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Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and are available online at www.GotHistory.org.

Because of ongoing health concerns this year's the drawing will be held virtually at 3 p.m. Feb. 1 at the museum.

Visit the website for a link should

you wish to follow along.

Speaking of quilts

A number of years ago a local newspaper featured a photo of a barn shadowed in the light of the setting sun. The caption read: "Nothing is more beautiful than seeing the sunset behind a McHenry County barn." The thought that such a scene in this once prominent Illinois dairy farming county may soon end up as nothing more than memories gave rise to McHenry County Historical Society's Quilted Barn program in 2000.

The project combines the tradition and beauty of quilt designing with the durability of American barns and their adaptability as showcases for public art. Participants select a quilt pattern and paint it onto a 4-foot-square sheet of five-eighths- or three-quarter-inch plywood. It then is attached to a barn in a place that is easily visible from the road. Owners can paint it themselves, recruit interested students or work through the Society to find professional help. Area barn quilt painters include: Mel and

Chari Moehling (mcmoehling@att.net), Carol Keene (brushstrokes@comcast.net) and Dana Berning (artinbarn@gmail.com).

The society is working with Visit McHenry County to update its digital, interactive barn quilt map and to create printed brochure to accompany it. If you wish to participate or know a barn owner who might, please call the McHenry County Historical Society at 815-923-2267, e-mail us at info@mcHenrycountyhistory.org or visit the website at GotHistory.org for an application.

Information about the quilt patterns, be it "Log Cabin," "Grandma's Flower Basket," "Flying Geese," is available from the society. Families also create quilt paintings of their own design – typically with a homage to the past or their family's roots. So far, some 50 barn quilts have been documented. But there are more. As part of

the Northern Illinois Quilt Fest in 2011, Marengo had more than 20 porch quilts up in town that were then auctioned off. We'd love to know where they all are!

People enjoy touring our county looking at all of the barn quilts. Not only is this wonderful public art, it also draws attention to family histories and the dwindling number of historic barns that are inexorably ingrained in the fabric of our rural heritage.



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In-person voting for Feb. 23 primary underway

In-person early voting for the Feb. 23 consolidated primary has begun, McHenry County Clerk Joe Tirio announced.

Republican primary races are being held for Algonquin Township, Grafton Township, and Nunda Township offices. Only Republican ballots are available for this primary election—this is not early voting for the April 6 consolidated election.

Early voting for the primary is available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the County Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, until Monday, Feb. 22. Four additional early voting stations will open up in the townships with primaries starting Monday, Feb. 8.

County voting stations are regularly sanitized, hand sanitizer is readily available for voters, and physical distancing measures are in place to protect voters and poll workers.

Kenneally denounces House Bill 163

Patrick D. Kenneally, McHenry County State's Attorney, announced that the Illinois State's Attorney's Association (ILSAAP) has come out in strong opposition to House Bill 163. Every elected state's attorney in Illinois, with the notable exception of Kim Foxx, joined in calling for this last minute bill that a small group of legislators is seeking to ram through "lame duck" session to fail.

Said Patrick Kenneally: "As explained by ILSAAP, this bill is wrong, disastrous, and dangerous on so many levels. Without hyperbole and if passed in its current form, this bill will all but mandate the immediate pretrial release of drug-dealers, sex offenders and drunk drivers irrespective of their likelihood of reoffending, the danger they pose generally to the public, or their willingness to comply with conditions of their release.

"The timing of House Bill 163, coming on the heels of Chicago's



Patrick D. Kenneally

murder rate nearly doubling in 2020 and violent crime having increased throughout the state, is bewildering. It is no wonder that this bill's legislative advocates are trying to push this sprawling and destructive bill through at the "11th hour" and with only three days to consider.

"House Bill 163 could never withstand open consideration and is profoundly out of step with the expectations that victims and the average Illinoisan have for their justice system. Criminal justice reform is something we should all work on together. It is not something that should be dictated to the entire State by a few narrowly interested politicians in Chicago."

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Letter to the editor

Former clerk offers support for Turnipseed

I'm writing in support of Sarah Turnipseed for Belvidere City Clerk.

Sarah's strong work ethic, knowledge and passion is instrumental in getting the job done every day for City employees and the citizens of Belvidere.

As my assistant, Sarah was more than familiar with the responsibilities of the city clerk's office and has clearly demonstrated the necessary skills to continue as your city clerk.

Sarah faced many difficult challenges during her first year as city clerk including a cyber attack and a pandemic, which resulted in holding virtual meetings and City

Hall being closed to the public. Her professionalism and integrity during the tough times is exactly what Belvidere needs now more than ever.

Sarah knows what it takes to be Belvidere's city clerk, and I encourage you to vote for Sarah Turnipseed on Feb. 23.

Shauna Arco
Retired Belvidere City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

ASSUMED NAME
CERTIFICATE OF
INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS ss.
County of Boone

This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a stump grinding and yard care service business in said County and State under the name of BROSKEI STUMP GRINDING at the following post office addresses: 427 Caswell St., Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each are as follows:

Todd Scharringhausen, 427 Caswell St., Belvidere, IL 61008

SIGNED:
TODD SCHARRINGHAUSEN
Dated 1/6/21

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 6th day of January, A.D. 2021.

JULIE A. BLISS
COUNTY CLERK
By ERICA L. BLUEGE
DEPUTY
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF BOONE -
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ATHENE ANNUITY AND
LIFE COMPANY
Plaintiff,

vs.
LARRY E. WILCOX,
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA:
Defendants,

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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, March 4, 2021, 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:

PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8; THENCE

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For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 17TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
VELMA I. KNOX,
deceased.

Case No. 2021-P-1
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of VELMA I. KNOX, of Belvidere, Illinois, who died on November 22, 2020. Letters of Office were issued on January 5, 2021 to BRENDA L. DOUGLAS, 615 Wayne Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; NICHOLE WARREN, 13696 Dorr Road, South Beloit, IL 61080; and ASHLEY RUSZCZAK, 1317 N. Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103; as co-executors, who are the legal representatives of the estate. The attorney for the co-executors is John H. Maville, 600 South State Street, Suite #307, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the legal representatives, or both, on or before July 28, 2021, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representatives is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representatives and to the representatives' attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: January 18, 2021
BRENDA L. DOUGLAS,
NICHOLE WARREN and
ASHLEY RUSZCZAK,
Representatives

LAW OFFICES OF
JOHN H. MAVILLE
JOHN H. MAVILLE, Attorney
for Representatives
600 South Main Street;
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Belvidere, IL 61008
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Slices of life

When I wasn't looking

It's been nearly two months and I still keep his phone charged. I check it each morning. We didn't share the same thumbprint, but I knew his password, as he did mine. It was like that between us. We shared almost everything.

I know taking his phone off the account would save me money, but somehow it doesn't feel right quite yet - to disconnect him. It feels too much like disconnecting with him and I'll never be ready for that.

We always used to share a charging cord. Still do. I charge at night and then plug him in during the day.

Early this morning, sleep was elusive, as it often is right now. I went downstairs to check his phone and decided to bring it upstairs with me. I haven't been able to peruse his phone, other than to check news notifications. So far, it's felt too raw. Too painful.

But something about this morning was different; I clicked on the photos icon. And I scrolled through.

The last photo he took was of a piece of pumpkin pie that tasted especially good to him when he was in the hospital. It was dated Oct. 4. He passed away Nov. 16.

Ever since he got his first smartphone he's been the family photographer. He relished in it. Sometimes we giggled at his huge appetite for taking photos, but we went along with his wishes. He was so giddy and innocent and kid-like about it. We sometimes thought it was overboard, but we indulged him.

I'm so glad we did. As I scrolled through, there were lots of photos of fun family times, at home and at the lake. There were lake



By
**JILL
PERTLER**
Contributor

views, holiday pics, and restaurant photos, you know, the usual.

I knew he loved taking photos of us and over time I learned to smile patiently whenever we went to a restaurant and he made a big to-do about getting up and taking my picture. In one of my favorites, I'm sitting at a table with a mirrored wall behind me so the photo features not only me, but his mirrored image holding the camera.

Of course he took photos of our granddaughter. In one video, he and I were at the fleet supply store; it must have been in the spring because they had baby chicks and ducks. The video starts out with my face, full frame. He narrates. "Here I am with Grammy at the store and we found some baby chicks." Then he pans to the metal bins holding the tiny birds. As he videoed, he encouraged our granddaughter to ask her mommy for a pet ducky.

It was all fun, of course. We had a lot of fun. I miss that. I miss that a lot. We were so darn cute together.

As I continued scrolling, there were other memories, moments in time, I didn't expect to see.

He took photo, after photo, after photo - of me. Many of them were

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Back in the saddle

Staying safe this winter

By Ann Marie Cain, FBCM
WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU
The West Wall

Old man winter is finally here. I can tell the temperature has dropped and the wind has picked up as I work at my desk. Sitting along a west wall, between two windows, I have noticed the recent changes. It is the season of extra layers, space heaters, and extra blankets (I have one here at the office for those really cold days.) At home, a wood fire helps fight off the cold.

The cold tends to keep us inside, but as you travel this winter:

-Make sure your car is in good operating condition before using it in extreme cold.

-Keep condensation (water) out of your gas tank by keeping the tank as full as possible.

-Maintain a storm kit in your car with such items as a cell phone and charger; blankets; extra clothing; jumper cables; a flashlight; extra batteries; high-calorie, non-perishable food; and matches or a lighter.

-Plan your trip carefully. If cold, snowy, or icy conditions exceed your ability or your car's ability, don't travel. If you must travel be cautious.

-Tell someone about your travel plans.

-Never leave the motor running in a vehicle parked in an enclosed

or partially enclosed space, such as a garage.

Be prepared for extreme cold, snow and ice. For more information and copies of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and National Weather Service (NWS)'s Winter Weather Preparedness Guide and winter weather road conditions, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/ready/>. This winter remember "Safety first"!

Two-part First Aid/CPR/AED Training for Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau members

The American Red Cross First Aid training will teach Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau members to identify and respond to common sudden illnesses such as fainting, seizures, strokes, allergic reactions, poisoning, bleeding, fractures, diabetes, and more. The CPR/AED training will include how to respond to cardiac and breathing emergencies. Participants who complete the course will receive a two-year certificate.

Farm Bureau members and family members (12 years and up) are eligible for the class. (Children 12-17 years old must be accompanied by an adult.) Cost is \$50 per person (\$50 Savings). Information on how to access the online course (approximately two hours) will be

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Local Girl Scouts launch initial cookie orders

Local Girl Scouts have set up their cookie websites and been busy marketing their products and selling Girl Scout Cookies online since Dec. 14, 2020, for the Early Bird Online Only part of the annual Girl Scout Cookie Program. Now that 2021 is here, girls may choose to take cookie orders safely in-person now through Jan. 30, as they create new ways to connect with customers and offer contactless ordering and delivery door-to-door.

This year's delicious cookie lineup features refreshing Thin Mints (vegan.), caramel-y Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs, crunchy Dosidos, buttery Trefoils, sweet S'mores, toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics

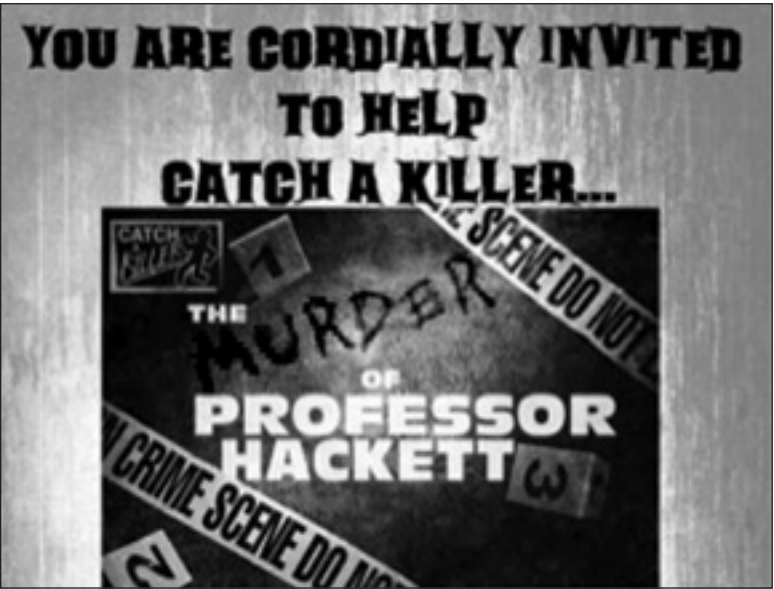
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Community Building Complex February meetings

- Community Building Complex Finance, Rules & Regulations and Building & Grounds Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 11:45 a.m. - Location to be decided.
- Community Building Complex Committee Regular Board Meeting: Thursday Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. in the Community Building Board Room.



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The Ida Public Library is offering the chance to enjoy a virtual murder mystery by participating in “To Catch a Killer” online.

Library corner

Ida Public Library has a couple of great virtual programs for adults this February:

1. Join us in a “To Catch a Killer” virtual murder mystery provided by My Mystery Party. Help solve the murder of Professor Hackett by watching interviews, examining evidence, and analyzing clues. Play solo or with a group. Participate virtually or receive a printed kit. Register to take part in this fun, free event on our Facebook page or give us a call at 815-544-3838 for details.

NOTE: like any murder investigation, there may be depictions of violence, weaponry and crime, making the program unsuitable for children 18 and up only.

2. Join us along with the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau as we

read “The Grocery: the Buying and Selling of Food in America” by Michael Ruhlman. This book examines the grocery industry and the way grocery stores respond to American tastes. The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau is providing 30 copies of “The Grocery” and they will be yours to keep. We will also participate in a Zoom virtual discussion Feb. 25 with the Farm Bureau and food industry leaders. Registration is required and books are first come, first served. Call the library at 815-544-3838 or visit our Facebook page to register. Books will be available to for pickup at the library on Feb. 1.

Have fun and be sure to check our Facebook page or our program guide for all of our winter programs.

• Slices of life

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taken without my even knowing.

What I didn't understand then, but do now, is when I wasn't paying attention, when I wasn't smiling or even looking at the camera, he was still capturing moments in time. He was still capturing me.

He took countless pictures of me sitting on the boat, staring at the water. Many don't include my face, but the back of my head. He captured my profile at sunset. He caught me with my feet up, eyes closed, and sunbathing. Whenever he had a moment and thought about his camera and it was just the two of us, he took a photo of me.

From my perspective, this demonstrates an undying, true, and

beautiful love. He could have taken a photo of the gorgeous sunset, or loons on the lake but he chose to focus his camera on me, much like he focused his life on me. Now, looking back, this sentiment is even more breathtakingly beautiful than a sunset could ever be.

He loved me even when I wasn't looking. What more could a girl wish for or want than that?

I miss you, Thom. I treasure the photos you took. Thank you for doing that.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

Drive-thru pancakes with the Capron Lions Club

By Anne Eickstadt
EDITOR

“The Capron Lions Club has been holding this fundraising pancake breakfast for over 47 years,” said Barb Sager, past president and building coordinator. “Norm Stimes has been a member of the Capron Lions Club for that long and the breakfast was being held when he first joined.

“Normally we tell people that this is a good way to get out of the house at the beginning of the year and see each other, but this year we had to resort to doing a drive-thru breakfast. We use this fundraiser to get the money that we use for scholarships for North Boone High School seniors. Each year we give two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. This year, in partnership

with Beaver Creek Golf Course, we are giving out a third scholarship for a senior who will be going into the trades.

“We are also holding a monthly fish fry on the first Friday night of each month. It is also, at this point, another drive-thru. We are doing this in partnership with Chef Brian Camp of the Beaver Creek Golf Course and you must call for reservations at 815-289-5279.

“You can also check the Capron Lions Club page on Facebook for upcoming events. We are hoping to be able to hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt, but with pandemic regulations in place, we are still in limbo about what events we will be able to have. We are continuing to serve and striving to have events and do things for the community.”



ANNE EICKSTADT PHOTOS *Rock Valley Publishing*

Tim Phelps of the Capron Lions adds more pancake batter to the griddle while another helper keeps a spatula ready to flip the pancakes at the optimal time.



The pancakes, sausage, butter, and syrup are wrapped in a paper bag to help keep them warm as people take them home.

Fire calls

The Belvidere Fire Dept. responded to 51 calls Jan. 18-24.

Monday, Jan. 18

BFD responded to 7 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

500 block of W. Harrison St. - carbon monoxide alarm

Tuesday, Jan. 19

BFD responded to 4 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

2500 block of Francis St. – call cancelled en route

700 block of Whitney Blvd. - good intent call

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W. Jackson St./ Baker St. - motor vehicle/pedestrian accident

State/Hurlbut St. - motor vehicle accident

Wednesday, Jan. 20

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

Newburg, east of the Shaw Road Bridge - motor vehicle accident

600 block of Garden Dr. – call cancelled en route

Thursday, Jan. 21

BFD responded to 4 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

2000 block of N. State St. – call cancelled en route

Friday, Jan. 22

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

1400 block of Big Thunder Blvd. - fire alarm

400 block of Whitney Blvd. - public service

Saturday, Jan. 23

BFD responded to 3 medical calls

and the following fire/rescue calls.

1200 block of N. State St. - fire alarm

1300 block of Julien St. - false alarm

200 block of Webster St. - assist police

Sunday, Jan. 24

BFD responded to 8 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

1200 block of Union Ave. - public service

1100 block of Nettie St. – call cancelled en route

300 block of Taylor Ridge - public service

2100 block of Sunrise Dr. - smoke alarm

3900 block of Capron Dr. Rockford – chimney/flue fire



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New Democratic speaker Welch unseats Madigan

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

One of the most transformative six-day periods in the history of Illinois government came to an end Jan. 13 with the election of Rep. Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside, as the state’s House speaker—the first black man to hold the title.

Equally groundbreaking was the fact that Welch unseated Rep. Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, the nation’s longest-serving legislative leader who had been speaker for all but two years since 1983.

Welch sought a unifying tone in his first floor speech as speaker, telling his fellow lawmakers “today will be the last time I talk about us as Democrats or Republicans.”

“We will need to work together to make difficult decisions, folks,” he said, receiving applause from Republicans. “Let’s get ready. Because we are going to have to make some difficult decisions to control spending while we protect our most vulnerable residents and while we ensure schools receive the funding that they need.”

After the floor speech, Welch said during a news conference he had not had time to digest the historic events that led to his speakership. The House adjourned its Jan. 12 session at 4:14 a.m. the following morning and reconvened to pass a massive criminal justice reform bill and certify Welch as speaker just hours later.

Welch urged to run by House Black Caucus

The 22 members of the House Black Caucus urged him to run for speaker in a closed-door caucus, Welch said, and he had no plans to do so before their urging.

All but one of those members had supported Madigan on the first closed-door ballot between Democrats over the weekend. In the end, they provided the backbone for Welch’s late push after Madigan suspended his campaign and Welch built a broader support coalition than three other challengers—Reps. Ann Williams, D-Chicago, Stephanie Kifowit, D-Oswego, and Kathleen Willis, D-Addison.

West rose to nominate Welch for

speaker on the floor of the Bank of Springfield Center, which served as the House chamber this week amid COVID-19 concerns.

“We are walking in uncharted territories, with COVID-19 still running rampant through our communities, a major budget crisis, a (legislative) re-map, all while immediately following the huge footsteps and monumental legacy of Speaker Madigan,” West said, later calling for a standing ovation for Madigan. “But I firmly believe that Welch did not choose this moment. This moment chose Welch because he has the wherewithal to convene the great minds within this caucus, so that we could tackle these issues together.”

But Welch’s election did not receive the backing of every Democratic member in the House. Rep. Kelly Cassidy, D-Chicago, and Lance Yednock, D-Ottawa, voted present.

Welch addresses allegations

Cassidy later issued a statement saying diversification of leadership in Illinois should be celebrated, but she called for a “vigorous review” into allegations against Welch that were outlined in a *Chicago Tribune* article in the waning hours of his run for speaker.

The Tribune cited a 2002 police report from west suburban Hillside that accused Welch of slamming an ex-girlfriend’s head into a kitchen countertop numerous times after she called him “a loser.” The Tribune said the woman elected not to press charges after talking it over with Welch’s relative, according to the report.

Welch denied the allegations at the time, according to the Tribune report. He also issued a statement last week when confronted with the past allegation.

“This verbal argument occurred nearly two decades ago,” he said in the statement. “I will be honest that I have reconciled with the individual since that night. In fact, after our dispute we sought out the authorities ourselves. Their family lives in my district and are proud supporters of my public service and work.”

Cassidy said in her statement she respects Welch and considers him “a

good man” but she reserved her vote “because, at the same time that we’re ending years of scandal over allegations of sexual harassment and corruption, we have also just been made aware of troubling allegations from Speaker Welch’s past.”

“He has denied each allegation, and we certainly have seen plenty of examples of black men being wrongfully accused,” she said. “I feel strongly that I have been too outspoken on issues of sexual harassment and domestic violence to simply ignore these questions.”

Asked about the allegations in a news conference after his election, Welch said he did not see a need to go beyond the statement and he respected the privacy of the individuals involved.

“And I think my life’s work here in the legislature shows my respect for women,” he said.

As Cassidy referenced, Madigan’s decades-long vice grip on power as House speaker and Democratic Party of Illinois chairman was weakened in 2018 amid a sexual harassment scandal that led to the firing of several top aides from his administration, including his longtime chief of staff.

Madigan was further weakened last year when he was named in a court document by utility giant Commonwealth Edison. The company admitted to a yearslong bribery scheme aimed at influencing Madigan by providing jobs to his associates.

Working with Durkin

Welch and Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, both made statements Jan. 13 that they were willing to reach across the aisle, and they noted they live about five miles from one another.

But rifts in their relationship scratched the surface Jan. 13 in their floor remarks and in news conferences following the vote.

Durkin, prior to Welch’s election, accused Welch of being an extension of Madigan, and he has been critical of Welch’s handling of a House Special Investigating Committee into Madigan’s ComEd ties. Republicans called that legislative committee after accusing Madigan of conduct unbecoming

of a legislator.

Welch chaired the committee, not requiring Madigan to testify and voting to end it after only three hearings in four months.

Durkin repeated again Jan. 13 that Welch, as chairman, “did a disservice to the body” and called the process “an embarrassment.”

While Welch thanked Madigan, Durkin, who is now the longest-serving legislative leader in Illinois having served in the post since 2013, said he did not “have anything positive to say” about Madigan, calling government institutions “better off” with him out of leadership.

Welch was more laudatory, although he later alluded to potential changes to the committee process and leadership from the previous practices of Madigan’s administration.

“While our state has many problems, our schools are better, more children have access to health care, and our working-class families can more easily live the American dream thanks to the strong leadership of Speaker Madigan,” he said.

The new speaker and minority leader will also have to get past their disagreements with how the process played out over the previous six days in the General Assembly—Democrats frequently cut off floor debate in an effort to pass a sweeping Black Caucus agenda and other major reforms before the clock ran out and new lawmakers were seated.

“Speaker Madigan ran through a number of bills that were not well thought out,” Durkin said. “Despite



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House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside, holds his first news conference after taking the oath of office to become speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives in the 102nd General Assembly on Jan. 13.

the statements on the floor that these issues have been around for a long time, every one of these major bills that were passed have a cost tag to them, ... and many of them were dropped on us last night without any negotiation.”

Both suggested they are willing to move forward more collaboratively.

“I’m hopeful that he will see by my actions that today is a new day, a new opportunity to develop a new relationship in this space and we’ll go from there,” Welch said of his relationship with Durkin.

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McHenry County Sheriff’s report

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

Jan. 12

Luis M. Rodriguez, 36, Bakersfield, was cited for possession of a controlled substance;

Jan. 13

Jason S. Grizely, 38, Crystal Lake, was cited for aggravated DUI, license suspended or revoked;

Ariana Salazar-Cerda, 26, Harvard, was cited with 2 counts of contempt of court;

Jonathan C. Magro, 43, Lakewood, was cited with aggravated DUI 3+, and carry concealed firearm under the in-

fluence;

Jan. 14

Kamil Chworos, 32, Addison, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm prior, domestic battery/physical contact prior, aggravated assault/use deadly weapon/rifle;

Jacob R. Caso, 24, McHenry, was cited for 6 counts of burglary, and theft;

Jessica M. Hodges, 33, Crystal Lake, was cited for retail theft/disp merch >\$300;

Ricki C. Seitz, 40, Holiday Hills, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm;

Jan. 15

Joseph L. Macon, 29, Chicago, was cited for robbery and retail theft/disp merch >\$300;

Kevin M. Draut, 34, Hanover Park, was cited for possession of meth <5 grams;

Jennifer E. Melone, 38, Spring Grove, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm;

Jan. 16

Dawn M Dawabsha, 37, Chicago, was cited for possession of a controlled substance;

Justin J. Rieke, 26, Wonder Lake, was cited for aggravated DUI 3+, aggravated DUI 3rd license suspended or revoked, obstructing and officer, DUI/alcohol, disregarding a stop sign, and operating and uninsured motor vehicle;

Jan. 18

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Elizabeth Harvey-Superintendent of County Schools

By Mindy Long
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With Belvidere schools returning to limited in-person learning, this month's Rad Women of Belvidere article focuses on the second female superintendent of county schools, Elizabeth Harvey. The earliest schools in Boone County were located in country homes or one-room schoolhouses. The first school in Belvidere was built in 1837 on the corner of N. State and Lincoln, followed by the Newton Academy constructed in 1838 on the southeast corner of the courthouse square.

These town schools were subscription schools where students had to pay tuition. The public school system with free education did not develop until 1842, when property became taxable. In those days, age was no limit and students from six to 27 attended the several schools that sprung up in town including the Baptist school on the corner of Van Buren and Hurlbut.

These schools, however, were rather lax about the knowledge required of teachers. Although laws specified that teachers be examined in several subjects, most rural areas found this requirement too strict and amended the law to specify examinations for teachers in just one subject. As the number of Belvidere schools grew and more public schools were built, the need for someone to oversee them became evident and the office of County Superintendent of Schools was established in 1845. The first person to hold that office was W.H. Dunham, followed by Julia Eaton Clark, both appointed by the school trustee board.

Elizabeth, however, became the second female superintendent when she ran a successful, grassroots campaign against L.R. Fitzer in 1910. A popular county and city teacher, Elizabeth visited voters in

all areas of the county, recalling her horse-and-buggy travels with a rousing tale of her skirts getting caught and ripped away in the large wheels of the buggy, leaving her standing in her petticoats. She won by a majority vote of 1885 to 1061.

This determined woman with a sense of humor was born in Winnebago County in the Argyle community on March 3, 1874, the second daughter of Scotsman Robert Harvey and his wife Janett. With the addition of three more children (two sons and another daughter), the family moved to Belvidere when Elizabeth was three for better work opportunities. She grew up in the family home at 1025 Pearl St., attended Belvidere schools, graduated from Belvidere High in 1891 and went on to receive her teaching degree from Drake University in 1894. Elizabeth began teaching in the rural schools after graduation, landing her first city teaching job in 1897. She specialized in mathematics, and served as the head of the Belvidere Mathematics Dept. at the high school from 1900 to 1910.

After winning the superintendent election in 1910, Elizabeth became heavily involved with the farming community and rural students. She helped organize Boone County's Farmer's Institute in 1914 and personally sponsored two-week agricultural scholarships at Urbana State University for rural students. She absolutely insisted that the school year start the first week of Sept., after the county fair, so that all county and rural children would have the opportunity to attend and participate in the fair. Although her early teaching and campaigning



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A woman with a sense of humor, Elizabeth Harvey, became the second female school superintendent in Boone County.

days were conducted by horse-and-buggy, Elizabeth bought her first car in 1910 and became an accomplished driver. She was not afraid to motor through the county in muddy or snowy weather and was known to travel to outlying rural areas to administer exams to students unable to make it to town.

safe.

Elizabeth served as the County Superintendent until 1923, when the position was given to high school Principal Ralph E. Garrett. Their contracts detailed, though, that Elizabeth would remain as associate superintendent with specific charge of

the grade schools while Ralph would have charge of the high schools and administrative duties. This unusual arrangement continued until Elizabeth's retirement in 1940.

Elizabeth did not marry or have children of her own, preferring to devote her working time to Boone County students and her free time to the First Presbyterian Church, the Belvidere Women's Club, the Ladies Aid Society, and the Belvidere Chamber of Commerce Welfare Association where she served as the head of the funding/audit committee. She also served as the secretary and later First Vice President for the State Teacher's Association. It's hard to imagine this whirlwind woman having any free time, but she loved to travel and would spend her summers in Ireland, Great Britain, Scotland, France, Canada, Alaska, and Roscoe, Ill. where she owned a small summer cottage. This dynamite woman, who contributed so much to our local education system, passed away in 1954 at the age of 80 and is buried in the Harvey family plot in Belvidere Cemetery. Although she never heard of remote learning, Elizabeth Harvey would be proud of how our entire school system (teachers, support staff, students, and parents) stepped up to make education a top priority despite trying circumstances.

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