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## Sample a historic treat

*MCHS lecture series back this spring*

The McHenry County Historical Society's storied Sampler Lecture Series is back this spring – albeit from a distance.

After COVID-19-related health concerns cut short last year's offering, ongoing safety protocols will necessitate virtual programs when the series kicks off in March. Highland Park's Catherine Lambrecht, who was instrumental in founding the Greater Midwest Foodways Alliance and the Chicago Foodways Roundtable, will present "Heirloom Recipes from the Illinois State Fair" at 7 p.m. Monday, March 8.

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Since 2009, Lambrecht has judged heirloom recipe contests on behalf of the Alliance in Illinois – as well as Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. She hopes to one day expand the effort to include North Dakota, Nebraska and Michigan.

The latter, home to Janice Bluestein Longone Culinary Archives at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, will preserve the family recipes that Lambrecht has collected and published in her 2018 paperbook: Heirloom Recipes from the Illinois State Fair, A Bicentennial Project.

But the project is less about the actual recipe and more about the family stories that surround it. Indeed, the accompanying stories account for half of the score.

"Without the story, there is no context," Lambrecht said. "Someone can have a really good recipe but if they do not have anything to say about it, it's not going to win."

Attendees will be able to follow the judging experience on dishes ranging from cold beet soup to real Italian polenta meat sauce to chocolate sour cream pound cake. Lambrecht will share many of the award-winning reci-

pes and welcomes beloved generational recipes from the audience, as well.

"If nothing else, should we inspire you to document a family's favorite recipe to share with loved one, then we have accomplished our mission," Lambrecht said. "We want to encourage the continued use of family heirloom recipes so that they will live on. ... All these things on the internet are really great, but they can also disappear. That is why we have an archive. That is why I put it into a book."

Heirloom recipes is the first of four programs in the series – offered for nothing more than a free-will donation to the nonprofit McHenry County Historical Society.

### Upcoming programs in the series

• 7 p.m., Monday, March 22 – "Picture Postcards: The Happy Invention." Presented by Katherine Hamilton-Smith, director of public affairs and development for the Lake County Forest Preserves. In America, the first picture postcards were printed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago – making Illinois the birthplace of the American picture postcard. Since then, billions of postcards have captured every aspect of life including our social history – from the whimsical to the dark.

Hamilton-Smith has maintained career-long professional interest in archives and museum work – including creating and developing the Curt Teich Postcard Archives, now housed at the Newberry Library in Chicago. Made possible by a grant from Illinois Humanities.

• 7 p.m. Monday, April 5 – "Historic Instruments of Illinois." Chris Vallillo, a singer/songwriter and folklorist from Moline, has restored and collected Illinois stringed instruments for more than 30 years. He will discuss the development of Illinois instrument building as he performs period music on more than a dozen historic instruments – from handmade masterpieces to \$3 mail-order gems.

From homemade dulcimers and fid-

dles to mass produced guitars, banjo's, mandolins and pianos, Illinois – specifically Chicago – has been deeply involved in the creation and production of stringed musical instruments. After the Great Fire of 1871, as Chicago began to re-build, it quickly became a national center in musical instrument manufacturing, sales and distribution, particularly with the introduction of the mail order catalogs like Sears and Roebuck and Montgomery Wards. Made possible by a grant from Illinois Humanities.

• 7 p.m. Monday, April 19 – "The Life Cycle of Clothing in the 19th Century." Presented by Erika Holst, curator of history at the Illinois State Museum. Americans invested a tremendous amount of labor into making and maintaining their wardrobes during the 19th century. Explore the life cycle of

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## Crystal Lake boasts new eateries

Crystal Lake is excited to announce the recent opening of Crystal Lake's newest restaurants, Jude's, Moretti's Pizza Pub, Vine and Plate, and Pho Royal. All restaurants recently opened their doors during the pandemic and were met with overwhelming support from the community.

Locals have already embraced Jude's, the unique restaurant and cocktail bar, featuring small plates from the US, Europe and Asia alongside infused flavored gin cocktails, featuring their signature Jude's Gin, which is the first in the Midwest of its kind. From the moment visitors walk in the door they are met with a fun and trendy urban vibe. Come summer, the roll-up garage doors will give the feel of outdoor dining while still inside. Jude's is located at 19 N. Williams Street in historic Downtown and open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Vine and Plate owner Elizabeth Bednarczyk brings delicious flavors from around the world and pairs them with unique wines. She believes that good wine and good food bring people together, creating the moments that life is all about. Stop by and pick up a soup, pasta or flatbread pizza and

ask about a bottle of wine to pair it with or enjoy the beautifully restored dining space. Vine and Plate is located at 414 W. Virginia Street in the historic Jaster Building, open from 1-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Pho Royal, the long anticipated Vietnamese restaurant, located at 230 W. Virginia St., Unit 830, brings Vietnamese cuisine in an elegant interior dining space with take-out and delivery services. Offering a variety of traditional Vietnamese specialties such as Pho, a soup made of rich broth, noodles, thinly sliced beef, vegetables, herbs and spices to the level you like it. Also, Vermicelli-Bun (noodle bowls with chicken, red pepper, and delicious seasonings) and Vietnamese Baguette sandwiches.

Moretti's Pizza Pub; the Hoffman family has launched a new version of their famous Moretti's Pizzeria in Historic Downtown at 72 N. Williams St. The new location features updated, high-quality pub fare with a larger bar beverage selection. Convenient take-out, catering, and delivery options are available for the entire menu along with their famous thin and deep-dish pizzas.

## Tropical Smoothie damaged by vehicle

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, at approximately 9:25 a.m., the Huntley Police Department and the Huntley Fire Protection District responded to a report of a car versus a building at Tropical Smoothie, located at 12162 Illinois Route 47.

Upon arrival a 2017 Ford Escape was found to be partially in the building. The driver, a 75 year-old Huntley woman, stated that she had slid in the parking lot, went over the curb, and struck the front of the business.

As of press time, no citations have been issued and no injuries were reported by the driver or occupants of the building.

The building was determined to be structurally sound, but the front entrance was barricaded, pending repairs to the entrance area.

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# Gas utility tax helps city during pandemic-related financial stress

By Bob Balgemann  
REPORTER

Azavar Governmental Solutions' ongoing search for money the city should be receiving, but isn't, has paid dividends and proven to be especially helpful during the coronavirus pandemic, which is entering its second year of worldwide impact.

In her monthly update of how the city's 2020-21 budget is faring during these difficult times, Finance and Budget Officer Becky

Tobin provided some specifics on how the new gas use portion of the utility tax has been supplementing some of the losses related to COVID-19.

First, city council in 2020 approved two ordinances to close a loophole that allowed residences, businesses and industries to purchase natural gas from out of state, thus avoiding the local utility tax. Azavar determined state deregulation allowed that to happen in the first place.

The ordinance went into effect in June 2020 and to date, she said the new tax had brought in \$515,294.98. It generated \$96,564.98 in January 2021, and \$95,434.66 in February. For its work in discovering this missing revenue, Azavar is receiving 18 percent of the new income for 36 months.

Other utility tax revenue showed during the update included:

- Municipal tax, the standard gas tax the city has been receiving all along, \$260,688.15 to this point in the 2020-21 fiscal year, which will end April 30, 2021.

- Electric utility tax, \$904,277.54 through January 2021, compared with \$975,449.58 during the same time period last year. "The decrease here was during the time when most businesses were closed," Tobin explained.

- Telecommunications tax, \$153,387.05 through February, compared with \$172,447.24 last year. "This is trending low but for other reasons, which aren't related to COVID-19," she said.

Overall, she said, "We're still trending about the same. We're on track with the sales tax for the most part. There is an "extremely high local use tax, which is our Internet sales and is up 30 percent; income tax is good."

The local use tax revenue so far this year has brought in \$917,064.63, compared to \$703,953.34 during the same time frame last year.

There was one report on a renewed grant request and two up-

dates on the city received for a variety of purposes.

First, Tobin said she had applied for the fifth round of abandoned property money, which the city uses to acquire lots, some with houses, and donates them to the Northern Illinois Land Bank Authority in Rockford. The authority is an eight-member, regional organization, started by the city of Belvidere, that acquires properties from its members, improves it and sells it. The purpose is to get this property, often blighted and with delinquent taxes, in the hands of new owners who will have them returned to the tax rolls.

Belvidere recently transferred title to the Land Bank of three properties in the city limits: 407 Allen St., 1000 Nettie St., and 1031 Garfield Ave.

Of the new grant request, she said, "We're eligible for up to \$75,000, which is what I applied for last time. We received \$40,000. It depends on how many entities apply, so it's difficult to say if we'll get any funding and, if so, how much."

The CURES grant for support of small businesses negatively impacted by the pandemic has supplied the city with another \$15,000. That extra money, she said, is being split between the Belvidere YMCA and the Boone County Council on Aging.

"The state called a couple of weeks ago and asked if we could use any additional funds," she recalled. "Of course, we said, 'Well,

sure, we'll take whatever you'll give us.'"

In all, the city so far has received \$365,000, all but \$15,000 of that having been distributed to local businesses.

The third grant came from National League of Cities and is a pass-through from the city to Growth Dimensions, marketing arm of the county, Belvidere, and the four villages.

Pam Lopez-Fettes, executive director of Growth Dimensions, explained how the money would be spent.

"There's a product called Source Finder that this grant is specified for," she said. "They'll sit down with groups of people that we identify in our community that provide resources to the community. We'll be able to walk away with a comprehensive spreadsheet that focuses on what resources are available to start-up businesses, to existing businesses that are looking to grow (or) are looking to sustain themselves. This will be very comprehensive and would have been great to have before COVID."

The list of the various resources subsequently will be on the websites of both the city and Growth Dimensions, she said.

Alderman Wendy Frank asked if the city would have to fund this program every year?

"No," Lopez-Fettes answered. "This is a one-time cost." She added that Growth Dimensions would continue the program, believing that could be done at a minimal cost.

## Rep. Sosnowski to host Coffee in Caledonia

Boone County residents with questions or concerns on state and local issues are invited to attend a morning "Coffee Talk with Joe" hosted by state Rep. Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford, with guest Poplar Grove Village President Owen Costanza from 9-10 a.m. on Monday, March 8 at the Boone County Family Restaurant, located at 4481 IL Route 173 in Caledonia.

The coffee talk is open to the public. All are welcome. Coffee will be provided courtesy of Sosnowski.

"Coffee talks are an opportunity for local residents to share their questions and concerns with me firsthand," Sosnowski said. "Owen Costanza and I are looking forward to an engaging conversation with folks in the Poplar Grove area. We encourage everyone who has questions, concerns, or ideas to come out to the Boone County Family Restaurant and say hello."

Constituents who are unable to attend but still wish to provide feedback to Sosnowski can do so online by clicking "Contact" on the homepage menu of his website, joesosnowski.org or by calling the District Office in Rockford at 815-547-3436.

## Fire calls

The Belvidere Fire Dept. responded to 59 calls Feb. 22 to 28.

### Monday, Feb. 22

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

500 block of Church St. - good intent call

7050 block of W Locust St. - gas leak

### Tuesday, Feb. 23

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

600 block of W. Lincoln Ave. - good intent call

500 block of W. Chrysler Dr. - false alarm

### Wednesday, Feb. 24

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

900 block of E. 2nd St. - assist invalid

### Thursday, Feb. 25

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

2000 block of Crystal Pkwy. - motor vehicle accident

700 block of Logistics Dr. - fire alarm system

1100 block of Nettie St. - no incident found on arrival

600 block of W. 8th St. - public

service

1600 block of 5th Ave. - good intent call

6700 block of Country Lane - call cancelled en route

### Friday, Feb. 26

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

300 block of Taylor Ridge - public service

1800 block of Maple Ave. - assist invalid

### Saturday, Feb. 27

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

400 block of Lindenwood Dr. - good intent call

400 block of Lindenwood Dr. - public service

100 block of Garden Dr. - call cancelled en route

200 block of High Line Dr. - call cancelled en route

### Sunday, Feb. 28

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

1500 block of Temple Lane - call cancelled en route

700 block of W. Chrysler Dr. - motor vehicle/pedestrian accident

700 block of W. Chrysler Dr. - assist police

## Belvidere High School athletic schedule

### Thursday, March 4

4:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Guilford, Away at Guilford

5:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Guilford, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

6 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Guilford, Away at Guilford

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

7:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Guilford, Away at Guilford

### Friday, March 5

4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, All vs. Harlem, Away at Forest Hills Lanes

4 p.m. - Girls Bowling, All vs. Harlem, Away at Forest Hills Lanes

### Saturday, March 6

8 a.m. - Boys Swimming & Diving, Varsity vs. Jefferson Invite,

Away at Jefferson HS Pool

10 a.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Freeport, Away at Freeport

10 a.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

11:30 a.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, Away at Freeport

11:30 a.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Freeport, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

1 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Freeport, Away at Freeport

TBA - Cheerleading Competitive, Varsity vs. IHSA Sectionals, Away, Virtual

TBA - Girls V - Dance Vs. IHSA State, Away, Virtual

### Monday, March 8

4 p.m. - Boys Bowling Boys, All vs. Guilford, Home at Cherry Bowl

4 p.m. - Girls Bowling Girls, All

vs. Guilford, Home at Cherry Bowl

### Tuesday, March 9

4:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Hononegah, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

5:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Hononegah, Away at Hononegah

6 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Hononegah, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

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

7:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Hononegah, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

### Thursday, March 11

5 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Junior Varsity vs. Hononegah, Home at Funderburg Stadium

6:30 p.m. - Boys Soccer, Varsity vs. Hononegah, Home at Funderburg Stadium

## Belvidere North High School athletic schedule

### Thursday, March 4

3:30 p.m. - Scholastic Bowl, Varsity vs. Freeport, Home at BNHS Campus

3:30 p.m. - Scholastic Bowl, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, Home at BNHS Campus

4 p.m. - Girls Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Guilford, Home at Cherry Bowl Lanes

4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Guilford, Home at Cherry Bowl Lanes

4 p.m. - Girls Bowling, Varsity vs. Guilford, Home at Cherry Bowl Lanes

4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, Varsity vs. Guilford, Home at Cherry Bowl Lanes

4:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Harlem, Home at Main Gym

4:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Freshman vs. Harlem, Away at Harlem

6 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Harlem, Home at Main Gym

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7:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Harlem, Home at Main Gym

### Saturday, March 6

8 a.m. - Boys Swimming & Diving, Varsity vs. Jefferson Invite, Away at Jefferson

10 a.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Auburn, Home at Main Gym

11:30 a.m. - Girls Basketball, Freshman vs. Auburn, Away at Auburn

11:30 a.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Auburn, Home at Main Gym

1 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Auburn, Home at Main Gym

1 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Auburn, Away at Auburn

TBA - Cheerleading Competitive, Varsity vs. Sectional, Away at Virtual Event

TBA - Girls Dance, Varsity vs. IHSA State, Away at Virtual Event

### Monday, March 8

TBA - Boys Bowling, Varsity - Practice, Away at Cherry Bowl Lanes

4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, Away at 4 Season Lanes

4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, Varsity vs. Freeport, Away at 4 Season Lanes

4 p.m. - Girls Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, Away at 4 Season Lanes

4:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Freeport, Home at Main Gym

5:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Freshman vs. Freeport, Away at Freeport

6 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, Home at Main Gym

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

7:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Freeport, Home at Main Gym

### Wednesday, March 10

TBA - Boys Bowling, Varsity - Practice, Away at Cherry Bowl Lanes

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

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

TBA - Boys Bowling, Varsity - Practice, Away at Cherry Bowl Lanes



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# Homeowners partially reimbursed for sewer backup in right of way

By Bob Balgemann  
REPORTER

A sanitary sewer backup into the basement at 1305 W. 12th St. turned out to be the responsibility of the city and, as such, homeowners Ken and Janice Anderson were reimbursed for the \$2,270 expense they incurred as a result.

The matter was somewhat complex and first brought a detailed explanation from Public Works Director Brent Anderson during a Committee of the Whole meeting. And before all was said and done, Alderman Marsha Freeman authored an unsuccessful motion to reimburse the Andersons another \$748 for an additional expense relating to the backup.

After the main sewer line was checked and found to be clear, Director Anderson said the property owners were notified the backup was within their service line. He cited Section 114-340 of the municipal code that states the city is responsible for repair and maintenance of a sanitary sewer lateral within the right of way. Per that policy, he said the property owner must provide evidence that the repair is located in the right of way, and not on private property.

A plumber was hired by the Andersons to affix responsibility. The bill came to \$3,054, which included the \$748 for jetting and televising the sewer lateral so the inside could be seen more clearly. Brent Anderson reported that the picture provided to the city clearly showed the broken lateral at a distance, indicating the break to be in the public right of way. Appropriate repairs then were made by the city's Water and Sewer Department personnel.

The director said the Andersons were not happy with receiving so large a bill when the break was in the right of way, and the responsibility of the city to repair.

"Having reviewed this matter, I think that better communication between the contractor and the city could have alleviated the installation of the cleanout on the outside of the residence in this instance," Brent Anderson told the committee. "Therefore, I would recommend that the property owner be reimbursed \$2,270 for repair of the sanitary sewer lateral at 1305 W. 12th St.

Plenty of discussion followed, after aldermen heard details of the incident.

## Time bombs?

Alderman Clayton Stevens said he had many years of experience in this kind of work and added, "This kind of tile is used in septic fields, not normally going from a house to (the) city. How many of these potential time bombs do we have?"

Brent Anderson replied that the house was built in the mid-1960s and the city did not have any records on what that standard was, or what the construction was.

"We have to respond to these instances on a case-by-case basis, and we do the best we can. In this case, I think we could have done better. They don't happen too often, but when they do we have to respond."

Freeman went over details of the director's explanation, which concluded that repairs were the responsibility of the city.

"So, would you tell me why the \$784 isn't reimbursable?" she asked.

"So again, per our policy, the property owner must provide evidence and the \$784 would be that cost," Anderson answered. "In talking to the property owner, they were willing to pay that (\$784) cost, if they were reimbursed for the (\$2,270) cleanout portion."

But Freeman countered, "I think \$784 is a hard pill to swallow to prove to the city that it was our problem in the first place."

Anderson said it was up to council should it want to amend his recommendation.

"I think we're setting a precedent here," Freeman continued. "I would like to make a motion to amend and make the \$784 added on to the \$2,270 to make the total \$3,054." Alderman Mike McGee provided the second.

Before the vote, Stevens observed, "So we're going to pay for them to do work on their property? In the past we've said 'no' to stuff like this."

Freeman's amendment failed, 6-3, with opposition from aldermen Tom Porter, Dan Snow, Stevens, Daniel Arevalo, Ric Brereton and Matt Fleury. Support was offered by aldermen Freeman, McGee and Wendy Frank.

Then the original motion on the floor, to recommend reimbursing the homeowners \$2,270, was approved, 7-2. Voting yes were McGee, Porter, Arevalo, Fleury, Frank, Freeman and Snow. Dissenting were Stevens and Brereton.

## More discussion

Freeman continued discussing the sewer backup matter at the city council meeting the following week, when final action was on the agenda.

She reiterated some of what happened at the earlier Committee of the Whole meeting.

In conclusion, she said it was her opinion that all of the expenses incurred by the Andersons should be fully reimbursed by the city.

"Or, maybe the policy is wrong and should be changed and the city should be on the hook for proving that it was a homeowner's liability instead," she said.

She added that making the Andersons "pay out of pocket to prove the city liable for the backup without full 100 percent reimbursement is, in my opinion the equivalent of double dipping, and our taxpayers deserve better."

The vote to accept the committee's week-old recommendation passed, 6-2, with Stevens and Brereton dissenting and two absent.



Jacob Costa and his Scouting team with the new recycled bag dispenser at Spencer Park.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing

# Eagle Scout project benefits Boone County Conservation District

Boone County Conservation District is the beneficiary of new bag dispensers built and installed by Eagle Scout Candidate Jacob Robert Costa. Jacob's Eagle Scout project constructed and installed six new bag dispenser tubes to hold reused plastic shopping bags for cleaning up after dog waste in conservation areas. Jacob contacted BCCD staff member Mark Freedlund in November 2020 to plan out a project that would benefit his community.

Jacob is a member of BSA Troop 181 under the guidance of Scoutmaster Jon Graham. Jacob has participated in scouting for over 10 years. His favorite thing about scouting is that it gives youth a safe place to try new things and provides them with a safety net for support if they fail. Jacob's family has been involved in scouting along with him over his entire involvement. Troop 181 meets every Tuesday at Cherry Valley United Methodist Church and has been an established troop for more than 50 years.

Jacob has served the troop over the years as patrol leader, senior patrol leader, chaplain aide and bugler. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, which is scouting's National Honor Society. He has been a great asset to the troop and set a great example for his fellow scouts.

As stated in the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, service to others is an important part of the Scout Oath: "...to help other people at all times." Each year tens of thousands of Scouts strive to achieve the coveted Eagle Scout rank by applying character, citizenship, and Scouting values in their daily lives.

One of the rank requirements is to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, school, or community. Through this requirement, Scouts practice what they have learned and gain valuable project management and leadership experience.

Jacob had to go through several plans before finding one that made a change and would be possible amid the pandemic. Overall, planning around the pandemic proved difficult. Still, Jacob worked with the BCCD closely, and with their guidance, Jacob arranged for 10 volunteers to help install the bag dispenser tubes on Saturday, Jan. 30, to



Jacob Costa with his recycled bag dispenser for dog cleanup at the Hammertime Dog Area.

complete his project. The volunteers stayed socially distanced and wore masks to follow safety protocols for COVID-19.

We were happy to work with Jacob through all the details needed to complete his Eagle Scout Project during this time with the added concerns of COVID-19. We are excited he chose to develop these bag dispensers for BCCD. The conservation district spends about \$2000 annually on providing single-use plastic bags to help keep the conservation areas clean and free from dog waste. People are welcome to bring dogs to conservation district areas as long as they keep them on a leash and clean up after their dogs.

By providing these new bag dispenser tube locations with bags that the community can refill, we hope to

save the conservation district about \$1,000 each year. We hope this will encourage people to reuse plastic bags instead of throwing them out. Two of the new bag dispenser stations were installed in Spencer Conservation Area. The other four locations are at the Hammertime Unleashed Dog Area at Beaver Bluffs Conservation Area. All are filled with hole-free, reused plastic shopping bags. You can add more when you visit or take one if you need them for cleaning up after your dog.

The signage posted at each bag dispenser: "This reused pet waste plastic bag station was installed by Eagle Scout Jacob Costa. According to the NRDC, the average American family takes home 1,500 plastic bags

## Slices of life

## Stepping forward while I'm still struggling

I'm still struggling, but I know I have to step forward on a path I wouldn't have considered six months ago. Because it didn't exist six months ago.

The rest of the world is business as usual. People all around me are walking on the paths of their choosing. I feel like half the time I'm desperately searching for mine. The other half I'm desperately afraid I'll actually find it.

I would give anything, anything to have my dear, sweet, loving husband back, but that isn't possible, and that leaves me with a choice: to step forward or to stay stuck in the past.

I can stay in this cycle of grief; I can give up and only look backwards. Or I can decide that grief 24/7 – forever – isn't for me or for anyone. I can decide to take tiny steps forward. For myself. For our



By  
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Contributor

kids. For our grandkids.

I choose the latter.

I will never (not ever) forget the years we had together. I will always (as in the infinite always) love you. I will see you and be with you again. You will be there to greet me. I have no doubt about that. You are watching over me now. I trust you are. I talk to you daily. Our love continues to grow. I feel your presence and I know you are near.

But I can't live in the past. It hurts too much, for myself and those here

who still love me.

We had a great run, you and I. (I take delight now knowing that you understand why chose I over me in the previous sentence. Grammar gurus we both were. I loved that about you.)

I'd live my life with you a second time in a heartbeat, even if I knew the outcome. You were my everything. You still are. You always will be.

But now I have to step forward, into the unknown. The path we'd chosen, the path we'd planned on, the path I thought was cemented in stone no longer exists. It is gone.

I have to create a new path, even a new me. I have to forge new relationships and do the things you always used to do for me. I have to push myself and challenge my comfort zone.

You were the second half of my whole; that will never, ever change, but there is room for more living. And I have to pursue a life that goes forward.

Oh, my goodness, do I wish it included you. With my whole heart, I wish that. But wishes are for the foolish. Faith is for the goodhearted.

I have faith. I have faith in the future. In my future. I have faith in us. We will be there forever, for the long haul. Forever and always. I believe that to the core of my being.

But there is a reason why I am here and you are there – there are probably many reasons. And, if I am to fulfill my own destiny and purpose, I have to continue living here on this earth. Fully living, not just existing, which is what grief wants me to do. I have to step forward, sometimes inches at a time

and find my new path.

I know I have your support. I know you will walk along side me, every step of the way. I know you visit me at night when I sleep. I know you will hold my hand when I am afraid and that you will send me songs and birds and squirrels to touch my heart and buoy my spirit. I know you are rooting for me. I know you want me to do this – to succeed. I know you love me, now and forever. And you know on my end that's a ditto. A big fat unequivocal ditto.

Here we go. Let's do this.

*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.*

## Weekly connection

## The book with no words symbolized being saved

As a brand new year begins I can't help but reflect and thank God for all the blessings of the year that has just ended. First of all, we continue to live in the greatest country that this world has ever seen.

In the USA we have a myriad of freedoms and liberties that are just not seen in any other country of the world. One of our greatest freedoms is having the right to worship as we see fit without fear of government interference. I pray this continues.

As a youngster growing up in a strong Bible believing church, I heard from a very young age that I was a sinner. That wasn't hard for me to believe at all; in fact I already knew that I wasn't a very good kid.

I had stolen, lied, cheated, and broken the rules many times before I was only five or six years old. Then one day my Sunday School teacher shared a story with her kindergarten class. It was odd though because this book had no words only three pages each a different color.

The first page was completely black which represented my heart, which had a condition which we humans are all born with, sin. She explained how the original first couple that God had created, Adam and Eve, had sinned and brought the curse of sin upon the human race. Like every other human, I had a dirty heart that needed to be cleaned up.

Romans 3:23 says; *For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.* We cannot measure up to a perfect and holy God.



By  
**SCOTT  
CERNEK**  
Columnist

The next page of the book was all red. The red page represented the blood that Jesus shed on the cross when He sacrificed His life for me. II Corinthians 5:21 reads; *He who knew no sin became sin for us, that we might become right with God.*

I think that is one of the most powerful verses in the Bible. He who knew no sin means that Jesus was indeed God in the flesh, the only begotten son of God. He was perfect and therefore He could be the sacrifice that was needed.

Page three was an all-white page. My teacher explained that the white page indicated how clean my heart becomes when I put my trust in Jesus and believe that the blood that He shed on the cross paid the penalty for my sin and brought me salvation through faith.

We used to sing a hymn in church called *Whiter Than Snow*, it went like this; *Lord Jesus I long to be perfectly whole, I want you forever to live in my soul, take down every idol, cast out every foe, now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Whiter than snow, yes whiter than snow, now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.*

I remember coming home from church and asking my Mom what it all meant. She explained it again just like my teacher had, and that night at bedtime we prayed together that I would receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. You know what, He became my Savior that very day.

That didn't mean that life became a bed of roses. No, I had to work hard at following Jesus, but as each

year passed, I became stronger in the Lord. I don't know what I would do without Him in my heart and life. The peace, joy and hope that He gives me when I pray and follow His ways are so tremendous.

At Peace Church our theme for the last couple years has been, *Trusting God like Never Before.* It's not just saying the words that Jesus is my Savior that makes a person a

Christian. It's the fact that we truly believe and trust Him. We live in His presence every day in obedience to God through prayer, reading the Bible and loving others.

Even though we are living in trying times, I can't wait to see all that God has in store for His people, the Church, 2021. I hope you feel the same way.

Until next week, God bless.



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## Library corner

We've been busy at Ida Public Library planning exciting events for spring. Ida Public Library has been busy adding a wealth of new materials for your reading and entertainment pursuits. For children, we have added a varied assortment of Spanish non-fiction books. For the movie watchers, we have a stack of new DVD's including "Crood the New Age," "Let Him Go," "Sonic the Hedgehog," "Honest Thief" and "Love & Monsters." For adult readers, we have stocked up on new historical fiction books as well as new books from popular authors like J.D. Robb, Stephen King, and Danielle Steele.

We are especially pleased to be adding an assortment of Wonderbooks to the children's collection. Wonderbooks are a print book that also contains preloaded audio with a headphone jack so children can follow along with their own headphones. Stop in and look for these and many more adventures! We

are open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Facemasks are required.

We are also partnering up with other organizations to offer fun, interesting programs for all ages. No library card is needed for these programs and they are open to everyone. Some may require advance registration, which can be completed on our website: [idapubliclibrary.org/registration](http://idapubliclibrary.org/registration).

Beginning March 1, Ida Public Library and the Belvidere Park District are teaming up to present a story walk through Belvidere Park. Signs with picture book images will be able to be found along the path starting from the Historic Baltic Mill down towards the Bloom Preschool Entrance, allowing walkers to read a story while enjoying the warming spring weather. The picture book, "Señorita Mariposa" by Ben Gundersheimer and illustrated by Marcos Almada Rivero, is presented with

both English and Spanish text, and is accompanied by fun facts about monarch butterflies and tips for how to engage children with the story. The story walk will be available to view from March 1 through the 14.

Also beginning March 1 will be our new Seed Library in partnership with Boone County Extension Services. Located in the library across from the upstairs circulation desk, the seed library will be stocked with vegetable, flower, and herb seed packets. Don't worry if you are new to gardening. The packets will include compete planting instructions.

March 31 we are partnering up with Cherry Valley Library to bring you Mysterious Creatures of Illinois, presented by Chad Lewis. A nationally known researcher, author, and lecturer of the strange and unusual, Chad will showcase his investigations into Bigfoot, lake monsters, phantom aliens, and hellhounds

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## Official Grand Opening of the new Chamber offices

The Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce officially opened their new offices at 404 S. State St. on Friday, Feb. 26. "We are very excited to be back downtown,"

said Executive Director Amy Grafton. "It's great to be at street level, visible to the public, and accessible to the community."

## Back in the saddle

# It's springtime at the Farm Bureau

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

### Marching into spring

The warmer temperatures last week brightened everyone's spirits at my house. Even our dog was so excited to see green grass where the snow had melted in spots in our backyard. The girls are asking to replant seeds in the starter pots that they attempted to plant a couple of months ago with little to no success.

As we wait for the rest of the snow to melt and spring to arrive, help us celebrate National Ag Week in March.

### Kids Corner: celebrating National Ag Week with a coloring contest for kids

The theme for National Ag Week 2021 is, "Food Brings Everyone to the Table." This annual event encourages Americans to understand how food and fiber products are produced, appreciate essential agricultural workers, and educate students about career opportunities in the field of agriculture. This year the celebration runs from March 21 to 27.

To celebrate locally, we are encouraging our Farm Bureau families to enter the Ag Day Coloring contest! It is open to

all students in K-8th grade. Five winners will be selected. Each winner will receive a \$10 gift card from Culver's. The grand prizewinner will also receive a copy of the book, "Lincoln Clears A Path, Abraham Lincoln's Agricultural Legacy" by Peggy Thomas.

To enter, go to our website, [www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org/kids-corner.html](http://www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org/kids-corner.html). Complete the coloring sheet and the entry form and mail back to our office. See website for complete detail. Entries are due by March 31.

-Diane Cleland, Ag Literacy Coordinator

### 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 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 located at 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.

### From IDOA: now offering online pesticide testing

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) in conjunction

with the University of Illinois Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) is now offering the option to take pesticide applicator and operator exams online. All exams are proctored through an exam proctoring service to be compliant with federal certification and licensing guidelines.

The cost for a three-year license remains unchanged, however online testing will include a \$12 fee that is paid directly to the proctoring service. For more information or to enroll for an exam, please visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/psep/training-testing>.

In place of traditional in-person pesticide training, the University of Illinois PSEP offers supplemental online training courses to prepare applicators and operators for their exams. For more information visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/psep>.

For those needing an alternative to online testing, IDOA is offering small capacity, in-person testing for all pesticide exams. Due to COVID social-distancing requirements and occupancy restrictions, there will be limited availability of in-person testing sessions. Please check the IDOA website often at [www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Pesticides/Pages/default.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Pesticides/Pages/default.aspx) as occupancy restrictions and location availability may change frequently.

## Boone County Volunteer Board vacancies

Boone County is looking to fill a number of vacant board positions. Position information and length of term can be located at:

- Commissioners of the Housing Authority has one vacancy for remainder of a five-year term expiring Jan. 1, 2023
- Commissioners of the Housing Authority has one vacancy for remainder of a five-year term expiring Jan. 1, 2025
- Fire Protection District #3 has one vacancy for remainder of term expiring the first Monday of May 2021
- Regional Planning Commission has one vacancy for remainder of term expiring Dec. 31, 2021
- Regional Planning Commission has one vacancy for remainder of term expiring Dec. 31, 2023
- Boone County Ethics Commission has one vacancy for remainder of term expiring June 30, 2021
- Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals has one vacancy for remainder of term expiring June 1, 2021

2021  
• Building Board of Appeals has one vacancy for remainder of a five-year term expiring June 1, 2024

• Building Board of Appeals has one vacancy for remainder of a five-year term expiring June 1, 2025

• Capron Cemetery Association has one vacancy for a six-year term expiring Feb. 1, 2027

• Boone County Conservation District has a vacancy for remain-

der of term expiring June 30, 2023

• Capron Rescue Squad has one vacancy for remainder of term expiring on the second Monday of Dec. 2022

Interested parties are asked to send a letter and/or resume expressing your interest and qualifications along with your contact information to Boone County Administration Office, Administration Campus, 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 102, Belvidere, Ill. 61008 or e-mail [info@boonecountyil.org](mailto:info@boonecountyil.org).

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The Huntley Village Hall is offering its display case for residents and groups to show their collections and hobbies, or to provide information to the community.

# Village of Huntley shares display case

The Village of Huntley maintains a display case in the lobby of the Municipal Complex in order to share displays, collections, local community awareness or hobbies of interest. Displays must be approved by the Village Manager's Office.

- Displays do not represent endorsement by the Village of Huntley.
  - Solicitation of funds or the sale of items is prohibited by any person or organization.
  - No political or religious displays are permitted.
  - Contact information may be included in the display.
- Village of Huntley displays will take precedence and the village reserves the right to cancel or postpone any scheduled display.

The display case will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis for individuals or groups that reside in Huntley. The display will be scheduled on a monthly basis.

Displays must be set up and removed Monday through Friday during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and each display will be scheduled for set up and removal during regular work days.

The display case is 90 inches wide, 80 inches tall and 12 inches deep. There are three adjustable glass shelves and a wood base (four shelves total).

Please send the completed registration form to Rita McMahon at [rmcmahon@huntley.il.us](mailto:rmcmahon@huntley.il.us)

Questions? Contact Rita McMahon at the above e-mail address or at 847-515-5261.

# 4-H International sees host families for summer

Host a Japanese youth this summer through 4-H International. Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too. Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August. Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and

approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth. Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required. Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility. The recruitment period is now through May or until all placements are made.

Apply at [www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host](http://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host).

## • Treat (Continued from front page)

clothing during the 1800s: how it was created, mended, remade, washed, and ultimately recycled.

Holst, who has curated more than a dozen exhibitions during her more than 15 years in the field, will highlight examples of garments and artifacts from the Illinois State Museum's

collection. After the presentation, the audience will have an opportunity to share their own clothing experiences and reflect on more modern attitudes about apparel – such as “fast fashion” and discarding versus mending.

For additional information, call 815-923-2267.

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# College news

## UW-Milwaukee Dean's List

The following individuals from your area have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Fall 2020 semester. UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 23,000 associate, undergraduate and graduate students.

**Belvidere:** Aleksa Craig, School of the Arts-Undergrad; Ellisa Craig, Education Undergraduate; Taylor Swartout, Public Health Undergraduate

**Caledonia:** Ethan Beck, Eng & Comp Sci Undergrad; Abigail Ciaccio, Business Undergraduate; Madison Gouker, Nursing Undergraduate; Caitlin Waddell, Business Undergraduate

**Capron:** Haley Grimm, Education Undergraduate

**Poplar Grove:** Bailey Kowalkowski, Education Undergraduate

## Marquette University's fall 2020 Dean's List

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

**Belvidere:** Joseph Delia, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Accounting; Giovanna Lazzarini, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science; Anne Wubbena, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising

**Caledonia:** Nicole Ackerman, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences; Mackenzie Powers, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the fall 2020 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college - for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the Dean's List.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and

the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university located near the heart of downtown Milwaukee, Wis., that offers a comprehensive range of majors in 11 nationally and internationally recognized colleges and schools.

More than 8,000 undergraduate students and 3,500 graduate and professional students attend Marquette University; nearly all states and 64 countries are represented.

In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs, Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships as students are challenged to use what they learn to make a difference in the world. Find out more about Marquette at [marquette.edu](http://marquette.edu).

## Fall 2020 University of Dubuque Dean's List

The University of Dubuque congratulates the following students on being appointed to the Fall Semester 2020 Academic Dean's List.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for that semester.

**Belvidere:** Brooke Bunjes; Lukas Harper; Jasmine Hernandez; Jenna Meyers; Karly Meyers

The University of Dubuque is a private university offering undergraduate, graduate, and theological seminary degrees as well as other educational opportunities with the intention of educating and forming the whole person. Founded in 1852, UD is home to around 2,300 students. Visit [www.dbq.edu](http://www.dbq.edu).

## Quincy University releases Fall 2020 Dean's List

Quincy University released its Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. Honorees must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be included in the biannual Dean's List. In total, 361 students received the honor during the Fall 2020 semester. A complete list of honorees is listed below:

## Belvidere: Chance Cregeen

Founded in 1860 by Franciscan friars, Quincy University is celebrating 160 years as a small Catholic university emphasizing the sciences, liberal arts and the professions. Quincy University offers undergraduate, graduate and adult education programs integrating practical experience and Franciscan values. Faculty and advisors work with students to design customized success plans to help them graduate on time, find their passion and prepare them for life. QU is a member of NCAA Division II for intercollegiate athletics. For more information, please visit [www.quincy.edu](http://www.quincy.edu) or contact the Office of Community Relations at 217-228-5275 or [communityrelations@quincy.edu](mailto:communityrelations@quincy.edu). Quincy University. Success by Design.

## Augustana College's fall semester Dean's List

Augustana College announced more than 1,100 students were named to the Dean's List for the 2020-21 fall semester. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term. The following local students have been named to the dean's list.

**Belvidere:** Leraaen Abbott is majoring in Comm Sci & Disord.; Jazlyn Arce is majoring in Psychology; Cheyenne Bartelt is majoring in Geology; Jacqueline Isaacson is majoring in Thtr Musical Thtr.; Lindsey King is majoring in Biology; Madelynn Marunde is majoring in Biology; Kimberly Rico is majoring in Psychology; Alondra Romero-Rodriguez is majoring in Psychology

Known for sparking passionate curiosity, Augustana College is an empowering home to explore over 90 areas of study. Augustana's innovative program, Augie Choice, transforms students into global citizens, thinkers and doers with a \$2,000 grant to explore the world, complete an internship or conduct research with a professor. Augustana students achieve a balance inside and outside of the classroom; ranking top ten in all divisions for Academic All Americans. Transformed to be different, current students and alumni include healthcare heroes, Nobel Prize winners, CEOs, college presidents and leaders across all continents. The college enrolls 2,500 curious changemakers who get energized by four years as part of a community that reflects the diversity of the United States.

## Lewis University 2020 Fall Dean's List

Just under 1,600 students were honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for the 2020 Fall Semester. To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades.

The following local students made the list:

**Belvidere:** Nicole Bratton is studying Political Science; Kylie Johnson is studying Business Administration; Precious Lopez is studying Marketing; Morgan McNulty is studying Human Resource Management

**Caledonia:** Ryan Corrigan is studying Computer Science; Olivia Zediker is studying Nursing

**Poplar Grove:** Gabriel Lord is studying Aviation and Aerospace Tech

Lewis University is an innovative and forward-thinking Catholic university offering market-relevant undergraduate and graduate programs to 6,300 students. Sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers, Lewis University is nationally recognized for preparing intellectually engaged, ethically grounded, globally connected and socially responsible graduates. Visit [www.lewisu.edu](http://www.lewisu.edu) for further information.

## Missouri S&T announces honor list

Missouri University of Science and Technology announces the names of students who made the honor list for the Fall 2020 semester.

To be included on the honor list, stu-

dents must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

**Poplar Grove:** Paige Lambright, engineering, junior

Founded in 1870 as the University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) is a STEM-focused research university of over 7,600 students and part of the four-campus University of Missouri System. Located in Rolla, Missouri, Missouri S&T offers 99 different degree programs in 40 areas of study, including engineering, the sciences, business and information technology, education, the humanities, and the liberal arts. Missouri S&T is known globally and is highly ranked for providing a strong return on tuition investment, exceptional career opportunities for graduates, and an emphasis on applied, hands-on learning through student design teams and cooperative education and internship opportunities. For more information about Missouri S&T, visit [www.mst.edu](http://www.mst.edu) or contact the admissions office at 800-522-0938.

## UW-Oshkosh Fall 2020 Dean's List

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh officials have announced students who qualified for the Dean's List and Honor Roll in fall 2020 across all three campuses (Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and Fox Cities).

**Belvidere:** Konrad Salamon, Junior, Dean's List; Karla Sanchez, Senior, Dean's List

**Poplar Grove:** Jacob Blouin, Senior, Dean's List; Desyrae Ryan, Junior, Honor Roll; Maggie Snuggs, Junior, Honor Roll; Connor Yunk, Freshman, Honor Roll; Skyler Yunk, Senior, Dean's List

To qualify, a student must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits (excluding pass/fail courses). The term GPA requirement for University Honor Roll is 3.3; the term GPA requirement for Dean's List is 3.75 out of a possible 4.0.

## University of Tampa Dean's List students

The University of Tampa has honored 1,762 students who were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2020 semester. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

The following local students were named to the dean's list:

**Belvidere:** Molly Erwin, Sophomore, majoring in Management

The University of Tampa is a private, comprehensive university located on 110 acres on the riverfront in downtown Tampa. Known for academic excellence, personal attention and real-world experience in its undergraduate and graduate programs, the University serves approximately 10,000 students from 50 states and about 130 countries. The majority of full-time students live on campus, and about half of UT students are from Florida.

## Carthage College's Fall 2020 Dean's List

More than 1,000 students have been named to the Carthage College dean's list for the fall 2020 semester. Dean's list honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester.

Area students named to the dean's list:

**Belvidere:** Gabrielle Tiffit; Matthew Bucher

Small by design yet boundless in impact, Carthage College is committed to take a different road. At Carthage, a private institution that enrolls about 2,800 students, we embrace an educational approach that's personal in focus and driven in action, exemplified in our multifaceted career development initiative: The Aspire Program. From our campus alongside Lake Michigan in the thriving Chicago-Milwaukee corridor, we actively direct our collective talents toward a common purpose wherever the need arises.

## UW-Platteville news

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honor-

ing those full-time students who earned high honors in the fall 2020 semester.

Students from this area on the Dean's List include:

**Belvidere:** Brittney Havens, Elementary Education; Nicholas Oysti, Biology; Emma Wallace, Mechanical Engineering

**Caledonia:** Alicia Limones, Agricultural Education

College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor's List, honoring those with perfect 4.0 grade-point averages for the fall 2020 semester.

Students from this area who earned the 4.0 grade-point average include:

**Belvidere:** Brittney Havens, Elementary Education; Nicholas Oysti, Biology

UW-Platteville, founded in 1866 and located in Southwest Wisconsin, is home to approximately 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students. In addition to the Platteville campus, the university has campuses in Richland Center and Baraboo. In 2020, UW-Platteville was named the best public institution in Wisconsin for annual return on investment for the fifth consecutive year by Payscale and the best public university in the country for job placement, according to Zippia. For more information on the university visit [www.uwplatt.edu](http://www.uwplatt.edu).

## UW-La Crosse announces fall 2020 Dean's List

The following area students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year, ending December 2020. Qualification for the Dean's List is limited to students who have attained outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must have earned not less than a 3.5 semester grade point average and carried a minimum of 12 credits.

Students on the Dean's List from this area include:

**Belvidere:** Sarah Hulstedt, Exercise and Sport Science Major; Exercise Science - Pre-professional Track

UW-La Crosse, founded in 1909, is one of the 13 four-year institutions in the University of Wisconsin System. UWL has more than 10,400 full and part-time students enrolled in 102 undergraduate, 30 graduate and two doctoral academic programs.

UW-La Crosse - [www.uwlax.edu](http://www.uwlax.edu) - is the state's top-ranked public or private higher education institution by U.S. News & World Reports for master's degree institutions and has been ranked among the top Midwestern public institutions for more than a decade. UW-La Crosse remains one of only two Wisconsin colleges to make Kiplinger's Personal Finance's list of the top 100 best values nationwide in public colleges.

## Phi Eta Sigma honor society inductee

Jenna Smuszkiwicz of Belvidere is one of 40 Wartburg College students recently inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma honor society.

Phi Eta Sigma is the oldest and largest freshman honor society. A student must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 and be in the top 20 percent of their class by the end of the first year.

Wartburg College's Phi Eta Sigma members have the opportunity to win additional scholarships through the honor society as well as participate in a variety of social and service events on campus.

Wartburg, a four-year liberal arts college internationally recognized for community engagement, enrolls 1,564 students. Wartburg is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and named after the castle in Germany where Martin Luther took refuge disguised as a knight during the stormy days of the Reformation while translating the Bible from Greek into German.

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# Pritzker signs criminal justice reform bill policing, courts, corrections

By Raymon Troncoso  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker signed a criminal justice omnibus bill backed by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Monday, abolishing cash bail, overhauling police certification and reforming use-of-force standards among numerous other provisions.

Pritzker signed the legislation, House Bill 3653, referred to as the "Safe-T Act," during an event at Chicago State University alongside members of his administration and lawmakers from the Black Caucus.

"This legislation marks a substantial step toward dismantling the systemic racism that plagues our communities, our state and our nation, and brings us closer to true safety, true fairness and true justice," Pritzker said.

While the legislation received grassroots support from activists, buoyed by the growing national concern over policing following the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor last year, the bill faced strong opposition from Republican lawmakers and law enforcement groups.

House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, called the

signing "an insult to our first responders."

"We live in a civilized state where our elected officials' greatest responsibility is the health and safety of Illinois citizens ... At a crucial time when we should coalesce around the good men and women of law enforcement, Governor Pritzker has turned his back on them with his signature on House Bill 3653," Durkin said in a statement released Monday.

Opponents of the legislation have said it will result in a less safe Illinois and have criticized the process behind its development as lacking in transparency without proper input from Republican lawmakers and the public at large.

Proponents say HB 3653 will make Illinois safer by making the justice system more equitable for Black, Latino, low-income and minority communities that have been disproportionately harmed by disparate policies in sentencing, incarceration and policing.

Members of the Black Caucus have countered claims against the bill's transparency by pointing to nine subject matter hearings held by the caucus in state Senate committees

between September and November. For nearly 30 hours, lawmakers from both parties, law enforcement, judges, state's attorneys, legal experts, representatives of the court, the governor's office and the attorney general's office hashed out many of the issues that became provisions in the bill, such as the abolition of cash bail by 2023 and police certification.

The office of the governor and Attorney General Kwame Raoul held working meetings over several months starting in July with representatives from both chambers and parties, Fraternal Order of Police groups, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois Sheriffs' Association

Here is what HB 3653, now law, does.

## Pretrial detention

Starting on Jan. 1, 2023, all bail bonds and conditions of bail will be replaced by a system of pretrial release to be developed by the Illinois courts based on a detainee's alleged crime, their risk of not appearing for their court date, and the threat or danger they may pose to an individual or community if released. Illinois is the

first state to completely abolish cash bail by statute. Washington, D.C. does not use cash bail, and New Jersey effectively eliminated cash bail in most cases in 2017.

Exceptions from pretrial release under the new law include forcible felonies such as first-degree murder, sexual assault, arson and any other felony involving the use or threat of physical force; stalking and aggravated stalking where the defendant poses a threat to the victim if released; abuse or battery of a family member where their release poses a danger to that family member; gun crimes where the defendant poses a threat to a specific, identifiable person; and cases where the defendant has committed a felony that wouldn't otherwise result in detention but they are considered a high risk of fleeing prosecution and missing their court date.

## Use of force

House Bill 3653 establishes the intent of the General Assembly to establish statewide use-of-force standards by 2022.

It changes current standards by banning chokeholds and any actions that restrict breathing being used above the

chest unless in a situation that authorizes deadly force.

Under the law, use of force is only allowed when it is necessary for the officer to defend themselves or others from bodily harm when making an arrest. When a suspect is attempting to escape arrest, officers are only authorized to use deadly force if that person is unable to be caught at a later date and is likely to harm others.

Officers must make a reasonable effort to identify themselves as law enforcement and warn suspects before they can use deadly force, with some exceptions.

## Police certification

Under House Bill 3653, the state will have more power over the certification and hiring of law enforcement at every agency through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, known as ILETSB.

## Body cameras

The new law also makes body cameras mandatory for law enforcement agencies statewide. The largest departments must have body cameras in place by 2022, while all agencies, no matter how small, must have body cameras implemented by 2025.

# State Sen. Darren Bailey announces campaign for governor

By Tim Kirsininkas  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois Sen. Darren Bailey, who gained notoriety for challenging Gov. JB Pritzker's COVID-19 executive orders last year, has announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for governor in 2022.

Speaking before a crowd of supporters at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham, Bailey cast himself as an outsider candidate who would stand up to who he referred to as "political elites".

"We've tried the country club approach. We've tried the Chicago loop approach. And I don't think that's worked for anyone in this room," Bailey told supporters.

Bailey, a downstate Republican from Xenia, filed a lawsuit against the Pritzker administration in May challenging the governor's executive orders issued amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pritzker referred to the suit as "a

cheap political stunt" at the time. Bailey received a favorable ruling in that case from a judge in Clay County that was later thrown out by a Sangamon County judge.

Bailey was elected as a state representative in 2018 before winning election as state senator for the 55th District in November. During the General Assembly's abbreviated session last spring, Bailey was removed from the house floor at the Bank of Springfield Center for refusing to wear a mask. In subsequent session days he obeyed the mask mandates and was not removed.

Since then, Bailey has toured the state and held rallies calling on Pritzker to lift restrictions on businesses and raising other issues.

According to his campaign website, Bailey is a third-generation farmer and a graduate of Lake Land College.

Bailey and his family co-founded Full Armor Christian Academy, and Bailey served for 17 years on the North Clay Unit 25 Board of Educa-

tion in Louisville before his election to the General Assembly in 2018.

Speaking before a mostly unmasked crowd while announcing his candidacy, Bailey said his campaign would be a "grassroots movement."

"We've been used, we've been mocked, we've been marginalized," Bailey said. "People in Illinois have been ignored based on their race, they've been ignored based on their class, their zip code, or by special interests."

"The days of putting the interests of the corrupt political class above the people is over," he added.

Bailey criticized Pritzker and former House Speaker Michael Madigan, placing blame on them for causing residents to move out of state.

"Our family and friends are leaving because of high taxes," Bailey said. "Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Democrats, they failed us, and it's time to stop it."

Bailey also offered criticisms for

the Republican Party, saying "the political elites of both parties have failed us."

"Republicans and Democrats have worried more about the donor class than they've worried about the working class, and friends, that ends now," Bailey said.

Bailey touted a campaign platform based on strict fiscal conservatism, calling for "a budget that freezes spending with no tax increases."

"We've got to stop passing budgets that spend dollars without an honest review of each spending item," Bailey said.

Bailey proposed what he referred to as a "zero-base budget ideal," in which state departments would not be guaranteed any part of the state budget, saying instead that departments would be required to "make their case for every dollar in funding."

Pritzker responded to Bailey's criticisms in an unrelated news conference, saying that outmigration from

the state has been a problem since before he took office, and that he has been working on creating programs to encourage students and workers to remain in Illinois.

Pritzker also expressed concern over the lack of masking and social distancing at Bailey's campaign announcement.

"I heard that announcement was in a room of hundreds of people and no one was wearing masks," Pritzker said. "So, I am concerned about a super spreader event being caused by someone who's running for governor."

At the event, Bailey was also endorsed by U.S. Rep. Mary Miller and her husband, state Rep. Chris Miller, both of Oakland.

Bailey joins former state senator Paul Schimpf and businessman Gary Rabine as the currently declared candidates in the Republican primary. The primary is scheduled for March 15, 2022.

# Madigan resigns as state Democratic Party chairman

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Former Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan announced Feb. 22 that he is resigning as chairman of the state Democratic Party, a post he has held since 1998.

The announcement came just days after Madigan resigned his seat in the House after a 50-year career in the General Assembly.

Madigan handpicked his successor on Feb. 21 when he voted to fill the House seat he resigned from. Out of 10 candidates, Madigan voted for Edward Guerra Kodatt, a 26-year-old employee of Madigan's 13th ward organization on the southwest side of Chicago, who is of Ecuadorian descent and bilingual.

However, Kodatt resigned abruptly Feb. 24 after Madigan and Chicago Ald. Marty Quinn issued a statement Feb. 23 Kodatt to step down in light of unspecified "alleged questionable conduct."

Madigan announced Feb. 24 he would back Angelica Guerrero Cuellar, the candidate who received the second-highest number of votes.

"After learning of alleged questionable conduct by Mr. Kodatt, it was suggested that he resign as state representative for the 22nd District. We are committed to a zero-tolerance policy in the workplace," they said in the statement.

Guerrero-Cuellar was nominated by Madigan on Feb. 25 during the brief meeting of the five Democratic committeepersons who represent the Chicago wards and Stickney Township within the 22nd District.

Guerrero-Cuellar, a 30-year resident of Chicago's southwest side, is the first Latina to represent the 22nd House District, which has seen a dramatic increase in its Latino population since Madigan was first elected in 1971. Latinos now represent a majority of the district.

Guerrero-Cuellar was sworn in after the meeting concluded.

"Over the last two decades, we have elected a diverse array of Democrats across Illinois and helped send a hometown Chicago leader to the White House, turning Illinois into a Democratic stronghold in the Midwest," Madigan said in a statement.

"Together, we faced conservative extremism and stood up for working men and women. I'm confident

the Democratic Party of Illinois will continue to cement our place as a beacon of progressive values.

"My work would not have been possible without the support of my family, Shirley, Lisa, Tiffany, Nicole and Andrew. I thank each of them for their unwavering love and support that has allowed me to do this work for so long."

Madigan, 78, resigned his House seat Feb. 18, a month after he failed to win another term as speaker. He had served as the top officer in the House for all but two years since 1983.

But support for him within the Democratic caucus began eroding after officials at utility giant Commonwealth Edison admitted to a years-long bribery scheme in which

they admitted awarding jobs and contracts to Madigan's associates in order to curry his favor for legislation benefitting the company.

Madigan has not been charged in that case and has vehemently denied any wrongdoing. But his connection to the scandal prompted other high-ranking Democrats, including U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, to blame him for key losses in the 2020 elections, including the failure of Gov. JB Pritzker's proposed graduated income tax amendment.

In a separate statement, newly elected Speaker Emanuel "Chris"

Welch, D-Hillside, thanked Madigan for his years of service to the party

"I have full confidence in the state central committee's ability to select a new chair. The Illinois Democratic party remains strong, and we will continue our work to create a more equitable state," Welch said.

Madigan's resignation from the party chairmanship was effective immediately. His four-year term as a state central committeeman

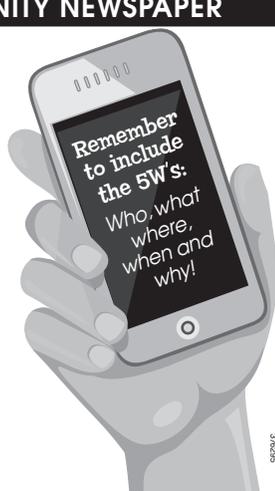
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL  
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COUNTY OF BOONE  
ILLINOIS BANK & TRUST,  
as assignee of Rockford Bank  
and Trust Company,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

WILL HUNTER

PROPERTIES, LLC; UNITED

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Defendants.

Case No. 2021 CH 4

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled Mortgage Foreclosure action was filed on February 9, 2021, and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the Case Number are identified above.

2. The Court in which this action was brought is identified above.

3. The name of the title holder of record is: Will Hunter Properties, LLC

4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

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PIN: 05-33-100-026

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C. Date of Mortgage: June 26, 2017

D. Date of Recording: June 28, 2017

E. County Where Recorded: Winnebago County, Illinois

F. Recorded Document Identification Number: Document No. 2017R03283

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, file your Answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, on or before March 20, 2021 (which is the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the first publication of this notice), default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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COUNTY OF BOONE

In the Matter of the Estate of  
JAMES L. MARGIS,  
deceased.

Case No. 2021P9

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of JAMES L. MARGIS, of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois 61008, on January 6, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on February 15, 2021, to CYNTHIA A. HODGES of 1122 Garfield Avenue, city of Belvidere, Illinois as independent executor, whose attorney is DEBORAH S. LOOS, P.C., by Deborah S. Loos, 130 South State Street, Suite 210, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
WALWORTH COUNTY

Plaintiff(s):

Blackhawk Community

Credit Union

2650 W. Court Street

Janesville, WI 53547

-vs-

Defendant(s):

Steven D. Bernal

506 Constitution Drive

Poplar Grove, IL 61065

**Publication Summons**

**and Notice (Small Claims)**

Case No. 21-SC-104

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Plaintiff/Attorney: Nathan R. Russell

Date: 2/23/2021

Plaintiff's/Attorney's Telephone Number: 608-448-3680

Attorney's State Bar Number: 1047449

Law Firm and Address

Russell Law Offices, S.C.

213 Main Street

Darlington, WI 53530

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200, Boone County, Illinois will conduct a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on March 16, 2021 at the District Office, 6248 North Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, at which time a hearing shall be conducted upon the proposal to transfer up to \$1,250,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund, as the Fund most in need for the purpose of meeting expenses. The hearing will be a public hearing.

Dated February 24, 2021

Mary Maxey

Secretary

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## •Library

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roaming rural Illinois. This will be a Zoom presentation, so you will need to register on our site and install the Zoom application on your device.

On April 22, our second partnership with Cherry Valley Library will feature professional storyteller and actress Paddy Lynn. Paddy will be portraying Emily Dickenson, one of America's most prolific poets, in a 45 minute cutting of William Luce's play, the Belle of Amherst. Paddy's portrayal will be followed by discussion of this beloved poet. Register on our site. Space is limited.

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## •Resigns

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is scheduled to end following the March primary in 2022. According to a press release, Vice Chairwoman Karen Yarbrough will serve as interim chairwoman until the 36 members of the state central committee meet within the next 30 days to elect a new chairperson to serve out the remainder of Madigan's term.

"One thing everyone knows about Illinois is that it's a reliably blue state in the Midwest and throughout the country, and that's in large part because of the leadership of Mike Madigan," Yarbrough said in a statement. "Democrats across Illinois owe Chairman Madigan a huge debt of gratitude for the support, resources and time he's dedicated to candidates and races at every level. While our party enters a transition and looks to the future, I hope we don't lose sight of the extraordinary contributions he has made. I thank him for his leadership and wish him the best in his next chapter."

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## Kopp disclosure

# Scratching the surface of Christianity; A brief and incomplete guide

By Dr. Robert Kopp

CONTRIBUTOR

What is Christianity all about?

That's simple. Jesus.

How do you know what it means

to believe in Him and behave like

you believe in Him?

That's simple. Read the red

letters in the Bible – the words of

Jesus Himself.

Where should I start?

That's simple. Read Matthew,

Mark, Luke, and John.

What's the difference between

those gospels or good-news-

reporters?

That's simple. Not much.

They complement but never

contradict each other.

Lots of details in Matthew and

Luke. John goes deeper. I like

how Mark gets to the point(s)

so quickly; especially when it

comes to what it means to behave

like you believe in Jesus: "...

immediately...they followed

Him."

Is Jesus difficult to understand?

That's simple. Jesus is difficult

to understand for people who have

"ears that don't hear" and "eyes

that don't see."

But, no, Jesus is not difficult to

understand unless you're dense by

design or decide to shut your eyes

and close your ears.

The report: "When Jesus

finished speaking, the crowds were

astonished...for He was teaching

them as one who had authority..."

What does that mean?

That's simple. Question: "Who

does He think He is...God?"

Answer: "Absolutely!"

What kind of authority does He

have?

That's simple. Jesus, as God, is

the gatekeeper of heaven.

The good news is, as He said so

many times and Paul told Timothy

as His purpose, "God wants

everybody to be saved."

What does it mean to be saved?

That's simple. He said, "I have

come so that you may have life

and have it abundantly...Anyone

who believes in Me will never

die."

How can I be saved?

That's simple. "Believe in Jesus

and you will be saved."

Does being saved make any

difference?

That's simple. He said, "If you

love Me...[another way of saying

that is, 'If you're saved' ...]...you

will do what I've told you to do."

Paul explained, essentially, if we

are saved, we show signs/proof/

evidence like those character traits

listed in Galatians 5:22-23.

Again, Jesus: "If you love Me,

you will love like Me."

What am I expected to do with

what I know about Him as Lord

and Savior?

That's simple. He said, "Go

everywhere and tell everyone

about Me!"

Now go deeper by reading what

comes before and after those red

letters.

Are you still looking for a

different way to do church?

Are you tired of the so-so

religion?

Are you put off by posers in

pews, politics and pulpits?

Are you searching for

something/someone real, honest,

timely and true to...?

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corner of Lincoln and Main in

Belvidere, Ill. on Sundays at 7:20

and 10 a.m.

## Secretary of State Jesse White calls on drivers to move over for stopped emergency vehicles

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is issuing an urgent reminder to motorists to adhere to the state's Move Over Law, also known as Scott's Law, designed to protect law enforcement and emergency responders who are stopped on the side of roadways. White also underscored the importance of not driving while distracted – with a special emphasis on avoiding texting while driving at all times.

"Since the beginning of the year, 10 Illinois State Police troopers have been victims of Scott's Law-related crashes," said White. "I am issuing a call to action: Pay attention while driving. If you see a stopped emergency vehicle on the side of

the road, reduce speed, and change lanes if possible."

White has taken steps over the last few years to increase public awareness about protecting those who protect us. His office added a reminder about the Move Over Law to driver's license and vehicle registration renewal notices, produced an educational brochure and added a test question to the written driving exam. In addition, he initiated a law that further strengthened the state's efforts to combat texting while driving.

"We have a responsibility to drive safely," said White. "And we have a duty to protect those who protect us by

moving over when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle with lights flashing. Aside from that, it is the law."

Motorists convicted of violating the Move Over Law face a minimum fine of \$250 up to \$10,000, and the offense goes on their driving record. Driving privileges can be suspended for 24 months in the event of a fatality and six months for a crash causing personal injury.

In addition, White called on motorists to avoid distracted driving and to stop texting while driving. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), a motorist traveling at 55 mph takes his or her eyes off the road on average

for five seconds when sending or reading a text. This equates to driving blindly for the length of a football field.

White initiated a July 1, 2019, law that further cracked down on texting while driving by classifying first-time offenses as moving violations. Under the previous law, which took effect in 2014, second and subsequent texting while driving offenses were treated as moving violations, while first offenses were treated as nonmoving violations.

Scott's Law is named after Chicago Fire Lieutenant Scott Gillen who was struck and killed Dec. 23, 2000 while responding to a traffic crash.

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