many factors, including the region and county's increasing spread of COVID-19" when the district acknowledges that some students who receive Special Education services and vocational studies are able to receive in-person instruction, as if somehow they are less susceptible to a communicable disease than all other students. Moreover, it is our understanding that some district schools are open right now allowing providers to deliver "daycare services". This contradiction to your policy is puzzling.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), on their website under "The Importance of Reopening America's Schools" section state the following:

School closure disrupts the delivery of in-person instruction and critical services to children and families, which has negative individual and

societal ramifications. The best available evidence from countries that have opened schools indicates that COVID-19 poses low risks to school-aged children...and suggests that children are unlikely to be major drivers of the spread of the virus. Reopening schools creates opportunity to invest in the education, wellbeing, and future of one of America's greatest assets—our children—while taking every precaution to protect students, teachers, staff and all their families.

We agree with the CDC and earnestly urge you to reconsider your decision not to resume in-person learning students—a decision that will cause unnecessary additional harm to our students and their families. We have seen in-person instruction work well, and safely, across our region and many schools are offering families the option including the Rockford school district.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss this matter further.

David Syverson,
IL State Senator, 35th District

Joe Sosnowski

IL State Representative, 69th District

Karl Johnson,

Chairman, Boone County Board

Mike Chamberlain

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Byron Bank awards \$21,000 in grants through Targeted Impact Fund

By Anne Eickstadt
EDITOR

"Byron Bank is proud to once again partner with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago to award local agencies \$21,000 in grants through the Targeted Impact Fund.

"When Byron Bank found out there was another round of relief, we didn't hesitate to jump on board," says Byron Bank President Brent Baker. "Byron Bank's priority is to help our communities during this uncertain time.

"The Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago is offering the Targeted Impact fund to communities in order to provide members with grants to support relief efforts for populations hardest-hit by COVID-19 as well as to promote equity and opportunity for communities of color. \$6,000 was awarded to HomeStart and \$5,000 to Habitat for Humanity Boone County, Habitat for Humanity Ogle County, and Serenity Hospice and Home.

"Byron Bank is proud to help in the recovery of our communities and will continue to work with those experiencing financial hardship due to the current environment," Baker said.

The Byron Bank presented the check to Habitat for Humanity of Boone County on Thursday, Oct. 29.

"This house is our veteran build and our second house this year," said Habitat for Humanity of Boone County Executive Director Kim Mickey. "We started it in September and the family will be moving in on



Left to right: Don Banks, Byron Bank of Poplar Grove; Brent Baker, president of Byron Bank gives Kim Mickey, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Boone County a check for \$5,000; Don Penney, and Walter Stephens on the Habitat Board of Directors; Art Highland, head of construction; and Leah Kays, vice president of Byron Bank.

ANNE EICKSTADT PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Nov. 1. We have had so many volunteers from the American Legion, the VFW, and Byron Bank – more than ever before. They have really helped to propel this project forward.

"Our next build will be in the spring for Jacqueline Davis and her family. Come April, we will be look-

ing for volunteers and donations to help us."

To volunteer with Habitat for Humanity of Boone County, call 815-980-6247. Donations may be addressed to: Habitat for Humanity of Boone County, P.O. Box 1222, Belvidere, Ill. 61008.

Muellner was 'working hard' for re-election to county board

By Bob Balgemann
REPORTER

Boone County Board member Jessica Muellner said she was "working really hard" this year to win re-election to the county board.

But the unexpected resignation of Marty Kinzel, county supervisor of assessments, brought about a change in plans. And before long, Muellner was recommended as his replacement by county board Chairman Karl Johnson. She accepted and was confirmed by the board just 12 days before the Nov. 3 presidential election.

The vote came at the Oct. 21 board meeting, with the appointment effective Oct. 22 when she took the oath of office from county Clerk and Recorder Julie Stapler.

Muellner, residential deputy as-

essor for Belvidere Township at the time, attended that board meeting and after the vote was asked by Johnson if she wanted to come to the microphone and say a few words.

She did and said, "I'm really honored to be taking on this responsibility. I'm really motivated to be part of my community and be invested in it."

Of the time leading up to her change in plans, she said she had been "really working hard this year, so I could keep the chair (on the board). That was the direction it was all going. Then there was the unexpected resignation of Kinzel.

"It has been bittersweet. But I'm really looking forward to this. I think it will be exciting and great. This is how I was meant to serve the community. So, thank you."

Before the vote a soon to be for-

mer fellow board member, Marshall Newhouse, offered a few comments.

"I would just like to comment that over the years we've served together, I have enjoyed the debate with you," he said. "You have been challenging, you are educated, and have been very articulate. I'm sure that you're going to bring all of that and a soft touch to the office you are going to be holding. I want to wish you the best."

Committee of the Whole Finance Chair Sherry Giesecke, who's also vice chair of the county board, said for a moment she thought Muellner was going to say she had changed her mind and wanted to remain on the board.

That not being the case, Johnson observed, "Now you're going to be on the other side."

Obituary

DOROTHY KAY GILDSETH, 82

Dorothy ("Dee") Kay Gildseth died on Oct. 21, 2020, at the age of 82 after a brief illness at Homme Home for the Aging in Wittenberg, Wis.

She was born on Jan. 4, 1938, to Jerrold and Emma (McMullen) Seaver and was baptized into the Lutheran faith by the late Rev. E.G. Burtness at Capron Lutheran Church, Capron. Dee was raised on the family dairy farm near Capron and was the youngest of four children.

After graduating from North Boone High School, Dee attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, for two years where she sang in the acclaimed Nordic Choir while studying to be a teacher. She left college after her second year to marry Rev. Richard "Dick" Gildseth and became a full-time pastor's wife and mother. They were united in marriage on Aug. 22, 1958, and served several parishes while raising their family of four children: Kim, John, Tom and Kris. In 1973, the family moved to Wittenberg, Wis., which Dee and family came to call home.

Dee was a sensitive, loving person with a gregarious personality. She loved to tell stories from her past and share in lively conversations. She enjoyed singing, especially around the family piano when visiting her



parents and family in Illinois and also participating in "The Pro-Music Ensemble" at the direction of Carol Folsom in Wittenberg.

She was very involved in the Sunnyside 4-H Club of Wittenberg and helped direct many plays for 4-H drama competitions. She was a coordinator for Vacation Bible School at Redeemer Lutheran in Wittenberg. She was also involved in Redeemer's youth choir program. Dee loved camping, nature, wildlife and spending time at the family log cabin. She loved holidays and birthdays and always made them into memorable experiences. She was also a big fan of Wisconsin sports, especially her beloved Green Bay Packers.

A lifetime highlight was a trip she took to Ireland with her sister Roma, son John, and nephew Kirk for a family tree research adventure. She was very proud of her Irish and Norwegian heritage. Dee will be greatly missed by many.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; parents, Jerr-

old and Emma Seaver; and brother, Ronald Seaver. She is survived by her sister, Roma Thompson; and brother Robert Seaver; her four children, Kimberly (Mike) Gilbertson of Wittenberg, Wis., John Gildseth of Baldwin, Wis., Thomas (Sam) Gildseth of Minocqua, Wis., and Kristina (Jacki) Gildseth of Minneapolis, Minn.; five grandchildren, Carrie (Dan) Nueske, Eric (Jessica) Gilbertson, Callie (Jared) Johnson, Caleb Lingel, and Killian Lingel; seven great-grandchildren: Miranda (Tony) Morrell, Jocelyn Nueske, Brayden Nueske, Mila Gilbertson, Lola Gilbertson, Beckett Johnson, Ruby Johnson; one great-great granddaughter, Holly Morrell (with one great-great grandson on the way); and many loving nieces and nephews.

Because of the COVID 19 pandemic, the family has decided to have a small, immediate family only, graveside service. Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Stay safe.

Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com or mailed to the family of Dorothy in care of Kimberly Gilbertson, 403 W. Vinal St., Wittenberg, WI. 54499.

BHS athletic participation clearance due Nov. 12

The online registration process must be completed, a current athletic physical submitted to the athletic office and impact concussion testing complete before athletic participation will be allowed at Belvidere High school. Clearance is required in order to start practice and/or tryouts.

Instructions for online registration and forms are available at il.8to18.com/belviderehs.

Winter sports begin Monday, Nov. 16. The registration deadline is Thursday, Nov. 12, at 8 a.m.

If there are questions, contact the Belvidere High School Athletic Office at 815-547-7552.

Extensions for driver's license

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding the public that expirations for license plate stickers ended Nov. 1. License plate stickers can easily be renewed online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. Driver's licenses and ID cards remain extended until Feb. 1, 2021.

"I encourage the public to renew their license plate sticker online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com from the comfort of their own home," White said. "Online renewals for license plate stickers have skyrocketed since June 1, and if you pay with an e-check, the payment processing fee is waived through the end of the year."

To register, drivers will need their vehicle registration card or past renewal notice containing their Registration ID and PIN numbers. If vehicle owners do not have a renewal notice or a current registration card, they should call the Public Inquiry Division at 800-252-8980. After obtaining their Registration ID and PIN numbers, they can visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com and go to the "License Plate Re-

newal Email Notices" under Online Services.

Since June 1, more than 1.5 million people have renewed their license plate stickers online. This is nearly double the amount renewing online during the same period in 2019.

White is reminding the public that if they renew online and pay with an e-check, the payment processing fee is waived through the end of the year for the following services: renewing a license plate sticker, obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, and renewing a driver's license through the Safe Driver Renewal program. People who conduct online transactions will avoid waiting in line at a facility.

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

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Doty Park is a busy place during warm weather in Belvidere. With its beautiful playground, walking path, nearby ice cream shops, summer spray ground and winter ice arena, Doty is a great place to spend the day outdoors. In the past, this location held revivalist tents, a local speaking platform, and was home to many city events. But did you know that it also featured a river steamboat in the early 1900s? Named "Belle," the steamboat docked at the Riverside Landing and operated from 1902-1905.

The steamboat was purchased from Rockford by George Rose in 1902. Originally named "Alice", the 25-foot boat had a sturdy iron hull and could carry about 24 passengers. Rechristened "Belle" in May of 1902, the steamboat was launched with great fanfare. Balloons, an ice cream social, a cadet drill, fireworks, and cannon firing celebrated her launch. George Rose announced a schedule and fees for daytime public excursions up and down the

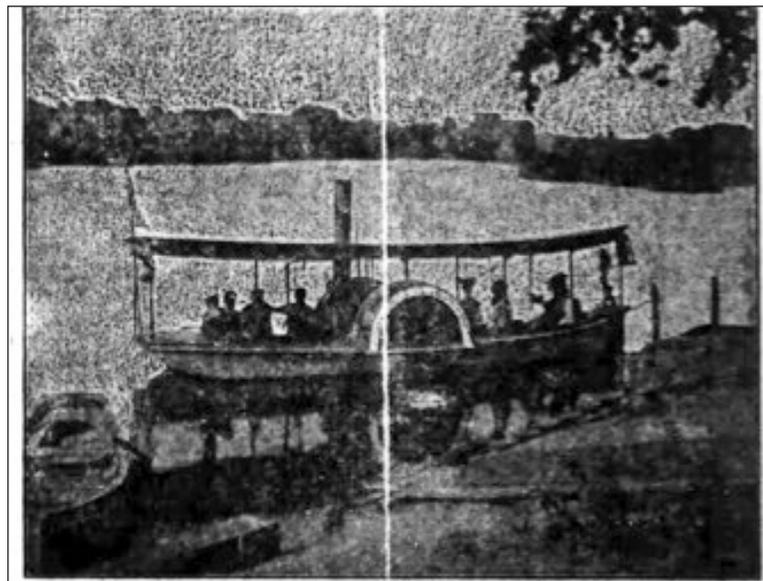
Kishwaukee River complete with local band music and ice cream. Private party rentals with more adult beverages were available during evening hours.

It may seem a bit over the top to purchase a steamboat for such a small stretch of river, but George Rose was just the kind of over the top person to think extravagantly. One of Belvidere's early settlers, Rose was in the business of entertainment and relaxation. He acquired the property along the river which we now know as Doty Park and renamed it Rose's Lawn. Rose built a boathouse on the south bank where he rented out small rowboats on weekends. On the north side of W. Locust St., Rose build a small dance hall building for evening revelers. Behind his own home at 306 W. Pleasant, Rose constructed a small building where he made and sold ice cream. The building held a steam boiler and special engine to run his ice cream freezers. The entire area became known as "Rose's Park" and Belvidere residents flocked to the spacious lawns to enjoy ice cream, rent a rowboat, dance the

two-step, and just relax on balmy summer nights. Rose even provided hammocks, swings, and sun tents.

Winter did not faze George Rose, however. He quickly changed his business model over to skating and hot cocoa when the temperatures dropped. Rose purchased additional land on the southwest side of the Kishwaukee and constructed a toboggan slide which would send sleds on the frozen river to the new area, named Riverside Park. The speed of the slide was so fast that many people were left breathless once the sleds stopped.

Alas, all good things come to an end sometime and the grand steamboat named "Belle" sank during the Kishwaukee River flooding of 1905. Massive storms set the river on a rampage, destroying trees, boards, and debris in the raging waters. Poor "Belle" was unable to withstand the torrent. She was ripped from her moorings and sank to the bottom of the river under the State Street Bridge. According to newspaper reports, her iron hull made it difficult to salvage, so she was left in the bottom of the river.



The Steamer "Bell" Waiting for the Gong at Riverside Landing.

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The steamer "Bell" waiting for the gong at Riverside Landing. (Photo from Belvidere Daily Republican, 1902)

Some doubt she ever was ever recovered. On a foggy, warm night, some say you can still hear the music

and laughter of passengers as "Belle" makes her ghostly way down the Kishwaukee River.

Back in the saddle

WBFB Foundation scholarship and internship applications now online

By Ann Marie Cain, FBCM
MANAGER, WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU

The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau@ Foundation is offering \$1,500 scholarships for graduating high school seniors and college students of Farm Bureau members wanting to pursue a degree in a field of agriculture. The applications are available at the Farm Bureau office located at 1925 S Meridian Road, Rockford, or online. To qualify, the Farm Bureau membership must have been active for a year.

The student must be pursuing an agricultural related degree (e.g. plant

science, animal science, agricultural mechanics, agricultural business, environmental services, food sciences, natural resources, ag teachers, etc.). Students may receive the scholarship up to a maximum of four years. Applications are due Feb. 1.

Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau is also accepting applications for our Summer Internship program. Graduating High School Seniors enrolled in college for the 2021 fall semester with an interest in agriculture or college students majoring in agriculture, communications, marketing or education are invited to apply for our summer Internship.

For more information, contact the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau, located at 1925 S Meridian Road, Rockford, IL, by phone at 815-962-0653 or by email wfbfmanager@live.com with any questions or to request applications. Applications are also available online at www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org under Scholarship & Internships. Visit the website for more scholarship and internship opportunities.

Additional Scholarship Opportunities

Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau@ (IFB) members, spouses and children are eligible to apply for 77 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500, will be awarded in total of \$123,000 for the 2021-22 school year.

Students may apply for a variety of scholarships, including three IAA Foundation Top Scholarships, where winners will each receive \$5,000 awards. Another \$7,500 award goes to the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship winner. In addition to family scholarships often established to honor the memory of a loved one, the IAA Foundation offers

scholarships on behalf of organizations such as Prairie Farms Dairy. For 2021, the IAA Foundation is honored to administer the newly created Sara C. Andrews Memorial Scholarship and the H.R. Beeson Scholarship.

All applicants must be current high school seniors accepted for enrollment, or students already enrolled, at an accredited college, or university. Scholarships are awarded for exceptional academics, leadership experiences and community involvement. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again if the scholarship allows.

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available on the Foundation website, www.iaafoundation.org. New timeline:: The application opens Jan. 1, 2021 and must be completed online by Feb. 15, 2021.

For more information, contact Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or e-mail Jennifer Smith at jsmith@ilfb.org.

The mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois

farm families and agriculture. **Farm Family Resource Initiative offers new helpline**

A new helpline (1-833-FARM-SOS) is now available for farmers who need someone to talk to about the everyday stresses of farming and pandemic-related challenges. The new helpline (1-833-FARM-SOS) will connect farmers to health professionals and services through the Farm Family Resource Initiative.

The initiative also offers ongoing outreach, education and training to rural partners working to improve the health and safety of farm families. Free webinars and trainings on psychological signs of stress and mental health first aid offer program participants skill-building tools to meet the needs of rural clients and farmers.

The new helpline (1-833-FARM-SOS) is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Holiday Nuts and More

Holiday Nuts and More sales are under way. Order forms are available through the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau office or on our website at www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org. All orders are due by Tuesday, Nov. 17. Orders are to be picked up the week of Dec. 7.

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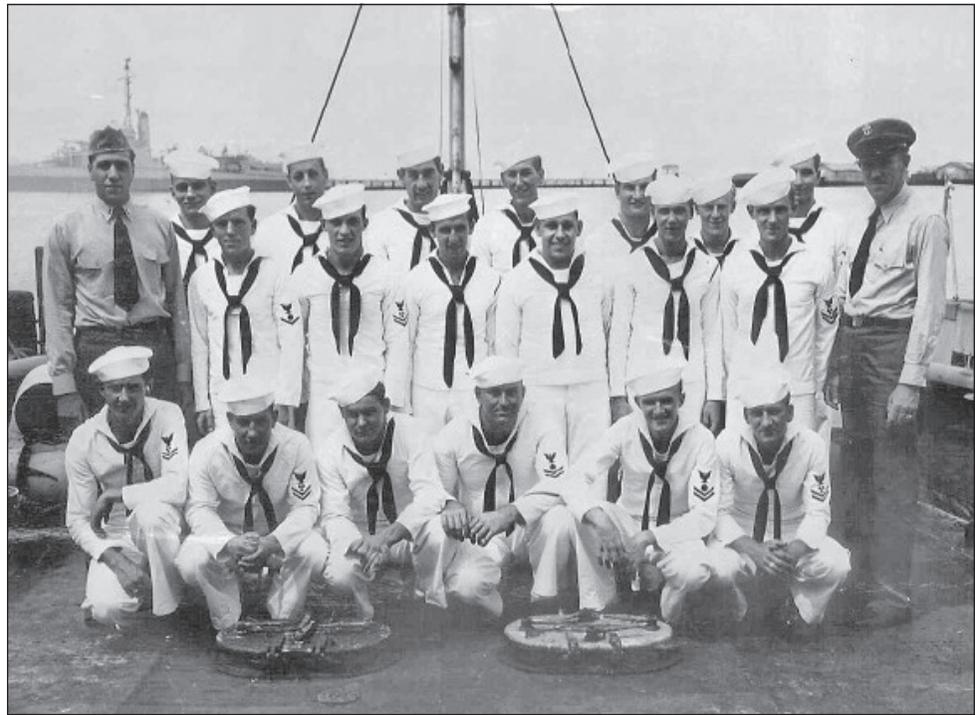
Drive-thru flu clinic popular with residents

The drive-thru flu clinic at the Boone County Health Dept. proved popular as residents lined up to get their free shots on Oct. 20, 21 and 22. Student nurses were able to get in some hands-on practical hours as they assisted with getting information from the waiting vehicles and administering shots.



OSCAR DAVIS FAMILY PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing

Change of Command, USS Eagle PE 56, on January 23, 1945 in Casco Bay, Maine. This ship would be sunk by a German submarine in April of that year and many of these men would lose their lives.



"Engineering Crew, Oscar (Davis) third from left, bottom, 1943." Davis and 12 crewmates survived the sinking of the USS Eagle PE 56. It took 56 years for the Navy to admit that the patrol boat was sunk by a U-boat.

Facts of a sinking not admitted till over 50 years after WWII

By Margaret Downing
REPORTER

Following is a story from an interview 12 years ago with Sharon Atkins of Roscoe, quite a story regarding her father.

The headline in the Portland (Maine) Press Herald dated the morning of May 9, 1945 read, "49 die in mysterious boat blast three miles off Cape Elizabeth - 13 survive explosion of April 23 - 200-foot Eagle Boat split by blast; only two bodies are found."

The whole story of the tragic end of the patrol ship USS Eagle PE-56, took over 50 years to finally be told.

The war in Europe was basically over by April of 1945. Other front page stories included, "Europe's guns silenced after nearly six years ... Patton fires last U.S. shot;" "Red-Nazi Peace signed in Berlin;" "Dresden falls in last red victory of war;" "Invasion of Japan now being planned;" and "Allied Control Commission in Norway, patriots reportedly capture Quisling."

A copy of that 1945 newspaper, photos of the crew and other information has been cared for since that time and is now in the possession of the widow and a daughter of one of the crewmen. Oscar Franklin Davis was one of the 13 men who survived the sinking three miles off Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on April 23, 1945.

Davis' widow, Lorraine Davis Tracey (Earl Tracey), lives in Machesney Park. The couple's daughter, Sharon Atkins, is a Roscoe resident. There is also a son, Gerry Davis of Pecatonica.

As noted by Atkins, her father Oscar Davis,

who had rheumatic fever as a child growing up on a farm in Alto Pass in southern Illinois, suffered a massive heart attack at the age of 42 and died in 1974 at the age of 52. "Dad graduated from high school in 1940, the only one out of 11 kids who graduated high school. He is buried in Rockford (Illinois)," she said.

Another crewman, John Breeze, who also survived the sinking of the Eagle, told Sharon that her father was fearless ... that "he was tough, strong and tall." He had been an excellent athlete in school and very popular with the ladies but Oscar wanted more out of life than what could be found on the southern Illinois farm.

He was also very proud of being in the Navy. Oscar wasn't the only serviceman in the family. One of his brothers, James, joined the Army and participated in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day where he became one of the casualties on June 23, 1944. Sharon said he was buried in France but after four years, his body was brought home.

After Oscar was discharged from the Navy on Jan. 1, 1946, he worked at J.I. Case and Ipsen Heat Treating in Rockford. He also met through mutual friends his future wife Lorraine, who worked at Atwood's. The couple married in December of 1948. Sharon Atkins said her father and several of his brothers had come to Rockford looking for work as there wasn't much available in the southern part of the state.

Returning to the 1945 Maine newspaper story, it was stated, "Survivors said the 200-foot

ship split in two and sank within a few minutes of the terrific (midday) explosion. Many of those listed as missing were trapped in below-deck compartments. A Naval Court of Inquiry headed by Capt. E.J. Freeman, USNR, commanding officer of the Portland Naval Station, convened almost immediately. The court has not yet reported its findings. They held knowledge that the ship recently came from repair docks after a complete 10-day overhauling. Naval craft and planes, which scouted the disaster area, failed to uncover a single additional body or any wreckage, other than a few pieces of timber, empty oil barrels, and general debris. One life jacket was found later on the water but none of the survivors reported having used one to keep afloat. Navy officials said the water temperature at the time of the accident was 42 degrees Fahrenheit. Normally it is recorded at 48 degrees.

"Rescue Lasts 17 Minutes. Last of the 13 survivors was picked up about 17 minutes after personnel aboard a nearby destroyer (the USS Selfridge DD-357) and lightship had witnessed the explosion. The Navy said a steady geyser of water poured high into the air as the ship split amidships.

"The suddenness of the explosion, quick sinking of the ship and immediate rescue of survivors left few tales of heroism. Survivors remained afloat by grasping floating timber, empty oil barrels, and other wreckage. Some of those who perished went to the bottom when numbness, brought on by the cold water, forced

them to relinquish holds on floating objects, survivors related. Only two of the 13 suffered injuries serious enough to require hospital bed treatment. Others escaped with minor cuts and bruises. All were given blood plasma and morphine injections for shock and exposure."*

*(Note: Sharon Atkins says her father insisted this was not true. They were never given morphine.)

Listed as survivors were: Lt. John P. Scagnelli, 25; John L. Breeze, Jr., 22, machinist mate... Concord, H.H.; Oscar F. Davis, 23, machinist mate; Lawrence L. Edwards, 20, gunners mate; Cletus J. Frane, 31, machinist mate; Daniel E. Jaronik, 19, seaman; Edward G. Lockhart, 28, machinist mate; John E. Luttrell, 20, seaman; Harold H. Petersen, 23, machinist mate; William A. Thompson, 31, fireman; John A. Wisniewski, 35, radioman; John A. Happoldt, 20, seaman; and Joseph C. Priestas, 23, water tender.

Lieutenant Scagnelli, in an interview with the Portland Press Herald in 1945, said, "Most of the men were on the port side at the time of the explosion," (although Scagnelli was on the starboard side).

"He estimated that no more than 40 seconds elapsed from the time he was knocked from his bunk until he reached open water. 'When I was knocked out of bed, I saw no sign of life and I heard no one calling for help...' He believed more than 20 men were trapped in the CPO quarters, radio shack, wardroom, officers' stateroom and officers' galley.

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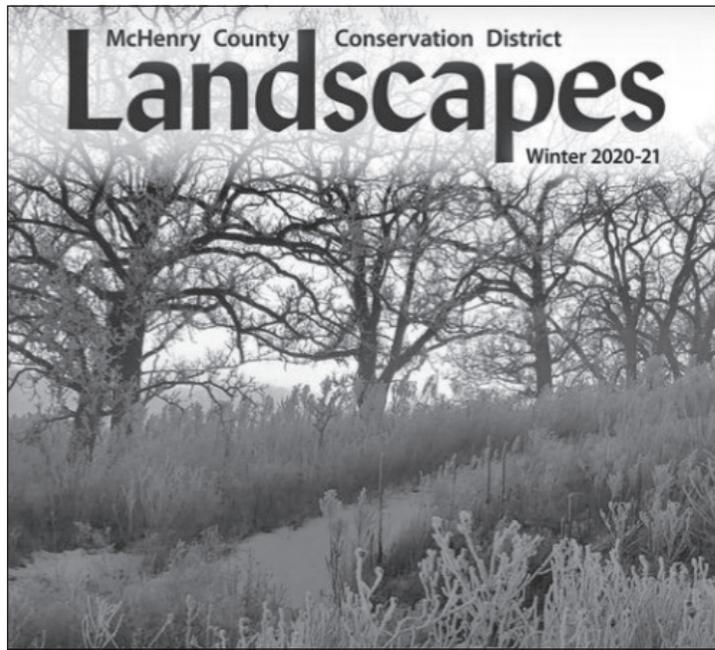
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public assets. Historically, it has played a major role in shaping the region's landscape, both natural and developed, but today its full potential remains unrealized.

The study area for this planning project spans five communities, conservation areas, nature preserves and parks over a distance of eight miles from Burtons Bridge at Route 176 on the south end to North Chapel Hill Road in Johnsburg on the north end. Municipalities within the study area

include McHenry, Johnsburg, Holiday Hills and Prairie Grove.

The project builds on the foundation of two previous Fox River Corridor plans—one for Villages of Algonquin and Carpentersville (External link) (completed in December 2015) and another for McHenry and Lake Counties (External link) (completed in September 2018). However, this project is ultimately a blank slate upon which priorities can emerge through the planning process.



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See inside the latest issue of **Landscapes** for winter activities, plus an announcement of the Conservation Award recipient and 2020 Community Survey Results.

MCCD gearing up for winter activities

McHenry County Conservation District's winter program offerings are loaded with both indoor and outdoor nature enthusiast adventures. Sign up for "An Introduction to Orienteering," test your knowledge at a virtual "Nature Trivia Night," hone your animal tracking skills at "Tracks and Scat" or spend "An Afternoon with the Short-eared Owls."

Go behind the scenes for "Festival of the Sugar Maples" at Tapping Into Nature or grab your family for an evening of "Upcycling: Out with Old, In with the New". Start the New Year off right at the "Kames Kickoff Hike: Glacial Park," or "Howl at the Moon" on a special night hike, take part in a "Winter Tree ID" or get an "Introduction to Winter Birds" from the comfort of your couch. There is something for everyone! Most programs are free.

Visit the conservation district's website at www.MCCDistrict.org to view the programs in greater detail or sign up to receive the seasonal magazine *Landscapes*. Registration opens for county residents Nov. 10 (Non-residents opens Nov. 20) and is accepted online, by phone (free programs only) at 815-479-5779, or by mail-in to Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road in Crystal Lake.

Mitigations (Continued from front page)

using hand sanitizer, and watching their distance from others while voting.

"The rate of new infections is surging in our region—a steeper curve than we saw in the spring," said Mark Pfister, executive director of the Lake County Health Department. "We successfully flattened the curve then, and we can do it again. Our success depends on all businesses and residents doing their part, participating with contact tracers if you are called, and being extremely cautious to eliminate chances for this virus to spread. Please do not let your guard down in social settings, even around close friends and family who don't live in your home."

IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in Region 9 in the coming days to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigations

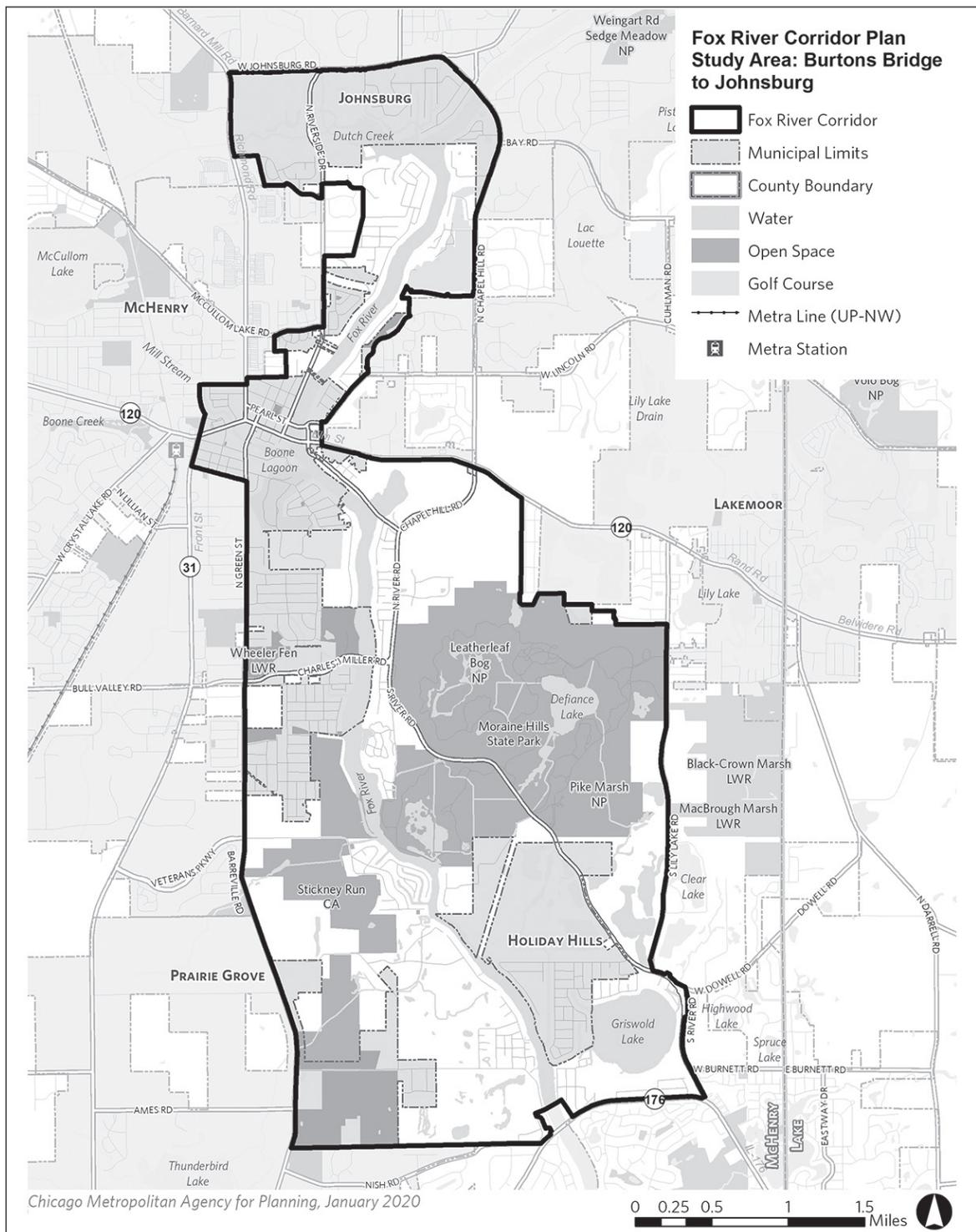
should remain in place.

"We will continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and keep the region informed about community transmission," said Melissa Adamson, public health administrator for the McHenry County Department of Health. "If we work together, we could avoid further mitigations and potentially see a return to Phase 4 restrictions in the next two weeks. But that's a goal that can only be achieved by following those preventative measures we've stressed for the past several months and working with your local health department to complete their case investigations."

Additional Information

Everyone should continue to follow the 3 Ws to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- Wear a mask.
- Wash your hands/



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, January 2020

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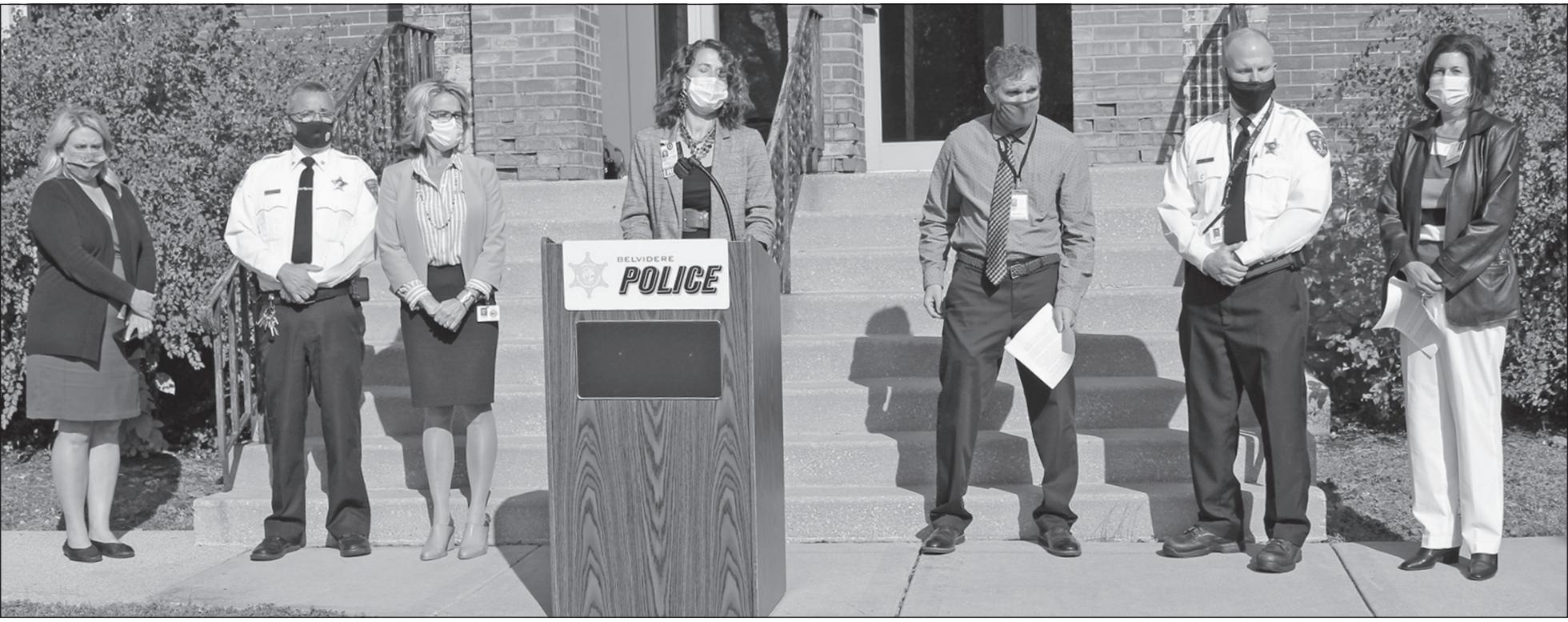
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Amanda Mehl announces a new grant to combat substance abuse in Boone County.

BC Behavioral Health Task Force announces second grant

Dept. of Justice addresses opioids, stimulants and other substances

The Boone County Behavioral Health Task Force has been awarded a second three-year U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSS-AP) grant in the amount of \$599,000 to continue to address substance abuse and mental health in Boone County. These funds will support the efforts of the Task Force and advance its goals to increase community collaboration and reduce substance abuse in Boone County.

"After several years of hard work in developing a sustainable model for our community, we are pleased to have secured additional federal funding to address this pressing community need" says Amanda Mehl, Public Health administrator for the Boone County Health Department. "We have seen that our work over the past year with our current grant has begun to make a real difference in the lives of our residents and a program expansion will assist us in producing a significant change in the health and safety outcomes of the people of Boone County."

"The purpose of this program is to support projects that develop, implement, or expand comprehensive programs in response to illicit opioids, stimulants or other substances of abuse. The program furthers the funding agency's mission of providing resources to support state,

local, tribal, and territorial efforts to reduce violent crime and drug abuse and enhance public safety while supporting victims. Projects must feature comprehensive, collaborative initiatives aimed at reducing the impact of substance abuse on individuals and communities, including a reduction in the number of overdose fatalities, as well as mitigation of the impacts on crime victims.

"This funding will allow Boone County to expand programming and services already established through the Boone County Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction program (or COAR) which is a system-wide series of coordinated interventions seeking to leverage the current redesign of the Boone County Jail Medical Services and integrate Behavioral Health services into inmate care, including Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).

"Additionally, the COAR program included the creation of a Recovery Navigator program, which will provide comprehensive case management services both to jail inmates, and to residents in the community.

The new Boone County Support Outreach Recovery Team (SORT) project is twofold: to fill the identified need for a Community Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) to work with the justice-involved community and an Addiction Counselor to work with the county's jailed population. These two gaps were identified

through the Boone County Sequential Intercept Mapping process completed in 2018 by the Task Force.

"Founded in 2017. The task force is made up of organizations from public health, mental health, justice, and faith communities and has worked together to create solutions to behavioral health issues with a focus on substance abuse. The CLEO will be a law enforcement officer familiar with the community. This individual will engage with members of the public in Boone County who experience Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD). They will work with first responders and help link people with addiction into treatment as well as outreach to the public. This outreach will include, but is not limited to, outreach to OUD/SUD person and their friends and family; NARCAN training to interested members of the public; drug awareness programs to students; and outreach to groups like AA and NA.

"The second purpose is to fill the identified need for an Addiction Counselor who will work as a Recovery Coach in the Boone County jail. This individual will deliver services and provide group and individual therapies within the jail. The project includes partnerships between the Behavioral Health Task Force, the Boone County Health Dept., Rosecrance and the Belvidere Police Department. We expect

the results of SORT to include less OUD/SUD-related crime including overdose, suicide, domestic violence, aggravated battery, and theft.

"To date the Boone County Behavioral Health Task Force has received grants totaling \$1,198,679."

About the Boone County Behavioral Health Task Force

The Boone County Behavioral Health Task Force was formed in April 2017. The Boone County Health Department, working with the Region 1 Planning Council and many participating stakeholders endeavors to build and strengthen Behavioral Health Service delivery to Boone County residents. The grant application was written by the Region 1 Planning Council. Boone County, the City of Belvidere, and the Boone County Board of Health provided the funding for these

grant-writing services.

Boone County Behavioral Health Task Force Members

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IHSA says it plans to move ahead with basketball

State says liability could loom for districts that participate

By Sarah Mansur
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The private organization that governs high school sports in the state has voted to begin the basketball season this month—defying the new guidance for winter sports that Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health outlined Oct. 27.

The winter sports guidelines from Pritzker and the IDPH—which divides activities into low-, medium- and high-risk categories—upgraded basketball to a high-risk sport. Basketball was originally classified as medium-risk in the fall sports guidelines issued over the summer.

The guidance also offers four different levels of activity for each sport, ranging from level 1, which permits only no-contact practices and training, to level 4, which allows for play in tournaments. Under the state's guidance, basketball would be allowed to continue at level 1.

In explaining the change, Pritzker released a document citing recent health studies that indicates vigorous physical exercise and heavy breathing, combined with frequent contacts among other players, can facilitate transmission of COVID-19.

Following that announcement on Oct. 27, the Illinois High School Association's board classified basketball as a medium-risk sport, which is subject to lesser restrictions under the activity levels.

While Pritzker later announced basketball would be moved to spring, IHSA maintained that basketball season would start on Nov. 16.

In a statement, the IHSA board said it made the decision to follow the recommendation of the IHSA's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee as it relates to basketball. The board also noted it "will review spectator and group gatherings for all winter sports at a future meeting in November."

The board said the committee requires some additional restrictions, such as mask wearing during play and social distancing on benches.

"The board remains considerate of rising COVID-19 cases in Illinois and understand the importance of adhering to safety guidelines for the good of all citizens. However, the board has not been presented any causal evidence that rising COVID-19 cases make basketball more dangerous to play by the IDPH or any other health organization nationally or internationally," the statement reads.

"Mounting challenges, from increased mental health issues among our students to a shrinking calendar that limits our ability to move sport seasons this school year, were instrumental in this decision to move forward with basketball as scheduled ... Students can be better protected in the high school setting, and the Board remains steadfast that playing under IHSA rules and SMAC mitigation is the safest way to conduct athletics at this juncture."

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now or in the end.
 What's important is 'thus saith the Lord' in Jesus by the book as enlightened by the Holy Spirit who never contradicts Jesus by the book.
 Luke's account (4:1-13) of the unsuccessful attempt to tempt Jesus from Himself ends differently and significantly from Matthew's (4:1-11): "Now when the Devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time" (4:13).

An opportune time.
 While we know Satan never succeeded in distracting or detouring Jesus from His reason for being – to save the world – he never stopped trying!

And he never stops trying with us!
 Satan is especially successful with his testing seductions when we're not worshipping and in The WORD; or as Denise Frangipane has said, "He plays upon our weaknesses and exaggerates our problems."

We are not as susceptible to the seductions of Satan when we are strong in the WORD.

Satan tempts us and seeks to seduce us and separate us from God and God's best intentions for us when we are vulnerable – not in worship and not in His WORD.

If we aren't worshipping and in His WORD we are vulnerable to all of the emotional, intellectual, spiritual and sexual seductions that the worldly have to offer in conspiracy with Satan, Antichrist and false prophecy.

Remember, as Luther warned, Satan is "a clever trickster" who comes as an angel of light with something we want to do and someone we want to do it with.

It's only tempting because we want to do it; and while Jesus was sinless, we're too human to put that in our resume for employment in the kingdom.

Erwin Lutzer put it this way in How to Say No to a Stubborn Habit – Even When You Feel Like Saying Yes (1984): "We have all experienced the cycle: enjoy a forbidden pleasure, feel guilty, determine never to do it again, take pride in a brief moment of self-control, then fail once more."

That's why I rarely preach about backsliding; for it seems most folks never get far enough ahead to slide back.

Sad joke.
 No, sad reality.
 Lutzer continued, "Can we really be delivered from the one-step forward two-step backward routine?"

Yes!
 Emphatically.

First, stay in worship and WORD; or as we have said, "Start with Jesus! Stay with Jesus! If you start with Jesus and stay with Jesus, you'll be sustained and saved by Jesus!"

Let's go deeper.
 Having counseled many women and men along with myself who have struggled with temptations and fallen and failed too often, I have asked God how to battle temptations and triumph over them.

Then I remembered how a mentor once said to me, "You don't have

to ask God to reveal something that He's already revealed in the Bible."

We don't have to keep asking a question that He's already answered in Holy Scripture.

So about 25 years ago, I starting searching and searching and searching Holy Scripture for the answer on how to beat temptations and the dirty trickery of Satan, Antichrist, and false prophecy to seduce us into the sins that separate us from God.

I found the answer in the Lord's Prayer when Jesus taught us to pray, "And lead us not into temptation" (see Matthew 6:9-13).

It/HE hit me like 5K watts of the Holy Spirit!

Knowing bad things taste good and we want to ingest those temptations which means we're going to do them unless we find a way to triumph over them, Jesus redirects our attention from our ourselves – our righteous efforts, and desires, and willingness, and wants to live righteously that will too often fall and fail when left to our own devices – to Him by allowing us to beg for His supernatural power to overcome our naturally sinful inclinations and rebellions against His Word: "and lead us not into temptation."

When we pray that way, we are confessing our sinful inclinations and believing Jesus taught us to beg His help to triumph over temptations with the expectation that we will triumph over temptations with His help.

When we pray that way, we are agreeing with Psalm 62: "God alone is my salvation!"

When we pray that way, we are tapping into the promised blessings of the first beatitude: "Blessed are the poor in spirit - those who are totally dependent upon God" (Matthew 5:3).

I like how Luther put it in what is among the most beloved hymns of Christendom: "A mighty fortress is our God... Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing... [The right man is on our side!...] The man of God's own choosing... Christ Jesus, it is He!"

It's like Carol Bahl Riddlestorffer once taught me so many years ago: "When evil comes knocking at the door, I say, 'Jesus, please get that for me.'"

Jesus, lead us/me not into temptation!

So for going on 25 years, I have prayed this prayer with others and for myself knowing that Satan, Antichrist, and false prophecy have been conspiring to bring us down to their level with temptations – bad things that taste good that will ultimately cause spiritual indigestion and increasing separation from God: "Father God, I beg Your protection and power as Holy Spirit as You taught me to pray in Jesus, 'Lead me not into temptation.' Protect me from temptations. Don't let them come near me. But if it's a part of Your providence that I must be tested, give Your supernatural power to me to overcome the temptations. You know me. You created me. You know there's nothing original

about sin in my life. It's one of things that I do worst. You know I'm gonna fall and fail without You. I can't do this alone. I can't do this without You. I know that's why you taught me to pray, 'Lead me not into temptation.' So I'm just being faithful to You and begging Your help right now to overcome this temptation that I know about and the temptations that will come when I'm most vulnerable. I'm calling on You right now as You taught me to pray. I'm being obedient by saying I can't be totally obedient without

Your help. I can't. You know I can't. I know that's why You taught me to pray this way. I am praying this way because I want to be Yours in all things at all times in all places with all people. I am praying this way with confidence and total trust in You to help me overcome this temptation right now. I am praying as You taught me to pray through Jesus in whose name I pray. Amen."

I pray that often because the unholy trinity of Satan, Antichrist, and false prophecy and their "useful idiots" in government, education,

entertainment, churches and all of the below are always looking for an opportune time to tempt me to go down to their levels of distrust, disrespect and disobedience to the holy, holy, holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The prayer has always worked for me.

It has always worked for anyone who has prayed it.

Why?

The answer to every question is Jesus.

In short, Jesus saves!

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Legislators discuss statewide police reforms

Lawmakers consider tying funding to compliance

By Raymon Troncoso
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

In the wake of a recent police shooting that left one teenager dead and a woman injured in Waukegan, lawmakers met in a joint hearing of the Senate Criminal Law Committee and Senate Special Committee on Public Safety Oct. 27 to discuss statewide reforms for law enforcement.

Lawmakers and witnesses discussed body cameras, mandatory data collection, increased transparency around police shootings, residency requirements for officers and changes to how allegations of police misconduct are handled. Public defenders, state's attorneys, municipal officials and law enforcement all gave testimony.

"We must address the procedures and policies that perpetuate the inequality and injustice that Black communities face," state Rep. Justin Slaughter, D-Chicago, a guest speaker at the committee hearing, said. "Holding law enforcement officers to a higher standard and examining ways to increase transparency and accountability will undoubtedly help protect our families and pave the way for a more just future."

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle testified that change at the state level is required to enact lasting police reform, citing

barriers of authority to municipal governments that have tried to implement changes regarding law enforcement.

"At the local level, police reforms have been limited at best," Preckwinkle said. "The Chicago Police Department, for example, has either delayed implementation, or just refused implementation of the reforms."

"We believe that the authority to mandate implementation should not be dependent on the will of the police department, but rather, certain reforms should be codified at the state with funding tied to police departments' compliance," she added.

Amy Campanelli, who serves as the public defender of Cook County, testified that despite body cameras already being mandated by the Chicago Police Department, her office has dealt with several recent cases where officers "blatantly violate their body worn camera policy."

Campanelli called for the General Assembly to pass House Bill 2111 which would make it a felony for a member of law enforcement to turn off, or fail to turn on, their body camera. Preckwinkle and the ACLU also supported the bill in written testimony.

According to Campanelli, cases that involve body camera footage move through the legal system quicker thanks to an objective third-party

view being available to prosecutors, judges and defense attorneys.

"Body cameras and, more specifically, policies that require their constant use and that allow officers to be punished for violating them is the easiest and most effective way to ensure a greater sense of police accountability," state Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago, said. "The era of 'their word versus mine' must come to an end. There must be a publicly available, unbiased record of any incidents that occur so that justice can be delivered and so that safety can be prioritized above all else."

Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Director Ed Wojcicki and Elgin Police Chief Ana Lalley supported the claim that body cameras help law enforcement and the justice system solve cases swiftly and accurately.

Wojcicki testified to lawmakers that officers wearing body cameras were less likely to be the subject of misconduct claims, and departments with body camera mandates received fewer complaints compared to those without.

According to Wojcicki, as of 2019, only 75 of around 900 law enforcement agencies in Illinois use body cameras. Despite widespread support from law enforcement regarding the use of body cameras, Wojcicki said their prohibitive cost prevents more

departments from implementing them.

Lalley said Elgin's transition to body cameras in 2015 was possible due to a \$500,000 federal grant the department received. According to Lalley, the city pays over \$170,000 annually to store body worn camera footage. She estimated mid-sized cities with 200 to 300 officers would have to pay close to \$200,000 a year to deal with video storage.

"The cost of implementing a program can be a significant barrier for some law enforcement agencies," she said.

The Association of Chiefs of Police submitted written testimony to the senate committees containing recommendations for making body camera usage more widespread, as less than 10 percent of the state's law enforcement agencies are utilizing the technology. Most were measures to reduce the costs of video storage and administrative duties.

"Eliminate most of the redaction requirements," the Association wrote in its testimony. "This is time consuming and expensive, and any citizen with a smartphone can video the same event and share it via social media without any redactions."

The recommendations also called for deletion of accidental recordings, reporting standards to be relaxed, and for more monetary assistance from the state and federal government to fund body camera programs.

On accountability, multiple witnesses, including retired law enforcement officials, testified on the need for deep reforms to be made both statewide and nationally.

In written testimony submitted to lawmakers, the Law Enforcement Action Partnership, a collective of mostly retired law enforcement professionals from across the country, called for strong civilian oversight of policing and mandated changes to how departments handle misconduct.

"We cannot uphold public safety without earning community trust. Without trust, people do not report crimes, and witnesses refuse to talk to us," the Partnership testimony stated. "Holding ourselves to a higher standard is the best way to honor our profession."

Dave Franco, a retired Chicago police officer and member of the Partnership, described a toxic culture in the department where politics influenced career trajectory and officers were encouraged to not report misconduct of fellow officers or intervene when excessive force was being used.

Recommendations to the General Assembly from the Partnership, the ACLU and Cook County officials all called for codified state laws that provide enhanced and expanded whistleblower protections and mandate that officers must intervene when witnessing excessive force.

Those three written testimonies also suggested independent civilian oversight of every department, permanent statewide records of disciplinary and complaint records against officers, and restrictions on the limited liability—also referred to as "qualified immunity"—given to officers in the line of duty that provides legal protection to some forms of alleged misconduct.

State Senate committee focuses on drug penalty reform, elderly parole

Meeting is latest in series prompted by Black Caucus agenda

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The Illinois Senate Criminal Law Committee and Special Committee on Public Safety held its latest in a series of hearings related to the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus' legislative agenda Sept. 30, focusing on reclassifying offenses, drug penalty reform and elderly parole.

"We must confront the vast disparities in how individuals throughout the state are sentenced," state Sen. Elgie Sims, a Chicago Democrat and chair of the Senate Criminal Law Committee, said. "We have to ensure that our justice system treats everyone fairly regardless of their race, religion and economic status. That often is not the case. These issues are important to achieve a more fair and equitable system."

Witnesses testifying before the committee included Tanya Woods, executive director of the Westside Justice Center; Champaign County State's Attorney Julia Rietz; White County State's Attorney Denton Aud; Ben Ruddell, director of criminal justice policy for the Illinois ACLU; and representatives from Restore Justice Illinois.

Witnesses generally agreed that changes made to reduce penalties for crimes involving cannabis, along with the expungement of minor cannabis-related drug crimes following marijuana legalization last year, were positive steps forward.

Ruddell noted the war on drugs and drug crimes in general have harshly

impacted black Americans more than any other demographic

"In 1980 our prison population was 11,768. Today it stands at more than 30,000. Despite a decades-long decline in the overall crime rate, data shows that increased drug arrests by the police and the enactment of punitive sentencing policies for drug offenses were major drivers in the spike in incarceration," Ruddell said.

In 2018, Ruddell said, 60 percent of those arrested for a drug crime in Illinois were black.

"While black Illinoisans make up 14.5 percent of the state's population, they make up 54.8 of those in prison and are imprisoned at 8.8 times the rate of whites, one of the worst disparities of any state," he said.

Isolated to drug crimes, the disparities are larger. Between 2016 and 2018, black Illinoisans made up 69 percent of drug offenders admitted to the Illinois Department of Corrections, and 59 percent of strictly cannabis offenders.

Ruddell suggested three reforms to combat these disparities: reduction of all drug crimes by one class; reclassification of felony possession to a misdemeanor; and elimination of mandatory minimums and sentence enhancements. Lawmakers discussed the third point in a previous joint hearing.

Wendell Robinson, from Restore Justice Illinois, said as a juvenile he was sentenced to life in prison for violent crimes. Robinson served more than 25 years before being released

in 2018 after a 2012 Supreme Court decision that made mandatory life sentences without parole for juvenile offenders unconstitutional.

Robinson cited a Justice Policy Institute study of 200 elderly prisoners in Maryland who were jailed as juveniles and released as result of a ruling by the Maryland Supreme Court. The median age of the individuals was 64 and they had served 34 years on average. Over a 6-year period upon release, the group had a 3 percent recidivism rate. That was far lower than the national average of 43 percent of those released from prison being incarcerated again, according to a 2011 Pew research study.

"A lot of guys that we are talking about that could potentially be parolees are people that are near and dear to me like friends. These are individuals that helped shape and mold the man that I became today," Robinson said. "I know a lot of elderly guys [in prison] I still keep in communication with about these guys, they are like extremely positive individuals, but they just need a second chance."

The hearing was the fifth prompted by Black Caucus' push to promote its agenda, which is based on four pillars: Criminal justice reform, violence and police accountability; education and workforce development; economic access, equity and opportunity; and health care and human services.

The caucus plans to advance legislation to address each pillar during the upcoming veto session, which is scheduled for Nov. 17-19 and Dec. 1-3.

IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson was asked about filing a lawsuit.

"You know at some point, I think over the next month or whatever time frame, we'll figure out if this is a legal issue for us as an association or if it is for our schools—and then we'll have to pivot, as we've been pivoting a number of times throughout this school year," Anderson said.

"This is a step forward to really say that as an association we think we can do it safely, and we want it for our students."

Superintendent Dr. Carmen Ayala issued a statement criticizing the IHSA for contradicting public health guidance. She also echoed Pritzker's concerns about exposing schools to legal liability.

"Defying the state's public health guidance opens up schools to liability and other ramifications that may negatively impact school communities," Ayala's statement read.

An IHSA spokesperson declined to comment about the potential legal liability raised by Pritzker.

In an interview with reporters,

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In response to a question about the IHSA, Pritzker suggested that schools could face legal consequences if illness or injury results from sports play that is contrary to the state's guidance.

"I finally will say that schools, I think as I've said several times, will potentially be subject to some legal liability if something happens as a result of their playing a sport that we've issued guidance about that is not congruous with what the school is operating under," he said.

After the IHSA's decision, Illinois State Board of Education



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