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## Conservation district an award finalist

McHenry County Conservation District Police Department has been named a finalist for the prestigious 2021 Destination Zero Officer Wellness Award by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The award recognizes a law enforcement agency that has taken innovative measures and definitively demonstrates its ability to increase officer wellness.

According to the National Law Enforcement Memorial, The Officer Wellness Award is all encompassing and addresses an officer's overall well-being, focusing on physical fitness, mental health, stress-induced trauma, suicide prevention programs and stress reduction. The category includes both mandatory physical fitness programs and incentive-based

initiatives.

Over the past two years the Conservation District Police Department created wellness practices that support the physical and mental health amongst its officers.

"We started small and kept building," said McHenry County Conservation District Police Chief Laura King. "By making wellness part of the conversation, actively promoted a healthier diet and lifestyle, and backing it up through policies and practices, our internal data shows an increase in productivity and a decrease in sick time usage - a huge accomplishment in a relatively short amount of time."

The wellness program initiative has become an integral component of officer development and a part of

managing the department's human resources.

"As law enforcement officers, we all know there are times police officers are called upon to demonstrate all the strength and stamina of a professional athlete in the course of their duties. It is important that each and every one of us know this challenge may arise and be prepared to meet it with a daily commitment to keeping ourselves healthy and strong.

"Our award submission demonstrated to the nominating committee that it doesn't always take a huge financial investment to make a commitment to officer wellness. Congratulations is deserved for all the officers who have made their personal wellness part of their commitment to their profession. It is their daily actions that made the advancement to the finals possible," added Chief King.

"We applaud our Law Enforcement professionals and the efforts



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made to create healthy environments while at work and at home. Ensuring a healthy workplace is essential to saving lives and keeping everyone safe. We support our law enforcement team and the pride they take in carrying out the District's conservation mission," said Executive Direc-

tor Elizabeth Kessler.

McHenry County Conservation District currently owns and protects 25,600 acres of open space which provides wildlife habitat preservation, educational opportunities and recreational amenities for the citizens of McHenry County to enjoy.

## McHenry County Gardenfest goes virtual

Earn your green thumb in pajamas at the 2021 virtual McHenry County Gardenfest, on April 10 from 9 a.m. to noon via Zoom. You will learn about new garden trends, plants and techniques at this half-day-long series of garden-related seminars.

Gardenfest has been hosted by the University of Illinois Extension McHenry County Master Gardeners in person for more than 20 years, and this year it will be conducted virtually. A keynote speaker kicks off the seminar at 9 a.m., followed by six breakout sessions presented by industry experts, U of I Extension educators, and Extension Master Gardeners.

"We are excited to bring Gardenfest to a virtual platform this year," said Suzanne Morrissey, Extension Master Gardener volunteer and co-chairman of the Gardenfest committee. "Attendees will have the opportunity to watch the keynote speaker plus two classes as live online sessions, but then attendees will have access to the recordings of all six sessions for a limited time."

"It's a great opportunity to learn about and explore many gardening subjects," added EMG volunteer and Gardenfest co-chairman Joan Jensema.

The morning keynote speaker will be Diane Blazek, executive director of the National Garden Bureau and All-America Selections, based in Downers Grove, Ill. Diane will present "Inspiring Plant Varieties for Your Future Garden," which will touch on NGB's "Year Of" program, as well as some of the innovative breeding that NGB members are working on. She will also have fun facts about gardens past, present, and future.

The six 2021 Gardenfest topics will be: "Hydroponics at McHenry County College" by Rich Tobiasz; "Long-Blooming Perennials" by Kim Hartmann; "Growing Your Own Bouquets" by Liz Cardella; "Native Plants: Beauty and Benefits" by Carol Rice and Kris Hall; "Landscaping for Birds" by Lisa Maier; and "Community Composting," by Sarah Farley and Amy DeLorenzo.

Attendees will choose to watch two of these six classes live online; then, after the seminars have ended, attendees will have access to recordings of all six sessions for a limited time.

Registrants will receive instructions for using Zoom after they register; the active Zoom link will be emailed on the day before, April 9.

Registration for Gardenfest 2021 is available online at extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-04-10-virtual-2021-gardenfest. Registration is currently open, and the cost is \$20, payable via credit card. Space is limited to 150, so register early. The registration deadline is April 4, or until the capacity of 150 is reached. No refunds for any reason.

Several local vendors, who have supported U of I Extension Master Gardeners in the past, will also offer their wares and services through websites and online contact information, found at [https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/garden\\_fest\\_2021\\_vendors.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/garden_fest_2021_vendors.pdf).

For more information, email Brenda Dahlfors at [dahlfors@illinois.edu](mailto:dahlfors@illinois.edu) or call the U of I Extension McHenry County office at 815-338-3737.

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Diane Blazek

## Illinois 4-H outlines safety requirements for in-person events

The following is a release from the University of Illinois Extension:

We're looking forward to the 2021 season! As Illinois 4-H staff plan for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members.

We are preparing for the possibility of returning to in-person events, based on local conditions at that time and in conjunction with current IDPH guidelines. If current local conditions are conducive to in-person events, the opportunity for face-to-face judging for McHenry County will require that all participants, spectators and volunteers adhere to Illinois 4-H event guidelines.

We are counting on our 4-H members, their families, and our staff and volunteers to do their part to help make our upcoming events as safe as possible, whatever format they take.

The following COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols also may be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event.

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside).

2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining 6 feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.

3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.

4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath. If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact us directly at 815-338-3737.

We are happy to discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event. As excited as we are about the possibility of stepping back into face-to-face judging, we also recognize that this is a continually evolving situation.

Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID-19 conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines. We truly are stronger together. With your help, we look forward to a safe and successful summer!

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## Slices of life

# Gone, but still here - I feel you

When someone you love dearly dies here on Earth, they are gone. But they are not gone. They are here. They are everywhere. And if you perceive very carefully, if you truly pay attention, they are right beside you, every step of the way. You will feel it. You will hear it. You will sense it. You will know it to be true. If only you allow yourself to feel and know.

I feel you when I am falling asleep at night. When the cool pillow lies beneath my head and you hold my hand or gently kiss me the way only angels can do.

I know you are with me when sleep feels impossible and the night seems scary. I know you sit at my bedside, watching and loving me, when I finally do fall asleep.

I sense you when I am alone in a room and a cool breeze blows



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

across my lips or my cheeks and I understand to the core of my being that you are with me and want me to know your presence.

I perceive you when I am in the company of others, but may feel alone because even when friends are present I still miss you and I hear you telling me that it is okay and I should join in and smile and laugh because that's how you remember me and that's how you want me to be.

I hear you when I am talking to

you silently and the house knocks in response to my thoughts. I hear you at home, in hotels, outside – anywhere. You find a way to reach my heart and I love that about you, about us.

I feel you in everyday moments. When I am putting my socks on, drying my hair, gathering laundry, or planning dinner, because you want to be there for the everyday moments, however banal. You want to be with me and I feel that. I feel you.

I hear the songs you send me. They ring out in my head - usually just a line or two of lyrics and I have to look them up online in order to appreciate the beautiful messages you are sending me. I understand the effort that must take for you and I appreciate every note, every melody.

I know you are with me when I

cry, which I do all too often. I know you want me to remember the happy memories, and I will get there, eventually. I know you want me to get to a better place so the memories can be happy. I know you are trying to help me accomplish this.

I understand you are here, with me, but we are separated right now. And that separation feels small to you but immense to me. I am willing to bear that burden for now because as long as I am attached to you I know I will be all right. As long as a part of you stays with me I can survive.

I see you in the birds flying overhead or the ones you send to the tree outside our bedroom window. I see you in the clouds floating in the sky, or in the sunshine that warms my skin. I see you in twinkling lights or the ones you send to me

as I sleep. I see your kind spirit and loving soul everyday in everything and I am thankful for that.

I know how hard you are working right now to help me make sense out of a situation that makes no sense. I know you understand when I can't. I know you feel my pain when I cry. I know you wish you could take it away. I know you want me to go on and do what I'm supposed to do and I know you are waiting for me. And right now that gets me through the day.

And I thank you for that. I love you. Now. Always. Forever.

*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.*

## Back in the saddle

# Adventures with the Farm Bureau

By Ann Marie Cain, FBCM  
WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU  
**The Barn**

One thing I miss from my college days is the time I spent working and learning on the University Farm and a local horse breeding and training farm. I spent many hours working with the horses (occasionally cattle) and cleaning the barns. Students from the city would sometimes comment on the smells. As someone who enjoys working with livestock, the smells of hay, horses, and even manure always relaxes me and brings back fond memories. What comes to mind when you smell barn?

**Circa 21 presents Church**

**Basement Ladies in 'You Smell Barn'**

"From the basement to the barn, your beloved Church Basement Ladies are back and getting busy with life outside the kitchen." Venture with us to Rock Island, Ill., on Friday, May 7 to enjoy this addition to the popular Church Basement Ladies series, "You Smell Barn", at Circa 21.

The bus will leave from the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau building, 1925 S. Meridian Road, Rockford, at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$90 per member and \$95 per non-member, which includes the cost of motor coach transportation,

lunch with dessert, and the show. Our estimated return time is 6 p.m. Registrations are due by Monday, April 5.

\*Because of the Phase 4 rules of Restore Illinois, capacity for each show is limited. For the safety of staff and guests, masks must be worn on the bus, to enter the theatre, when interacting with staff, and anytime you are away from your table. Meals will be plated and brought to your table by your Bootlegger.

**Fair Oaks Dairy, Fun for the whole Family**

Join us for a day trip for the whole family to Fair Oaks Farms, Ind., on Friday, June 18. Fair Oaks Farms is an agri-tourism destination unlike anything else. Experience Stemmie's Lab, Dairy Adventure 4-D movie, and the Birthing Barn at the Dairy Adventure. Next stop, The Pig Adventure. Enjoy piglets and learn about pigs and modern farming practices. Our final adventure is The Crop Adventure. Check out Apples on Aisle Four, The Future of Farming; go Deep Underground and enjoy the Pollinator Garden. If you still have some energy to burn, check out Mooville where the kids can conquer the milk carton (a 22-foot climbing wall), ride the Moo Choo Train, and catch Dairy Air on their giant bouncing pillow and the Cow-A-Bunga bungee-jumping attraction.

Lunch will be on your own. You are welcome to grab lunch at the Dairycatessen, Cowfe' or the Farmhouse Restaurant or bring a picnic lunch and enjoy Fair Oaks outdoor picnic areas. Don't forget

to check out the gift shop to pick up some of their award-winning cheese and enjoy the ice cream bar. Menus are available online at [www.fofarms.com](http://www.fofarms.com)

The bus will leave from the Farm Bureau office at 6 a.m. and will make a second pick up at the Cherryvale Mall overflow parking lot at 6:15 a.m. (Masks must be worn on the bus and at the farm.) We will leave Fair Oaks Farms at 4 p.m. and plan to return home around 8:30 p.m. (Rest stops will be made on the way there and on the way back.)

The cost will be \$50 per member and \$55 per non-member, which includes the deluxe coach and the three adventures at Fair Oaks Farms. (If you are interested in the ropes course you may purchase tickets on site for an additional \$5 per person.)

**Illinois Producers eligible for next round of DBIA Grants**  
"Dairy enterprises in Illinois are eligible to apply for the next round of grants offered by the Dairy Business Innovation Alliance (DBIA) this spring. DBIA, a partnership between the Center for Dairy Research (CDR) and Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA), will distribute \$1 million during its next grant cycle. Dairy enterprises (farmers, entrepreneurs, processors, etc.) in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin are eligible to apply.

Eligible projects include dairy farm diversification, the creation of "value added" dairy products and starting/increasing exports of dairy products. Grants of up to

\$50,000 will be awarded through a competitive process.

Grant applications became available for download on the DBIA website starting March 1 and are due April 30, 2021. The grant application will be posted on this page: [www.cdr.wisc.edu/grant-program](http://www.cdr.wisc.edu/grant-program).

The grant opportunity is expected to draw a significant number of applications. Applicants are encouraged to view the "Let's Get Started" webinar series ([www.cdr.wisc.edu/dbia-webinars](http://www.cdr.wisc.edu/dbia-webinars)) prior to applying for a grant. The webinars share state and federal resources that can be helpful for dairy and farm businesses who wish to apply. For example, if an applicant needs help developing a business plan or a project budget, applicants are encouraged to contact their local Small Business Development Centers (business plans are required for the DBIA grant applications).

Last year, in its first phase, DBIA provided \$230,000 to 13 dairy farms and businesses in all five of the participating states ([www.cdr.wisc.edu/2020-dbia-grant-recipients](http://www.cdr.wisc.edu/2020-dbia-grant-recipients)).

Additionally, DBIA will host a webinar on Tuesday, March 9 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to help potential applicants gain a better understanding of the reimbursement grant program and submit a competitive application. To register, please visit [www.cdr.wisc.edu/grant-webinar-spring-2021](http://www.cdr.wisc.edu/grant-webinar-spring-2021). There is no cost to register.

Announcements regarding DBIA grants and trainings can be found at [www.cdr.wisc.edu/dbia](http://www.cdr.wisc.edu/dbia) and [www.WisCheeseMakers.org](http://www.WisCheeseMakers.org).

## Letter to the editor

To the voters and taxpayers of Belvidere Township:

I encourage you to vote for Mary Marquardt for the two year term for Belvidere Township Park District Commissioner.

During the many years I served as commissioner with Mary, Belvidere Township experienced some of its greatest growth. The commissioners, under May's leadership as chairwoman, updated the neglected infrastructure. Mary's expertise as a planner and budgeter was very evident. The main park became much more user friendly as evidenced by the increased use by the Belvidere area residents.

The park district commissioners, again with Mary's leadership,

expanded into neighborhood parks and partnered with the Belvidere School District to expand use of after-school programs for children.

All this expansion was done over a long period of time to keep taxes reasonable while getting the 'biggest bang' for taxpayers' dollars through strict budgeting.

The 21st century parks the residents now use every day would not be possible without Mary's leadership and concern for her fellow citizens and taxpayers of Belvidere Township.

Again, I urge you to vote April 6 for Mary Marquardt.

*Ross Wheeler, Former Commissioner and Treasurer, Belvidere Township Park District*

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"THAT THIRD COVID RELIEF CHECK CAME IN HANDY. I NEEDED TO GET AWAY FROM THAT NEVER ENDING PANDEMIC."

# A patrol officer's day and traffic stops

By Anne Eickstadt  
EDITOR

The March 10 session of the Citizens Police Academy was a double-header combining learning what all a patrol officer has to know and have on hand and how officers handle traffic stops.

Officer Tim Blankenship has worked within many departments of the Belvidere Police Department. He has worked both the night shift and the day shift, and has been a field-training officer and an acting supervisor. He currently holds the position of Community Policing coordinator.

Officer Tim began by introducing the group to a police officer's equipment. He started with the equipment vest we all see police officers wearing. The vest holds a couple pairs (or more) of handcuffs, an expandable baton, his police radio, and Taser. Guns are still worn on the officer's belt. Vests have replaced BPD officers' equipment belts to reduce health problems and back issues that could be caused by the weight of the belt on the hips. The vest is bullet-proof and can weigh between 30 and 35 pounds.

The officer's duty bag holds a ticket book and forms for all kinds of things, such as inventory forms for vehicles which are towed, towing forms, crash reports, and seized vehicle reports. They have criminal complaint forms for victims to sign and intent to prosecute forms. They carry receipts for evidence and bags to hold the evidence, graffiti notices, tow stickers and missing item/missing person forms.

Some forms are used frequently and some infrequently, but they still may be needed depending on what occurs during the shift. When a situation comes up, the officers do not have time to go back to the station and pick up something they will need, so they must have it in their 'mobile office' when they start their shift.

Inside their heads, they need to know the Police Manual, the Vehicle Code and all pertinent information from the law books that will pertain to whatever situation they are racing toward with siren blaring or running silent to prevent the perpetrators from knowing they are on their way. They also need to know the fastest way to get from any point in town to any other point (not always easy).

Police also carry equipment in their car, which needs to be ready to

go before their shift starts. The car needs to be stocked and the lights and siren need to be in good working order. In the car is a shield in case of armed violence situations, a rifle, a less-than-lethal shotgun, and ammunition for both, as well as stop sticks. The officers need to do a vehicle inspection before shift starts to make sure that it is in good running order. They then attend a briefing to get their assignments for the day and off they go.

Some officers have traffic duty, some cover the high schools and middle schools, some watch businesses, serve warrants, patrol residential areas, attend community events, and essentially try to be everywhere in the community to keep people safe. They depend on citizens to call 9-1-1 when they see or hear anything suspicious, notice drunk or erratic driving, or anything that seems out of place to assist them in keeping Belvidere safe.

Blankenship then turned the class over to Detective Steven Jones to discuss Traffic Enforcement "One thing that keeps you safe is traffic stops," Jones said. "Public safety is the main reason for traffic enforcement. We go out and make sure people are slowing down. We are able to be proactive. Traffic enforcement is a way to be alert and be seen by the public. It is a way to deter crime. We write citations to deter bad driving."

"We can stop a car for things like speeding, not wearing a seat belt, illegal lane change, expired license plates, not using a turn signal, violating a stop sign/light and many more reasons. We have an entire manual just on traffic enforcement. The Rules of the Road booklet you need to learn to get your driver's license is actually only part of one chapter of the entire manual. Sometimes we make stops for a criminal investigation. If something is going on, we will be asked to check someone out and find out what we can."

"If you have ever wondered why a traffic stop takes so long, it is because we have to check driver's license information, vehicle registration, check you on the computer, and complete our paperwork at the same time we are being alert and looking around to make sure no one is coming up behind us. If there is a rookie officer with us, it will take twice as long."

"If you are stopped, do exactly what you are asked to do. Stop immediately or we will wonder why



Left: Detective Steven Jones informs the class about the importance of traffic stops, what an officer watches for, and how to handle them. Right: Officer Tim Blankenship discusses everything that a police officer regularly has to be ready to deal with on a daily basis.



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not and what is going on. Put your hands on the wheel and don't fumble around in your bag or the glove compartment. We will wonder if you are reaching for a weapon or trying to hide something.

"Put the window down, be polite and be respectful. If you are an honest citizen, there is no need to be rude, we are just trying to keep you safe. A regular citation can be done in 10 or 15 minutes. If you have a concealed carry license, tell the officer so immediately and where your gun is. Keep your hands away from it and do not make any sudden movements. We won't take your gun away from you, we just need to know you have it."

"Nine times out of ten we are deal-

ing with ordinary people doing ordinary things.

"Be honest right up front without making excuses and you may get off with only a warning. Do not get out of your car and go back to talk to the officer while he/she is checking your license, it makes them nervous because you might be attacking and you don't want to make an officer nervous."

"If a cop is being a jerk, let it pass, continue to cooperate, and call the police department when you get home. Deputy Chief Wallace will do an internal investigation. We do not want bad cops in the BPD."

"The Fifth Amendment does not apply to traffic stops. You have to

show your identification and you have to exit the vehicle if requested. If you refuse, I will wonder what you are hiding."

"When I come up to a vehicle I will put my hand on the trunk and press down. If it latches, I will get nervous. If I hear it unlatch again, I will back up and call for help. There is no reason to unlatch your trunk during a traffic stop. That only happens when bad guys want to hurt you."

The grand finale of the afternoon was when the class went out to check out a police car. Jones even opened the trunk and turned on the lights so everyone could have a good look, sit in the driver's seat and ask any questions they wanted.

## Project means water, sewer increase, but rates here still a bargain

By Bob Balgemann  
REPORTER

The city has received the go-ahead from the Illinois Environmental Agency (IEPA) for a 20-year, \$4,758,540 loan to finance improvements to the waste water treatment plant. And while that prospect of more indebtedness prompted discussion, both the Committee of the Whole and city council voted unanimously in favor of accepting the loan offer.

Public Works Director Brent Anderson provided background at the Feb. 22 committee meeting.

The treatment plant project includes rehabilitation of the secondary digester and improvements to the pump room in the main equipment building. The IEPA loan interest rate is 1.35 percent, which he said was very good, with annual payments of \$237,927 over 20 years.

"We have applied for a \$750,000 DCEO (state Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) for this project," he said, in the hope it will be received and help defray some of the overall cost.

The IEPA loan requires a dedicated source of revenue, to be certain the city is able to pay off the debt, the director continued. That source would be a sanitary sewer rate increase of between 19 cents and 24 cents per hundred cubic feet (hcf) of use. While the exact increase won't be known until final construction costs are in, Director Anderson said the current range would mean a yearly increase in sewer bills of \$20-\$25 for the average homeowner.

He said the plant project construction now is scheduled to begin in April 2021, and be completed in August 2022.

Alderman Marsha Freeman was first to address the loan amount during the committee meeting. She reiterated the overall amount of \$4.758 million and broke it down to include paying total interest of \$612,590, which is \$30,629 a year. Then she asked, "Do we currently have a loan out and, if so, when

are we done paying on that?"

"We have one existing, 20-year EPA loan out there right now," Anderson replied.

Budget and Finance Officer Becky Tobin interjected that existing loan would be paid off in 2032 or 2033. "I'm going to have to check; it's still out quite a ways," she said.

"So, we've been paying for 10 years on one loan and now we're going to be paying for another 20-years on another loan?" Freeman asked.

"Correct," Anderson answered. "The first (rate increase) payment would be due 12 months after the project is completed. We won't vote on the rate increase tonight but council needs to acknowledge that there will be a rate increase required to make sure we can make that (yearly) payment."

### No connection

Alderman Tom Porter said for the public's information, this loan is in addition to the storm water utility tax property owners will be looking at paying at some future point. Is that correct? (The possibility of a storm water utility has been on the table since Aug. 10, 2020. If approved, property owners in the city would be required to pay a tax for treatment of the amount of storm water flowing off their land).

"This has nothing to do with storm water," Anderson responded. "It is just for the sewer improvements."

Porter continued: "It almost looks like we have the money to do the project without the loan. Would it make more sense to use the money we have instead of paying this big loan off over a period of time?"

Tobin answered that one, saying, "We really don't have the money for this (project). The water and sewer fund balance at the end of January (2021) was \$5,340,000. This would come out of there; it is not general fund money. This would have to be water and sewer funding."

"You would not want to use everything that's sitting in the water and sewer fund to pay for this project," she

added. "That would leave him (Anderson) with nothing for any other projects, and to operate."

"That would be spending all your reserves down to zero," Anderson chipped in. "That's why we're doing this, especially with a loan rate of 1.35 percent."

As support for what staff was trying to do, City Attorney Mike Drella said water and sewer money was completely separate from any other city funds. "You can't use the general fund for water and sewer purposes," he said. "It looks like you have a lot of money in your water and sewer fund, but you really don't."

At that point everyone was reminded what a bargain it was to live in Belvidere, when it came to water and sewer bills. Alderman Dan Snow brought it up and Anderson added, "Even with all the rate increases we've talked about, we would still be one of the most reasonable rates in the area, and in the entire state."

### On to March 1

After the 10-0 recommendation to approve the loan offer, city council voted likewise one week later. But not before there was a little more discussion.

Freeman started it by saying she hoped the city would be able to pay off the existing loan, which would occur in 10 years, before needing another one to go with that which was being considered that night.

"I would say, 'I hope not,'" Anderson replied "But things do come up, though I don't foresee that happening."

Porter asked about possibly postponing the treatment plant project until the city knows if the \$750,000 grant has been approved?

"I would say 'no,' because then we basically would have to start the clock all over again, and go back to the IEPA," the director responded. "If we don't accept it, they will go to the next (qualifying) entity on the list."

The 10-0 vote for final approval came next.

## Garage fire on Eastwood Lane

On Tuesday, March 9, at 6:11 a.m., the Belvidere Fire Department (BFD) was dispatched to a reported garage fire in the 700 block of Eastwood Lane. Upon arrival, the BFD found the unattached garage was fully involved and the fire was impinging on the house less than 10 feet away.

Firefighters from Boone County Districts #1, #2, and #3 worked with the BFD to extinguish the blaze. Also responding to this incident was Boone County EMA's air truck, Cherry Valley Fire, and Marengo Fire Department with an engine for a change of quarters.

Belvidere's Fire Chief Al Hyser would like to thank all who responded to this early morning fire incident noting the dedication and sacrifice from our local county volunteers. He went on to say that many were probably preparing to go to their place of work only to shift gears and respond to a fellow agency's call for assistance.

There were no injuries to either residents or firefighters. The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental. The garage will be a total loss but the house suffered only minor exterior damage to the siding. Damage was estimated at \$40,000.



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The Belvidere Fire Dept. worked with five other fire departments to extinguish a blazing garage with support from Boone County EMA.



ANNE EICKSTADT PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

The Miss Mariposa Storywalk in Belvidere Park on Lincoln Ave. is perfect for a stroll with your kids following a cold, snowy winter indoors.

# Storywalk in park perfect for early spring stroll

By Anne Eickstadt  
EDITOR

It may still be a little early to see Monarch butterflies flitting about our backyards, but is a perfect time to learn more about them courtesy of a partnership between the Ida Public Library and the Belvidere Park District.

You can have a mini adventure to in reading and learning while enjoying the fresh air and the warming spring weather. Beginning at the west side of the Baltic Mill, right in front of the 'Baltic Mill' sign, you will begin seeing small signposts set up across the drive and along the walkway. This is the beginning of the Community Storywalk of the "Señorita Mariposa" (Spanish for "Miss Butterfly") book by Mr. G for children. It is written in both Spanish and English and discusses the habits and travels of

the Monarch butterfly as it migrates across thousands of miles.

The story path leads up past the "Chaos in Camp" sculptures, curves around the admin building and leads along the walkway to end at the Bloom Playground. It makes for an easy stroll for those who have been housebound for the last few months with plenty of rest stops as you pause to read each Storywalk sign.

At the end your kids can work off their excess energy on the Bloom Playground equipment, having learned quite a bit about the butterflies they will see when the weather grows warmer.

The Storywalk concept was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and was developed with the help of Rachel Senechal at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

# Seeking Belvidere Park Board Commissioners

Belvidere Park District is honoring all of its board commissioners – covering 100+ years – with a commemoration event at the new Centennial Plaza in Belvidere Park.

The park district is putting the word out for past commissioners (or family members of deceased commissioners) to reach out to the park district with updated contact information.

That information can be sent directly to: [celebrate@belviderepark.org](mailto:celebrate@belviderepark.org), or call 815-547-5711.

Board commissioners (or family member representative) will be sent an invitation the week of March 29, 2021.

The event is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021, (with rain date of May 25, 2021).

# Coffee with Joe and Owen in Caledonia

By Anne Eickstadt  
EDITOR

The Boone County Family Restaurant, 4481 US Route 173, was the site of Coffee with Joe and Owen on Monday, March 8, from 9 to 10 a.m. and the small side room was full of residents who wanted to discuss local and state issues with state Rep. Joe Sosnowski and Poplar Grove Village President Owen Costanza.

"This is a nice, informal opportunity to touch on some of the same things we touched on at the gathering at Ned's in Belvidere (Feb. 19)," said Rep. Joe. "They (state legislators) brought us in for a couple of days to shove through a couple of bills then for a couple more days at the end of the session to ram through a couple more bills. The Illinois legislature has abdicated its responsibility to the governor. We have a lot of work to do to balance everything."

"The police bill that went through at the last minute has so many limitations now. It calls for getting rid of bail and holds a bunch of retributions with no protections for police officers. The police are our first line of defense and we need to support them."

"The budget is still in rough shape and the state is several million dollars in debt. It's not likely that any problem will be fixed, just swept under the rug."

"Owen's budget is in the black. I come back to our local communities and they have common sense – budgets are balanced and they are doing well."

"Republican-run communities are in the black," said Costanza. "We should be a shining light about how communities can be run well, but we are terrible at marketing."

"We wanted to improve our walking path. It has to be eight feet wide, which is fine, but any walking path has to have a paved path to the nearest



ANNE EICKSTADT PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Illinois State Representative Joe Sosnowski and Poplar Grove President Owen Costanza were the speakers at an informational gathering to update constituents on state and local happenings.

handicapped parking spot. That costs an additional \$120,000. Our dog park cost us extra. It turns out you have to have special grass for a dog park."

When asked about Mansfield Park, which is under construction in Poplar Grove, Costanza said, "We have several parks that have been platted out in the subdivision maps. Mansfield Park was platted out but, when the developer went belly-up, the park never got built. It was on the shelf and brought to our attention (village board). The board voted to complete it and it is my job to make sure that it gets done. We have a great group of volunteers that take care of our parks in Poplar Grove since we do not have our own park district here."

"We have reached a point where reducing water/sewer bills is in sight. The bond for the water/sewer plant will be paid off soon. Then, for the first time, water/sewer will be in the

black."

Costanza is running for re-election as Poplar Grove president. During his first term in office, he delivered \$128,000 in COVID-19 relief to local businesses. He heavily supported the safe opening of local businesses. He advocated for parents to have a choice for in-person learning. There were \$304,000 in sewer repairs and improvements and \$453,000 in road repairs and improvements. There were \$7 million in new-home equalized assessed values to Poplar Grove – equating to over \$300,000 in property taxes to the county taxing bodies. The schools gained over \$50,000 of new property tax money.

Costanza has been past president of the Boone County Food Pantry; past president of Capron Rescue Squad; past Poplar Grove trustee; and is the current president of the Village of Poplar Grove.

# Belvidere High School athletics schedule

## Thursday, March 18

5 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Varsity vs. Auburn, Home at ISC-Wedgebury

6:30 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Junior Varsity vs. Auburn, Home at ISC-Wedgebury

## Friday, March 19

4:30 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Freshman vs. Woodstock Marian, Away at Woodstock Marian

5 p.m. - Boys Football, Sophomore vs. Guilford, Away at Guilford

5:30 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Junior Varsity vs. Woodstock Marian, Away at Woodstock Marian

6:30 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Varsity vs. Woodstock Marian, Away at Woodstock Marian

7:15 p.m. - Boys Football, Varsity

vs. Guilford, Away at Guilford

## Monday, March 22

5 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Freshman/Sophomore vs. Belvidere North, Home at BHS Practice Field - West Soccer

5 p.m. - Boys Football, Freshman vs. Guilford, Away at Guilford

## Tuesday, March 23

4:30 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Varsity vs. Belvidere North, Home at BHS Practice Field - West Soccer

5 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Freshman vs. Hononegah, Away at Hononegah

6 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Junior Varsity vs. Belvidere North, Home at BHS Practice Field - West Soccer

6 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Junior Varsity vs. Hononegah, Away at Ho-

nonegah

7 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Varsity vs. Hononegah, Away at Hononegah

## Thursday, March 25

4:30 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Varsity vs. Boylan, Home at BHS Practice Field - West Soccer

5 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Freshman vs. Guilford, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

6 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Junior Varsity vs. Guilford, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

6 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan, Home at BHS Practice Field - West Soccer

7 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Varsity vs. Guilford, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

# Belvidere North High School athletics schedule

## Thursday, March 18

4:30 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Junior Varsity vs. Jefferson, Away at Jefferson

4:30 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Varsity vs. Jefferson, Away at Jefferson

## Saturday, March 20

10 a.m. - Girls Volleyball, Freshman vs. Rockford Lutheran, Home Main Gym

11 a.m. - Cheerleading, Junior Varsity vs. Hononegah, Away at Harlem HS

11 a.m. - Boys Football, Sophomore vs. Hononegah, away at Harlem HS

11 a.m. - Girls Volleyball, Junior Varsity vs. Rockford Lutheran,

Home at Main Gym

12 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Varsity vs. Rockford Lutheran, Home at Main Gym

1 p.m. - Cheerleading, Varsity vs. Hononegah, Away at Harlem HS

1 p.m. - Boys Football, Varsity vs. Hononegah, Away at Harlem HS

## Monday, March 22

5 p.m. Boys Football, Freshman vs. Hononegah, Away at Hononegah

## Tuesday, March 23

4:15 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Varsity vs. Belvidere, Away at Belvidere

5 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Freshman vs. Freeport, Away at Freeport

5:45 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Junior Varsity vs. Belvidere, Away at Bel-

videre

6 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, Away at Freeport

7 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Varsity vs. Freeport, Away at Freeport

## Thursday, March 25

5 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Freshman vs. Jefferson, Home at Main Gym

5 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Junior Varsity vs. Auburn, Away at Auburn

6 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Junior Varsity vs. Jefferson, Home at Main Gym

6:30 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Varsity vs. Auburn, Away at Auburn

7 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Varsity vs. Jefferson, Home at Main Gym

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# Last chance to place orders for Girl Scout cookies

Local Girl Scout cookie booths close for the season on March 21. There is still time to support the world's strongest and youngest female entrepreneurs as they host Girl Scout Cookie booths in innovative ways during a worldwide pandemic.

For cookie customers who prefer contactless sales and delivery, girls and troops are marketing virtual cookie booths where customers order cookies directly through a girl's cookie business website and have cookies shipped to their homes. If

girls want to remain local and still connect in-person with customers, families may be hosting pop-up cookie booths at the end of their driveway or block.

New this year, Girl Scouts has partnered with Grubhub for Girl Scout Cookie booths. Girls Scouts, in grades 4 through 12, will get hands-on experience in handling e-commerce while they fill orders and manage inventory. Grubhub cookie booths are available on Friday from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday from 1-5 p.m. through

March 21. Locations in Lake Zurich, Oswego, Rockford and South Elgin also offer pick-up options. Spend \$15+ on Girl Scout Cookies through Grubhub and get a package of Girl Scout Cookies free, once per day. Customers can order Girl Scout Cookies at [www.grubhub.com/food/girl\\_scouts](http://www.grubhub.com/food/girl_scouts).

Girls are also participating in traditional, in-person cookie booths at community locations outside local businesses and stores. Interested customers can download the Cookie Finder App for Android and iOS

systems on their device's app store. Cookie Finder directs consumers to in-person cookie booths closest to them. Girl Scouts staffing in-person cookie booths will abide by COVID health guidelines, including wearing a mask and social distancing as appropriate.

This year's delicious cookie lineup features refreshing Thin Mints (vegan), caramel-y Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs, crunchy Do-si-dos, buttery Trefoils, sweet S'mores, tart Lemon-Ups, and toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free!). All Girl Scout Cookies are on sale for only \$5 per package.

Don't know a Girl Scout? Customers may visit [www.girlscoutsni.org/buycookies](http://www.girlscoutsni.org/buycookies) to purchase cookies directly or be connected to a local Girl Scout entrepreneur looking for cookie customers.

During Girl Scout Cookie season, each local Girl Scout sets out to sell delectable cookies while also building entrepreneurial and

business skills imperative for leadership and future success. All the net revenue raised—100 percent of it—stays within our northern Illinois area.

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois uses cookie earnings to power amazing experiences for girls through their programming, while girls and their troops decide how to invest in impactful community projects, personal enrichment opportunities, and more. Skills girls learn in the cookie program also influence later success as data shows more than half (57 percent) of Girl Scout alumnae in business say the cookie program was beneficial to skills they possess today, such as money management, goal-setting, and public speaking.

Learn more at [why.girlscouts.org](http://why.girlscouts.org) today and [www.girlscouts.org/all](http://www.girlscouts.org/all).

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### Spring has begun at Ida Public Library

March 22 - Interactive Movie Night with "Finding Nemo." Scripts and prop kits will be available for your very own Family Movie Night with Nemo. You supply the movie and the fun.

March 31 - "Mysterious Creatures of Illinois" with Chad Lewis, nationally known paranormal researcher, investigator, and lecturer on the strange and unusual. Chad will conduct a Zoom presentation of his on-site investigations into Big-foot legends, phantom aliens and hellhounds roaming rural Illinois. We are collaborating with Cherry Valley Library on this one, so space is limited to 50 Ida Public Library patrons. Sign up on our website.

Seed Library - Be sure to visit our Ida Public Library seed library this spring to get you planting. Located upstairs across from the circulation desk, the seed library will contain vegetable, flower, and herb seeds along with planting instructions. This library is free and created in partnership with the Boone County Extension Office.

Remember, all programs are free to all and do not require a library card to participate. We also have many more regular programs like monthly book clubs, gaming clubs, story times, tween steam programs, reader's advisory, and movie reviews. Be sure to pick up a spring program guide at the library or visit us online at [www.idapubliclibrary.org](http://www.idapubliclibrary.org).

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# Crystal Lake police want to hear from citizens

The Crystal Lake Police Department is conducting a citizen survey to identify citizen concerns about crime, police services and how the city can best serve the needs of the community.

Residents can complete the citizen survey via a link on both the city's website home page and the police department page. Both links will remain open until May 31, 2021, to allow residents to provide input and suggestions regarding police services. Surveys such as these are a useful tool for the police department, providing feedback to help improve police services provided to residents. Visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLPDSurvey2021](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLPDSurvey2021).

# Conservation district spring programs

The McHenry County Conservation District has programs for all ages and abilities, allowing participants to get outdoors and enjoy nature while incorporating healthy movement.

- Hike for the Health of It at Boone Creek Conservation Area in Bull Valley. Research continually shows that spending time outdoors away from the hustle and bustle of daily life contributes to a healthy mind and body. Join us for a fast paced hike to benefit your physical and mental well-being. Stop for occasional breaks to catch your breath and learn about the site.
- Morning Yoga at Marengo Ridge Conservation Area in Marengo. Start off your Saturday morning with a relaxing hour of gentle yoga while taking in all the sights and sounds of beautiful Marengo Ridge. Bring a large towel or yoga mat.
- Prairie Trail Riders at North Branch Conservation Area in Richmond. Grab your bike and join us as we explore the entire Prairie Trail Bike Path from North Branch Conservation Area south to Algonquin over the course of five trips. Register

for one ride or the entire series. Ride the entire length and receive a Prairie Trail sticker. We will ride 10 to 14 miles each day, starting and ending at the same location. Participants 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Hurry, limited spots are available for these outdoor recreation programs happening soon. Registration is required for all participants. We ask that participants wear a face covering and practice social distancing during participation. Please visit [MCCDistrict.org](http://MCCDistrict.org) for more information and to register.

McHenry County Conservation District currently owns and protects 25,600 acres of open space which provides wildlife habitat preservation, educational opportunities and recreational amenities for the citizens of McHenry County to enjoy. The McHenry County Conservation District exists to preserve, restore, and manage natural areas and open spaces for their intrinsic value and for the benefits to present and future generations.

# Woodstock Police report

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

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

Feb. 12, 12:16 a.m., in the 700 block of Prairie View Lane, a 20-year-old Woodstock man was arrested for two counts of domestic battery.

Feb. 16, 12:57 p.m., in the 500 block of East Jackson Street, Ismael Ayala, 20, of Woodstock, was arrested on WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

Feb. 17, 5:01 p.m., in the 1200 block of Davis Road, Tanis J. Kahabka, 57, no address given, was arrested on WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

Feb. 18, 1:20 p.m., McConnell Road and south Eastwood Drive, Araceli Vencis-Carbajal, 42, of Woodstock, was arrested for no valid driver's license.

Feb. 18, 11:04 p.m., in the 1100 block of Route 14, Abraham Silva Marin, 35, of Crystal Lake, was arrested for driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and speeding.

Feb. 19, 11:10 p.m., in the 200 block of Main Street, Antonio Tamez, 40, of Elgin, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, criminal trespass to property and resisting a peace officer.

Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m., in the 11000 block of Route 14, Hugo Escobar Jr., 20, of Harvard, was arrested for no valid driver's license, possession of cannabis, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and speeding.

Feb. 21, 3:42 a.m., in the 2000 block of South Eastwood Drive, Christina L. Pfaff, 40, of Huntley, was arrested for WOW (FTA-Kane County).

Feb. 22, 2:05 p.m., East Kimball Avenue at South Jefferson Street, Gustavo Perez, 18, of Woodstock, was arrested for no valid driver's license and failure to yield at a stop intersection.

Feb. 22, 9:29 p.m., in the 200 block of South Tryon Street, Francisco Abiel-Arellano, 18, of Woodstock, was arrested for no valid driver's license, unlawful possession of cannabis in a vehicle, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper lane usage.

Feb. 24, 11:47 p.m., in the 700 block of St. John's Road, a 26-year-old Woodstock man was arrested on two counts of domestic battery.

# McCormick Park water main improvement project

The City of Crystal Lake will begin construction of the McCormick Park Water Main Improvement this spring, in late March or early April.

The improvement includes:

- Upgrading water main along Pierson Street, Florence Street, McHenry Avenue between Lake Street and Route 14 and the intersection of McHenry Avenue and Route 14.
- Upgrading water main connections to the McCormick Park Water Tower.
- Pavement patching over the new water main.
- Resurfacing the intersection of McHenry Avenue and Route 14.

Anticipated Project Schedule:

- March through May: New water main and water service installation along Pierson Street and Florence Street.
- June: Replacement of water main and services along McHenry Avenue and the intersection of Route 14. This work will primarily take place overnight to minimize disruption to traffic.
- July: Completion of all pavement patching, remaining restoration, landscaping and other minor work.

The roadways will be open during construction and access to homes and businesses will be maintained.

For project updates, visit [www.crystallake.org/your-government/departments/public-works/engineering/road-construction-projects/mccormickpark-area-water-main-replacement](http://www.crystallake.org/your-government/departments/public-works/engineering/road-construction-projects/mccormickpark-area-water-main-replacement).

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# Manley Motors presents check to BPD for Special Olympics

By Anne Eickstadt  
EDITOR

Lincoln Driven to Give is a dealership event that raises money for charitable organizations. For 2020, Driven to Give went virtual. For every virtual tour completed, they donated \$25 toward each dealership's selected cause. The more individuals who attended, the more they donated.

"Lincoln actually built a special studio just down the street from their plant," said Karen Manley-Kahler. "You could choose to 'test-drive' the Nautilus, the Corsair, the Aviator, or the Navigator. The 'test drive' was all produced with knowledgeable, professional spokespeople to accompany you on the experience. It felt really special with Lincoln professionals running it. Still, hopefully, we will be able to go back to in-person test drives for our Driven to Give program this year."

On Monday, March 8, Manley's Belvidere Ford presented the Belvidere Police Dept. representatives with a check from their 2020 Driven to Give event for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. "The Belvidere Police Dept. and Special Olympics Illinois are very grateful to Manley Motors for partnering with us to support Special Olympics," said Det. Tom Delavan.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run began in 1981 with Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard LaMunyon. He thought the Torch Run would help law enforcement be active in the community and support Special Olympics Kansas. The Law Enforcement Torch Run became the movement's largest public awareness and fundraising group for Special Olympics.

Special Olympics is a global organization that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport, every day around the world.

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 18 sports for more than 23,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and over 13,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their full potential in sports and in life. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills, and encourage family and community support.

Special Olympics began in Illinois with the first games at Soldier Field in July 1968. There are now more than 4.5 million athletes in 170 countries. Special Olympics Illinois does not charge athletes or their families to participate in the program.

They currently reach:

- 23,316 athletes (children and adults) with intellectual disabilities
- 13,385 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities
- 48,300 volunteers and coaches
- 201 competitions each year
- 18 Olympic-type sports
- Programs in 11 Regions, each coordinated by a Region Director and a volunteer committee
- Dynamic sports and corporate partnerships

The need for services is great as we estimate that Special Olympics Illinois is currently serving about 10 percent of those eligible to participate and is always working to increase this reach. Individual donors account for 65 percent of our donations so we rely on people just like you to ensure that we can continue reaching out to more of those in need. You can do your part to transform lives by making an online donation now at Special Olympics Illinois, [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org).



COURTESY PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

(Left to right) BPD Det. Tom Delavan, Manley's Belvidere Motors Manager Joe Hamblock, Officer Tim Blankenship, and Deputy Chief Matt Wallace. Joe Hamblock gives their Driven to Give event donation to the BPD to benefit Special Olympics.

## Sen. Syverson reacts to signing of House Bill 3653

On Feb. 22, Gov., J.B. Pritzker signed House Bill 3653, the controversial criminal justice reform bill that was rammed through the General Assembly during lame-duck session earlier this year.

State Sen. Dave Syverson (R-Rockford), a vocal opponent to the legislation, issued the following statement following the governor's actions:

"With the governor signing House Bill 3653, I stand united with the thousands of law enforcement professionals across the state who opposed this blatant anti-police bill and who continue to voice their concerns about the impact this law will have on our police community.

"While supporters of the legislation highlight a couple of positive aspects, it's clear that they didn't bring law en-

forcement to the table to hear their input on the ramifications buried within the nearly 800 page proposal.

"The so-called criminal justice reform measure was passed in the early hours of the morning, without the involvement of law enforcement, without Republican input and with no time for analysis or discussion. The proposal remains widely unfavorable among state's attorneys, sheriffs, and local police departments.

"While I am open to discussing criminal justice reform, the process by which this sweeping overhaul was passed was unacceptable, reckless, and irresponsible. By signing this bill, the governor has made Illinois a less safe place to live and made the job of a police officer significantly more difficult."



ANNE EICKSTADT PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Capron Firefighters make pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage in the kitchen of the Lions Park Community Center while guests look in from the dining area.

## Capron Firefighters flip pancakes for community

By Anne Eickstadt  
EDITOR

The Capron Firemen's Annual Pancake Breakfast was held Saturday, March 13, from 6 a.m. to noon at Capron Lions Park. They served pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee and orange juice. They accepted donations at the door.

"This is our annual pancake breakfast," said Fire Chief Greg Holmes.

"We held our breakfast last year just before the lock-down was declared. When the pandemic restrictions lifted to 50 percent capacity this year, we decided to go ahead.

"The association holds this breakfast for the fire department. We use the donations to purchase smaller tools and specialized training for the firefighters. We recently bought cordless/battery-operated tools for them.

"We are very thankful to the community for their support, especially the way times are right now. We appreciate it very much and we can always use more volunteers. We have one lady who volunteers with us once a week. She does not want to go out on calls, she just wants to help keep the office clean. She cleans the office one week and the training room the next week. She enjoys it and she says it gives her something to do. We are happy that she

is willing to help us. We also have high school students who come out to help us with events to add to their community service hours.

"Our call volume is up this year. We have been running medical calls with the Capron Rescue Squad and all the fire departments in Boone County are cooperating in an Automatic Aid agreement where, when one department gets an emergency call, all the other departments mobilize. If it is a small fire that one department can extinguish alone, we cancel the call for the other departments. However, if we need help, we know that it is already on the way to support us. This is very beneficial for small departments.

"Our next event, depending on circumstances, will be our chicken broast later in the year. We will see how things go. We missed it last year and so did the community. Hopefully, we will see everyone then."

## You ought to be in pictures!

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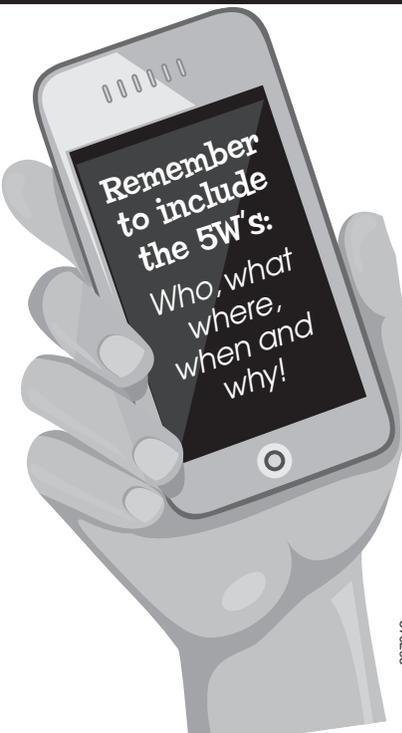
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Lunch by: Relish the Dog • Comfort Station Available

LOCATION: Boone Co. Fairgrounds, 8847 Rt. 76, 1 mi. north of Belvidere.

Located in the goat barn near south end. Plenty of parking! Dress for the weather!

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# Caring for our Community Grant applications being accepted

The SwedishAmerican Foundation is excited to announce it will award grants through its fifth annual Caring for Our Community Grant Program. The foundation will provide financial support to not-for-profit organizations, particularly those that complement the SwedishAmerican Foundation's mission and vision. The grant application will be available now through Thursday, April 15.

This unique opportunity is available for not-for-profit entities or organizations that serve or represent the Rockford community or communities within the service area of SwedishAmerican. Projects should support alleviating homelessness, hunger and un(der)employment; improving health and wellness; expanding early childhood development; and improving offender rehabilitation/re-integration. Capital requests will not be accepted, and funding will not be awarded to further the mission work of religious organizations.

The Caring for Our Community grants are awarded once per year in August. Last year's grant recipients were Boys & Girls of Rockford's Academic Success Project, Family Counseling Services of Northern Illinois' Counseling During Troubled Times project, Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity's Expansion of Community Partnership program, Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling's Medical Advocacy program, Rockford Barbell's Youth Outreach project, and Rockford Park District Foundation's Healthy Kids are Happy Kids program.

"We are honored to continue this tradition of support to our local non-profits that are making a difference

in the Rockford community each and every day," said SwedishAmerican Foundation Director Laura Wilkinsson.

All grants must be submitted to the SwedishAmerican Foundation electronically at Foundation@swedishamerican.org by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, in order to be considered. The guidelines and application can be found at www.swedishamericanfoundation.org.

## About SwedishAmerican

A division of UW Health, SwedishAmerican is dedicated to providing excellence in healthcare and compassionate care to the community. The organization serves residents of 12 counties in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin through a dedicated and caring staff, a major acute care hospital and a free-standing outpatient cancer center in Rockford, a medical center in Belvidere, a network of 30 primary care and multi-specialty clinics, and one of the region's largest home health-care agencies. Additionally, SwedishAmerican has achieved Magnet® recognition as a reflection of its nursing professionalism, teamwork and superiority in patient care. Visit swedishamerican.org for more information.

## About SwedishAmerican Foundation

SwedishAmerican established SwedishAmerican Foundation in 1981 to continue its philanthropic tradition. Today, SwedishAmerican Foundation raises funds to promote SwedishAmerican's mission: Through excellence in healthcare and compassionate service, we care for our community.

# Scholarship to Culver-Stockton College

Congratulations to Nick Paun from Caledonia on being accepted into Culver-Stockton College's incoming class for the fall 2021 semester.

Paun, a senior at Guilford High School, also was awarded the President Scholarship, a \$13,000 per year scholarship for four years. This scholarship is awarded based upon academic credentials and is renewable provided the student remains in good academic standing.

Culver-Stockton College, located in

Canton, Mo., is a four-year residential institution in affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). C-SC is the premier experiential learning college in the Midwest and is one of only two colleges in the nation to offer the 12+3 semester calendar, where the typical 15-week semester is divided into a 12-week term and a 3-week term.

C-SC is a member of the Heart of America Athletic Conference and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

# Fire calls

The Belvidere Fire Dept. responded to 60 calls March 8 to 14.

## Monday, March 8

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

1300 block of 5th Ave. - assist invalid

3800 block of Eastwood Lane - public service

US Rte. 20/McKinley Ave. - motor vehicle accident

2200 block of Iris Ave. - smoke alarm

1800 block of Maple Ave. - person in distress

200 block of High Line Dr. - assist invalid

## Tuesday, March 9

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

700 block of Eastwood Lane - building fire

Pearl St./US Rte. 20 - motor vehicle accident

2200 block of Iris Ave. - person in distress

## Wednesday, March 10

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

1800 block of Maple Ave. - good intent call

## Thursday, March 11

BFD responded to 5 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

500 block of Pearl Street Road - false alarm

1900 block of Gateway Center

Dr. - fire alarm, no fire found

1100 block of W. Chrysler Dr. - grass fire

1100 block of S. State St. - public service

7600 block of Cherryvale North Blvd. - call cancelled en route

1000 block of E. Madison St. - assist police

## Friday, March 12

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

600 block of Caswell St. - call cancelled en route

1400 block of Hazelwood Dr. - call cancelled en route

Chicago St./E. Jackson St. - attempted burning, illegal

## Saturday, March 13

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

2100 block of Tobyne Dr. - call cancelled en route

300 block of Elder Lane - smoke alarm

800 block of N. State - call cancelled en route

## Sunday, March 14

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

1500 block of 14th Ave. - person in distress

2800 block of Clines Ford - no incident found on arrival

1800 block of Maple Ave. - person in distress

300 block of Andrews Dr. - smoke scare

# LEGAL NOTICES

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Belvidere Township, in the County of Boone, State of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 8200 Fairgrounds Rd., Belvidere from and after 4:30 o'clock P.M., Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:00 o'clock P.M., Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 8200 Fairgrounds Rd., Belvidere in this Township of Belvidere and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at Belvidere Township Office, Belvidere at 5:00 o'clock P.M., Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

Dated: March 9, 2021

Judith A. Schabacker (Clerk)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR ASSET TRUST 2017-RPL2 Plaintiff,

-v.- MICHAEL W. LAURIA, REBECCA M. LAURIA Defendant

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 19, 2021, the Sheriff of Boone County will at 10:00 AM on April 21, 2021, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main, (West door), BELVIDERE, IL, 61008, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT TWO HUNDRED ONE (201) IN FARMINGTON PHASE 6, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST AND SOUTHEAST QUARTERS (1/4) OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 24, 2000 AS DOCUMENT 2000R550, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 2415 HUNTINGTON DRIVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 06-31-381-007 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$196,873.45. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 311484. E-Mail: ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com

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Julie A. Bliss Boone County Clerk & Recorder

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The public test of the automatic tabulating equipment and program to be used at the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election will be Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 10:00AM in the Boone County Board Room, 1212 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois. The public, press, candidates and political parties are invited to attend. Masks and social distancing will be required.

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## CITY OF BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the corporate authority of the City of Belvidere, Illinois will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m., Monday April 5, 2021, on Ordinance 529H, the proposed annual Budget Ordinance for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The Public Hearing shall take place in the City Council Chambers, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois.

Copies of the proposed annual Budget Ordinance are accessible for the examination by the

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public during business hours at the office of the Belvidere City Clerk, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois.

City of Belvidere, Illinois Sarah Turnipseed City Clerk

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# Rad women of Belvidere

## Bessie Bowley Parker – Deputy County Clerk

By Mindy Long  
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One of the most hardworking, yet unacknowledged, women in Belvidere was Bessie Bowley Parker. Bessie served 18 years as deputy county clerk under her brother, William Bowley. William was elected county clerk in 1895 and immediately appointed his sister as deputy clerk. William is legendary in Belvidere, known locally as the Father of Belvidere Park, but it was Bessie who was working diligently behind the scenes to keep vital records organized.

Bessie was born in Belvidere on Dec. 6, 1869, to William and Anne Bowley. William was the proprietor of the Big Thunder Mill and one of the founders of the Methodist Church. Bessie was the youngest of four children, with two older brothers and an older sister. The family home was located at 705 N. State St., where Bessie would live even after marriage. The entire Bowley family loved music, and the house was filled with song, especially hymns. The Bowley children also sang at regular church and school events throughout

Belvidere.

Sadly, William Bowley Sr. died at the young age of 45, when Bessie was just 10 years old. Nineteen-year-old brother James and 17-year-old brother William Jr. took on the task of providing for their mother Annie, 13-year-old sister Mamie and young Bessie. James began work for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, a job he would keep until retirement, while William ran a dry goods store. The girls were also hard working; after high school graduation Mamie worked as a shop clerk in Sarah Ames millinery and Bessie helped out in William's mercantile establishment when she turned 15.

At the age of 24, Bessie married Hiram Parker, an employee of the National Sewing Machine Company. The couple started their new life together with the birth of their daughter, Anne, in 1894. By the time Anne was a year old, Bessie's brother William was elected as county clerk. As her former employer, William knew exactly how organized and detailed Bessie was, so he appointed her as deputy county clerk in 1895, at a salary of \$60 a month. What's rather amazing is that Bessie now



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became a working mother, a rarity in the 1800s and she would continue to work after the birth of two more children in 1901 and 1909.

The siblings had their work cut out for them, as the county clerk's office was anything but organized. William once described it as just a pile of papers dumped in a room. They spent long hours at the office sorting through the jumble, with Bessie meticulously organizing birth records, death certificates and court records for the county. She set up an index system for the records, which took years to complete. It must have been stressful and exhausting, but Bessie's friends and coworkers described her as ever cheerful, kind, charitable, full of laughter, with the tendency to break

out into song while working.

Besides an amiable disposition, Bessie was efficient and knowledgeable in her work. Examiners from Chicago marveled over her files and stated they had never seen such perfect records. Judge Fuller and Judge DeWolf doubted that any county in Illinois would have better kept records than Boone County, thanks to Bessie. Both judges also praised her charitable spirit, as Bessie was always willing to help others and volunteered for many local causes. Many times, Bessie would pay birth and death certificate fees for the poor out of her own pocket.

Sadly, this cheerful paragon of efficiency passed away suddenly in 1913 at the age of 44. Her husband Hiram was out of town on business when he learned Bessie had fallen ill. He hurried home, but did not make it in time. Strangely, Bessie predicted her own death on the morning of June 1, 1913.

Suffering from a sudden attack of pleurisy, she took to bed on Friday but seemed to be improving on Saturday. On Sunday morning, at 8:30 a.m., precisely the time she would start her regular work duties, she called for brother, William and warned him that her death would happen at 1:15 in the afternoon. She then sent for her husband, called her children to her room, listed the songs she wanted played, what flowers to purchase and said her farewells. Efficient to the end, Bessie Bowley Parker breathed her last at exactly 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, 1913.

Bessie's passing was a blow to the community. Hundreds of people turned up for her funeral services. Many speeches were given by mourners like Judge Fuller, State's Attorney Patrick O'Donnell,

local lawyers and members of the County board. The county board commissioned the portrait of Bessie featured here from local artist James Nott for the sum of \$20. It hung for years in the county clerk's office. Eventually, Bessie's widower married again and the family moved out west. Bessie lies by herself in Belvidere Cemetery with a small stone to mark her time here. If you visit to pay your respects, be sure to hum a few bars of Bessie's favorite tune, "Saved by Grace." Well done, Bessie Bowley Parker!

### REAL ESTATE LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2017-RPL2  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
MICHAEL W. LAURIA, REBECCA M. LAURIA  
Defendant

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 19, 2021, the Sheriff of Boone County will at 10:00 AM on April 21, 2021, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main, (West door), BELVIDERE, IL, 61008, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Property Index No. 06-31-381-007

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$196,873.45.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 311484. E-Mail: ipleadings@potestivolaw.com  
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## State-of-art Cardiac Cath Lab unveiled

OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center has completed a major renovation to one of its Cardiac Catheterization Lab rooms.

The state-of-the-art Electrophysiology Suite allows hospital staff to provide the best care for patients requiring cardiac arrhythmia ablations and evaluations, permanent pacemakers, and implantable cardio defibrillators (ICDs). The room also has the capacity to treat patients who need a heart catheterization or have studies done on the vessels in their legs.

The cost of the upgrade was \$3 million.

"Essentially, this multifunctional room allows us to work on your hearts plumbing and electrical," said Cath Lab Manager Risa Tyler, R.N. "This project also included a complete remodel of our HVAC system to ensure each room has its own heating and cooling, which will keep the rooms running smoothly, eliminate downtime, and be more accessible to our patients than ever.

"The upgrades made to this room allows better workflow and allows the physician and team to have everything they need for a procedure at their fingertips - or at least within a few feet."

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The newest cardiac equipment at OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center will help the staff provide the best of care for cardiac care patients.

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