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'Seed library' helps share the joy of gardening

Ever heard of a seed library? Much like borrowing a book, gardeners can "borrow" seeds in the spring with the promise of collecting seeds from mature plants and "returning" those seeds in the fall.

The University of Illinois Extension McHenry County Master Gardeners recently launched their first seed library from their office at 1102 McConnell Road, Woodstock. The "library" is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. McHenry County residents can obtain these seeds at no cost, with the idea that in the fall they can "return" the seeds by collecting seeds from this season's bounty to replenish the library for the next year.

"We have devoted an entire bookcase for the seeds that we have this season for you to 'check out.' We also are excited to see what types of seeds we will get back in the fall," said Brenda Dahlfors, program coordinator of the U of I Extension McHenry Co. Master Gardeners.

The library is organized by vegetables and flowers, both annual and perennial. The system is organized alphabetically and there is a list of the seeds that the library has

available. Due to COVID restrictions, borrowers can review the list of available seeds the library has, but borrowers cannot go through the seed packets themselves.

After borrowers review the list of seeds that the library has available, they can make their selection with the help of a volunteer. Please only request the number of seeds you plan on being able to use. You can take an entire packet, if one is available, or ask for a specific number of seeds. Then you will fill out a "library card" form as you wait for your seed requests to be collected. Be sure to let the volunteer who is working with you know if you plan to return seeds from the plants that you grow, or if you want to donate seeds from other plants you may have.

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

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Powers-Walker House tour April 25

This month is the celebration of 50 years of protecting natural resources and cultural heritage at McHenry County Conservation District. One of the best ways to celebrate is to look backwards. The Powers-Walker House is a restored 1854 Greek revival home nestled in the beautiful Glacial Park Conservation Area. Join the district for Norman and George Powers, on Sunday, April 25, at the Powers-Walker House, 6201 Harts Rd, Ringwood, for hourly tours, noon until 3 p.m. Learn about the residents who called this area home. April's program centers around the Powers family and honoring their military service. Volunteers in historical attire are available to answer your questions. Take advantage of a rare opportunity to tour the historic farmhouse, which is open to the public only a handful of times each year. Registration is required and space is limited. Register online at MCCDistrict.org.

Health department puts J&J vaccine on pause

The McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) is announced that an April 13 clinic at Willow Creek Community Church, 100 S. Main Street in Crystal Lake, was cancelled after the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) issued a notice that it is requiring a pause on the use of Johnson & Johnson vaccine based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration

(FDA) recommendation released today.

The recommendation was issued Tuesday, April 12, after six women, ages 18 to 48, developed a rare and severe type of blood clot 6 to 13 days after being vaccinated with the J&J vaccine. While the adverse event appears to be rare, MCDH will follow IDPH's recommendation and not administer the J&J vaccine until further notice.

Future J&J clinics will be

replaced with either Moderna or Pfizer until further guidance is received from the CDC and the IDPH.

"We apologize for any inconvenience this may [have caused] and we appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation," said Public Health Administrator Melissa Adamson. "We know that there are many residents who wanted this vaccine in particular, and we will resume administering the J&J vac-

cine when and if it's safe to do so."

Anyone who received the J&J vaccine and developed severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain or shortness of breath within three weeks after their vaccination should contact their health care provider. Health care providers are asked to report adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System at vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html.

Five year sentence for role in drug overdose death

Patrick D. Kenneally, McHenry County state's attorney, announced that 37-year-old Russell S. Levand of McHenry pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter, a Class 3 felony, before the Honorable Judge Michael Coppedge.

This case centered around the overdose death of a 35-year-old victim who was found unresponsive on June 1, 2019, after ingesting illegal narcotics. An investigation into the death by the McHenry County Sheriff's Department revealed that the deceased had obtained drugs from Levand.

Levand was sentenced to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for his role in the death of the victim.

The investigation was led by Detective Alejo of the McHenry County Sheriff's Department and was prosecuted by Brette Dunbar of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office.

4-H youth scholarship available

The McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation Scholarship is offered to McHenry County 4-H members ages 17 and 18 as of Sept. 1, 2020, who intend to pursue college/vocational education path post high school. Scholarships may not be received more than one time. See the McHenry County 4-H website under Awards & Scholarships tab for the 2021 application & more information: extension.illinois.edu/lm/4-h-mchenry-county.

McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation Scholarship: Google Doc writable pdf. This scholarship is done using Google Doc. Click on the link to open and view the page.

To make this editable:

Click on "File" and then "Make Copy" to save a copy of this to your own Google Drive. or Click on "File" and then on "Download" to create a copy on your computer.

Contact the 4-H Foundation Scholarship committee if you have any questions.

McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation Scholarship: mc4hyf.scholarship@gmail.com.

The deadline for this scholarship is June 1, 2021.

Wildflower walk April 24

The woodlands spring to life with colorful wildflowers in spring, before the trees leaf out and shade the forest floor. Join McHenry County Conservation District for a Spring Wildflower Walk, Saturday, April 24, from 2-3:30 p.m. at Coral Woods Conservation Area, 7400

Somerset, Marengo.

Take a 1.5 mile hike through the woods to take in the beauty of the ever-changing palette of wildflowers and enjoy stories and folklore about our favorite native flowers. Registration is required, limited spots are available. Register online at MCCDistrict.org.

Police chief presents new officer; report shows decrease in crime

By Bob Balgemann
REPORTER

Police Chief Shane Woody quite often appears before one of the city's Committees of the Whole, or the city council, where he offers a plethora of information about a variety of subjects.

Most recently, at the March 22 committee meeting, he introduced a new police officer who had just started his career on the streets of Belvidere, and presented a statistical overview from the department's 2020 annual report.

Both reports had a positive air about them.

Officer Edward Kasperovich was sworn in Dec. 12, 2019, and since then had completed the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage, the city's field training and, finally, his probationary period with the city. He comes to Belvidere from suburban Oak Park, has a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois-Chicago, is fluent in English and Russian, and now is working on Spanish.

Woody presented him with this permanent badge, bearing No. 416.

Kasperovich said moving to Belvidere from the suburbs was a real change in scenery. "I really like this community and am looking forward to the next 28 years," he said.

"Thanks to all of you for being here."

Next up were the departmental update covering the last month, letters of recognition to officers KC Brox and Joe Danielak, each for exemplary police work, and finally the presentation of the police department's annual report, this one covering 2020.

In the past, Woody said the report was gone over page-by-page. This time he handed out copies of it to aldermen about one month ago. And that night, he said he "will take it on faith and you've all looked it over and ask if you have any questions?"

Inquiries were few with one coming from Alderman Dan Snow, who asked if all the missing person cases had been solved?

"Yes," the chief replied. "Sgt. (Daniel) Smaha follows up on all of those. Sometimes when a parent reports a child missing they will forget to call us when the child returns home. There are protocols the police department has to follow when a person is missing for a longer duration."

2020 report

He then proceeded with strictly a statistical look at the report, noting that overall there had been a 22 percent decrease in Part I crimes over 2019. Those are the most se-

rious offenses investigated by the department and include homicides (there were none in 2020, or in 2019); aggravated criminal sexual assault; armed and strong-arm robbery; aggravated assault; residential burglary; burglary from a motor vehicle; theft over \$300; motor vehicle theft; and arson.

Aldermen were invited to ask questions as the presentation went along.

There was a 24 percent increase in sex offenses, from 11 to 15.

"The only link I found among the offenses was the offender was known to the victim," the chief said. "That's not uncommon. The 'stranger-danger' offenders are rare to us."

Robberies were down 20 percent from 2019, and an overall 95 percent decrease since 2016. "For 2020, it was individuals going into gas stations, implying they had a weapon and demanding cigarettes or merchandise," he recalled.

Domestic batteries decreased, from 11 in 2019 to 10 last year, which he said kind of surprised him. There was an increase early in the year, then dissipated as the year progressed to where it wound up down 20 percent over last year.

Burglaries were way down,

from 103 to 63. While so many blame most everything negative on the COVID-19 pandemic, Woody said with everyone staying home because of COVID-19 restrictions, "breaking into someone else's home was much more difficult. We'll see how that fluctuates next year."

The report showed cases of burglary, residential burglary, and burglary from motor vehicles totaled 103 in 2019, 114 in 2018, 157 in 2017 and 121 in 2016. Overall, the 63 occurring in 2020 were well under 2019 and represented a 111.6 percent decrease over the five-year period.

Snow asked if car alarms deterred burglaries.

"I absolutely believe they work," the chief replied. "Typically, they are crimes of opportunity. If the car is locked and they don't see anything inside that looks interesting, they generally move on."

Mayor Mike Chamberlain interjected: "First they trip the alarm and then it's every dog in the neighborhood. Then everybody's up and it's over. The combination works."

Woody added, "Typically, the burglars we end up catching is because either a neighbor hears them make a noise, or something draws the neighbor's attention to what those people are doing."

Motor vehicle thefts increased from 17 in 2019 to 28 in 2020, a 65 percent increase. "They'll (thieves) bring a stolen vehicle into our community to commit other kinds of crimes, then look for another vehicle in our community to steal and take to another community," the chief explained. "Unfortunately, we are seeing enough people who feel comfortable enough to leave their cars unlocked and that makes them targets. We're put out PSAs (public service announcements) encouraging our residents not to do those kinds of things."

Snow asked if most of the locally stolen vehicles are recovered.

"Most of them do get recovered, in other jurisdictions," Woody answered.

Other offenses

Alderman Tom Porter asked about the 200 percent increase in curfew violations?

"It was people stuck at home and we get calls when they leave home," the chief replied. "Even though that sounds like a great statistical increase, you're talking about from two to six over a one-year period."

There was a 65 percent decrease in incidents of disorderly, which was attributed to students not being in school. In 2019, police saw a great deal

of disorderly conduct being reported in Belvidere schools.

The number of DUI offenses decreased from 77 in 2019 to 41 last year. That was due to fewer motorists being on the road and an increase in the number of taxis available in the city. In looking at the past five years there were 106 cases of DUI in 2018; 114 in 2017; and 143 in 2016.

Drug overdoses were down, from 36 to 30, the report showed. The chief said, "There was one overdose death among the 12 deployments during which (the agent) Narcan was used. There were 11 saves."

Locations around the city where the most car crashes occurred last year were:

Chrysler Drive and Gateway Center, 14; Chrysler Drive and Genoa Road, 11; Bypass Route 20 and Pearl Street, 10; Bypass Route 20 and Genoa Road, nine; West Chrysler Drive and Pearl Street, eight; Belvidere Road and Logan Avenue, seven; six each at Bypass Route 20 and Crystal Parkway, North State Street and Appleton Road, North State Street and West Lincoln Avenue; and five each at Genoa Road and Interstate 90, South State Street and Logan Avenue, Pearl Street and Southtowne Drive and Business Route 20 and Logan Avenue.

Belvidere High School athletics

Thursday, April 22

4:30 p.m. - Girls Soccer, Varsity vs. Jefferson, away at Jefferson

5 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Freshman vs. Hononegah, home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

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

6:15 p.m. - Girls Soccer, Junior Varsity vs. Jefferson, away at Jefferson

7 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Varsity vs. Hononegah Sr. Parent Night, home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

Friday, April 23

6:30 p.m. - Girls Poms, Varsity vs. NIC-10 Bowl HP, home at Funderburg Stadium

6:30 p.m. - Boys Football, Varsity vs. NIC-10 Bowl HP, home at Funderburg Stadium

6:30 p.m. - Cheerleading, Varsity vs. NIC-10 Bowl HP, home at Funderburg Stadium

Saturday, April 24

10 a.m. - Girls Volleyball, Freshman vs. Xover Game,

away at TBA

10 a.m. - Girls Softball, Junior Varsity vs. Harvard, away at Milky Way Park

10 a.m. - Girls Softball, Varsity vs. Harvard, away at Lions Park

10 a.m. - Boys Baseball, Junior Varsity vs. DeKalb, Cancelled

10 a.m. - Boys Baseball, Varsity vs. DeKalb, Cancelled

11 a.m. - Girls Volleyball, Junior Varsity vs. Xover Game, away at TBA

12 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Varsity vs. Xover Game, away at TBA

Monday, April 26

4:30 p.m. - Girls Softball, Junior Varsity vs. Auburn, home at Softball JV Field

4:30 p.m. - Boys Baseball, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan, home at Baseball Varsity Field

4:30 p.m. - Boys Baseball, Varsity vs. Boylan, away at Boylan

4:30 p.m. - Girls Softball, Varsity vs. Auburn, home at Softball Varsity Field

4:30 p.m. - Boys Baseball, Freshman/Sophomore vs.

Boylan, home at Baseball JV Field

5:00 p.m. - Girls Soccer, Freshman/Sophomore vs. Auburn, away at Auburn

TBA - Cheerleading, Junior Varsity vs. NIC-10 Bowl, home at Funderburg Stadium

TBA - Boys Football, Freshman vs. NIC-10 Bowl, away at NIC-10 Bowl

Tuesday, April 27

5 p.m. - Girls Soccer, Junior Varsity vs. Auburn, away at Auburn

6 p.m. - Boys Volleyball, Junior Varsity vs. Hononegah, away at Hononegah

6:30 p.m. - Girls Soccer, Varsity vs. Auburn, away at Auburn

7 p.m. - Boys Volleyball, Varsity vs. Hononegah, away at Hononegah

Wednesday, April 28

4:30 p.m. - Girls Softball, Junior Varsity vs. Hononegah, away at Swanson Park

4:30 p.m. - Girls Softball, Varsity vs. Hononegah, away at Swanson Park

4:30 p.m. - Boys Baseball, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan,

away at Boylan

4:30 p.m. - Boys Baseball, Varsity vs. Boylan, home at Baseball Varsity Field

4:30 p.m. - Boys Baseball, Freshman/Sophomore vs. Boylan, away at Boylan

4:45 p.m. - Boys Track and Field, Freshman/Sophomore vs. Freeport, away at Freeport

4:45 p.m. - Boys Track and Field, Varsity vs. Freeport, away at Freeport

4:45 p.m. - Girls Track and Field, Varsity vs. Freeport, away at Freeport

4:45 p.m. - Girls Track and Field, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, away at Freeport

Thursday, April 29

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

4:30 p.m. - Boys Tennis, Junior Varsity vs. Woodstock, Cancelled

4:30 p.m. - Boys Tennis, Varsity vs. Woodstock, away at Woodstock

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

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Belvidere Fire Dept. calls for service

The Belvidere Fire Dept. responded to 56 calls April 12 to 18.

Monday, April 12

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

- 1200 block of 10th Ave. - public service
- 1100 block of Nettie St. - public service
- 300 block of N. State St. - service call
- 1700 block of S. State St. - fire alarm
- E. 6th St./S. State St. - motor vehicle accident
- 700 block of N. State St. - hazardous condition

Tuesday, April 13

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

- 100 block of Garden Dr. - call cancelled en route
- 500 block of E. Pleasant St. - public service
- State/N. Appleton Road - motor vehicle accident
- W. 9th St./7th Ave. - motor vehicle accident
- 700 block of E. Marshall St. - assist invalid
- 2200 block of Sunset Lane - assist invalid

Wednesday, April 14

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

- 900 block of Garfield Ave. - call cancelled en route
- 700 block of Aura Dr./Cherry Valley - cooking fire
- 700 block of Logistics Dr. - false alarm

Thursday, April 15

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

- S. Appleton Road/Bypass 20 - motor vehicle accident

Friday, April 16

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

- 2100 block of Gateway Center Dr. - call cancelled en route
- W. 7th St./5th Ave. - motor vehicle accident
- 2900 block of Countryside Dr. - smoke alarm
- 100 block of E. Madison St. - assist invalid
- 600 block of N. Main - call cancelled en route

Saturday, April 17

BFD responded to 10 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

- 700 block of E. Marshall St. - false alarm
- 2100 block of Gateway Center Dr. - motor vehicle/pedestrian accident

Sunday, April 18

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

- 5700 block of Rustic Waters Ct. - good intent call
- 1200 block of Union Ave. - public service

Saturday is National Drug Take Back Day

The Belvidere Police Department, VIPS and Belvidere Township are collaborating with Illinois State Representative Joe Sosnowski's office to host another prescription take-back day on April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is at the Belvidere Township Building, 8200 Fairgrounds Road. Bring your unused or expired medicine to the event and it will be collected and destroyed in an environmentally safe way.

Unused prescription medications thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Dumping or flushing unused medications down the drain or toilet can contaminate the groundwater supply. The best way to dispose of old medications is to bring them to a take-back event.

The last National Drug Take Back Day, held Oct. 24, 2020, resulted in 492.7 tons of drugs being safely disposed of at 4,587 sites across the United States.

For more information, contact Officer Tim Blankenship, 815-547-6312 or online at Blankenship@belviderepolice.com.



Volunteers sort unused or unwanted prescription drugs for destruction, preventing water and soil contamination or unauthorized use.

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Officers Ryan Davenport and Matt Shook instructed the Defensive Tactics class during the 2021 Citizens Police Academy.

Citizens Police Academy feedback results in defensive class

By Anne Eickstadt
EDITOR

Previous Citizens Police Academy class feedback resulted in a defensive tactics session with Officers Matt Shook and Ryan Davenport being added to the course.

The hands-on defensive tactics CPA class they taught in 2020 resulted in only a couple of students participating so they decided to switch things up and show police videos from around the world showing real situations. Some of the incidents were handled very well and many of them could have been handled better.

Shook informed the group that Belvidere police officers are required to take sessions on Constitutional Law twice a year. They also get out the mats and do hours of hands-on defensive training twice a year.

"We get the training we need to keep the community safe," Shook said. "We learn about all the advancements in technology. Police officers are being attacked more often now than in the past. We are just not dying as often. We (at BPD) are blessed with the training and equipment we have."

Shook and Davenport pointed out pre-attack indications that the suspect is displaying before making a move. "Generally, if someone gets hit first, they lose."

"It's happened to me once," said Davenport. "I was handcuffing a guy for a felony and his girlfriend knocked my hand away so, when he took a swipe, he connected. I controlled the situation, though, and finished cuffing him. However, that move got his girlfriend a felony conviction as well."

"Everyone gives off cues before they attack," said Shook. "There is 'target glancing'—they will keep glancing at the gun/Taser they plan to grab or check out their escape route. 'Pick-up' is when they keep adjusting their clothing to prepare for flight or fight. Often, they will rub or scratch their face—there are many blood vessels in the face and, as the

nervous adrenaline flows, their face itches.

"Whether you are in the police or the military, you learn about OODA—Orienting, Observing, Decisions, Acting. The OODA loop is the cycle developed by military strategist and United States Air Force Colonel John Boyd. The approach explains how agility can overcome raw power in dealing with human opponents. An individual that can process this cycle quickly, observing and reacting to unfolding events more rapidly than an opponent, can thereby 'get inside' the opponent's decision cycle and gain the advantage."

Most of the videos the officers showed were raw, unedited footage. (Only one particularly violent video was edited—both police officers were shot and the suspect drove away after being shot himself, only to die from his wounds a few blocks away.

Shook knew the backstory of that video. One officer, who was shot in the heart, was airlifted to a nearby hospital where a visiting cardio specialist cracked open his chest and massaged his heart to keep him alive. The bullet was extracted and that officer lived.

The first video shown was of the police responding to a call of an armed robbery. They saw the suspect calmly exit the store. They asked him to stop and come over to talk with them. Instead, he remained where he was, just outside the door where innocent bystanders were coming and going. He stayed half turned away from the officers instead of turning to face the one talking to him.

Eventually he turned toward the officer, brushing his hand over the front of his shirt before flipping it up to 'prove' he was unarmed. A fellow officer said that he saw the gun in his waistband. The suspect drew his gun and fired at the officers before taking flight. Now having a clear line of fire, the officers shot him.

"What did you notice about the suspect?" the class

was asked.

It is not natural behavior to talk over your shoulder to someone instead of immediately turning to speak with them.

His hand brushed over his shirt to make sure the gun was where he thought it was tucked in his waistband.

His elbow flared out as he turned his hand to grab the gun.

Why didn't the officers make a move sooner?

Too many innocent bystanders and no clear line of fire. "We have to know what's on the other side of the suspect. We are accountable for every bullet that comes out of the gun. The body camera may have seen an opportunity sooner but the body cams see in hi-def and officers do not see in hi-def.

"In cities with populations under 400,000, the typical officer will never have to draw his gun. A lot of officers get hurt because they are reluctant to draw their gun."

The class was asked to watch more videos and spot indications that the suspect was about to do something unexpected. There were numerous indications of target spotting where the suspect kept glancing to the side or checking out the weapons on an officer's vest. Elbows would flare as the suspect reached for a concealed weapon on his person. If the students missed a clue, the officers would point it out.

They explained the psychological differences that a handgun and a Taser have for both the suspects and the officers and which one is more effective, or ineffective, in different situations.

"If we sound brusque or commanding, it is because we are trying to control the scene so nothing bad happens," said Shook. "50 percent of police officers have PTSD [Post Traumatic Stress Disorder]. It's a great job, but there's a price to pay. The Belvidere Police Department makes sure counseling is available for officers. Dispatch, the Belvidere Fire Department everyone involved in an incident."

Daffodils are in bloom

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

Signs of spring

The blooming of the daffodils marks the beginning of spring for me. This year either Easter came a little early or spring was a little bit late (depending on how you look at it). Our Easter bunny had fun adding a splash of color to the daffodil leaves in our front flowerbed. However, that color was short lived once the girls hit the ground running. The daffodils have finally bloomed at home and here at the Farm Bureau announcing spring.

Recent activity among our staff as they provide incubator and egg-hatching kits to classrooms is also a reminder that spring is here. Classes are getting egg-cited about their spring chickens! Check some fun facts from our Agriculture in the Classroom program.

Spring Chicken!

(Brought to you by Diane Cleland, Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau's Ag literacy coordinator)

Spring is in the air! Spring brings thoughts of new life on the farm ... flowers popping up, farmers tilling and planting, and animals giving birth to their young. At Ag in the Classroom, it also means egg-incubating time! The students wait with great anticipation to meet the chicks on hatching day.

There are over 25 billion chickens in the world. That means there are over three times as many chickens in the world as there are people. Chickens are raised for their eggs and their meat. In the U.S., each person eats 93 pounds of chicken each year.

Here are some fun facts to share with your family and friends this spring:

- It takes 21 days for a chick to hatch from an egg.
- Chickens are distant relatives of the dinosaurs.
- Chickens have great memories and dream when they sleep.
- You can predict the color

of a hen's eggs by the color of her earlobe (white lobes = white eggs and dark lobes = brown eggs).

For more fun facts, check out the Illinois Ag in the Classroom Poultry Ag Mag at: http://www.agintheclassroom.org/TeacherResources/AgMags/Poultry%20Ag%20Mag%20-%20Online%20Version%20Pages_3.26.2020.pdf.

Head over to our website: www.winnebago-boonefarm-bureau.org Kid's Corner to find a fun Spring Chicken Word Search. Happy Spring!

New Illinois Cover Crop Trial Opportunity

The Soil Health Partnership is currently enrolling farmers for their five-year transition program in Boone, DeKalb, Lee, Ogle and Winnebago counties. This program is one of the first NRCS On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials awarded in Illinois, led by the Soil Health Partnership (National Corn Grower Association) and Precision Conservation Management (Illinois Corn Growers Association). Our two programs have partnered together to provide farmers the best economic, agronomic and environmental information for transitioning to a soil health system unique to their operation.

They are looking for farmers new to cover crops. This trial focuses on fields that have never had a cover crop application before and provides the learning experience to understand the benefits and challenges to cover crop management. Farmers who are enrolled in this program will also meet with a network of experienced cover crop farmers across the state. This network provides a learning community integral to understanding the variety of approaches to what a soil health system looks like in Illinois.

A flyer with additional information is available on our website at: <https://www.winnebago-boonefarm-bureau.org/agriculture.html>. For additional information, contact:

Abigail Peterson, CCA, Illinois and Missouri Field Manager at 815-973-2478.

May Deadlines Approaching

Nurse Practitioners

Applications are now available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program. There will be 15 scholarships, worth \$4,000 each, granted this year.

The scholarship program, now in its twenty-ninth year, helps encourage and develop the pool of rural health practitioners to help meet primary health care needs in rural Illinois. Students who receive scholarships agree to practice for two years in an approved rural area in Illinois.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be Illinois residents and be a Registered Nurse accepted or enrolled in an accredited Nurse Practitioner Program. Applications are available on the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program website at RIMSAP.com, or by writing Donna Gallivan, Program Manager, Illinois Farm Bureau, PO Box 2901, Bloomington, Ill. 61702-2901. Applications are due May 1.

For additional information, contact Donna Gallivan at 309-557-2350, or via e-mail at dgallivan@ilfb.org.

Vet Med Students

Are you currently enrolled in veterinary school and need help financing your education? Illinois Farm Bureau is taking applications for its Illinois Veterinary Education and Training Program, or IVET. It provides low interest loans to qualifying students, who, after graduating, commit to working in a food animal practice that services Illinois livestock farmers. Participants have five years to repay the loan following graduation. Applications are due May 15, 2021. To learn more or to apply online, visit ilfb.org/IVET.

Northern Illinois 4-H Summer Day Camp – change your child’s life

Registration for 4-H Day Camp 2021 is open. 4-H Day Camp is set for June 15, 16 and 17 at Rock River Christian Camp, Polo, Ill. Sign up today to get your child in on all of the amazing fun! Youth may choose to participate in all three days of camp, or attend the dates that work best in their schedule.

2021 4-H Camp is a day camping experience that is conducted cooperatively by University of Illinois Extension staff in Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago Counties and the professional staff at RRCC.

Historically, parents have sent their children to 4-H Camp for a variety of reasons: to have fun, to make new friends, to develop new skills, to be physically active and to appreciate nature. 4-H Camp is about way more than a few days of fun. Sending your child to 4-H Camp will allow them to create memories they will carry with them through adulthood. 4-H camp teaches youth to make good decisions, build their self-confidence, become independent and gain the ability to work well with others. These skills will help youth develop into strong adult leaders. In addition, 4-H camp counselors devote much of their personal time to ensure today’s campers have the same great experience they did as children.

Campers at 4-H Camp will check-in daily at 9 a.m., and daily checkout beginning at 8 p.m. During camp week, youth will engage in a variety of activities designed to challenge, educate, and entertain. Two or three free-choice periods will be offered daily and will include options such as hiking, shooting sports, arts and crafts, crate stacking, team building challenges, zip-lining, swimming, and more. Early evening activities will be provided by the 4-H camp counselors and include campfires, a games night and an adventure night. It is guaranteed to be a blast!

4-H Camp is open to all boys and girls, ages 8-14 by June 15, 2021. 4-H membership is not required; however all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior standards expected of 4-H’ers. Youth need to be interested and excited to have a day of outdoor fun, away from television and technology.

Cost each day is \$60. All camp fees must be paid in full by May 3, 2021. Download a camper application on-line at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/northern-illinois-4-h-camp> or you can register online at: go.illinois.edu/4HSummerCamp. You may also call an office near you.

Parking lot fight leads to warrants and arrests

On April 14, Belvidere Police patrol officers and Belvidere I.M.P.A.C.T. officers (Innovative Methods of Policing Against Crime Trends) arrested two Belvidere men on multiple charges of Aggravated Battery and Mob Action.

Corey A. Hatfield, 30, of Belvidere, arrested for two counts of Aggravated Battery (Class 3 felony), and one count of Mob Action (Class 4 felony)

Christian T. Rubalcava, 28, of Belvidere, arrested for two counts of Aggravated Battery (Class 3 felony), and one count of Mob Action (Class 4 felony)

On March 24 at 8:57 p.m., the Belvidere Police Department received a report of five to six people fighting in a parking lot located in the 1900 block of North State Street, Belvidere.

During the course of the investigation, Belvidere de-



Corey A. Hatfield



Christian T. Rubalcava



Israel Carmargo-Baeza



Anthony Z. Sanchez



Julian M. Buckhana

detectives received information identifying five suspects involved in the fight. The Boone County State’s Attorney’s Office authorized charges and warrants were issued for all five suspects for several counts of Aggravated Battery and Mob Action.

Hatfield and Rubalcava have been lodged into the Boone County Jail in lieu of \$250,000 10 percent bond. A Class 3 felony is punishable by two to five years in the Department of Corrections; a Class 4 felony is punishable

by one to three years in the Department of Corrections.

Belvidere Police need the public’s help in locating three additional people who had Boone County arrest warrants issued for their arrest and are still at large.

Israel Carmargo-Baeza, 21, of Belvidere, is wanted for two counts of Aggravated Battery (Class 3 felony), and one count of Mob Action (Class 4 felony).

Anthony Z. Sanchez, 19, of Belvidere, is wanted for two counts of Aggravated Battery (Class 3 felony), and

one count of Mob Action (Class 4 felony).

Julian M. Buckhana, 22, of DeKalb, is wanted for two counts of Aggravated Battery (Class 3 felony), and one count of Mob Action (Class 4 felony).

Belvidere Police encourage anyone with information regarding this incident or the whereabouts of Carmargo-Baeza, Sanchez, or Buckhana to contact, 24 hours a day, the Belvidere Police Department at 815-544-2135 or Boone County Crimestoppers at 815-544-7867(815-547-STOP), and boonecountycrimestoppers.com. Persons with information leading to an arrest can be awarded a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Illinois Farm Bureau to fund grants to student journalism programs

Illinois Farm Bureau will be the financial sponsor of this year’s Illinois Press Foundation mini-grants program that assists existing media programs at public and private high schools throughout the state.

Selected schools receive grants of up to \$1,500 from the Illinois Press Foundation to pay for a computer, software, or other equipment needed for a high school’s student media program to produce print or online newspapers. School media programs will be receiving application information Monday, with requests due on or before May 14. Funds or equipment will

be received in September.

“We’re excited to have Illinois Farm Bureau as a partner in this effort,” Illinois Press Foundation Director Jeff Rogers said. “Both of our organizations feel passionate about the opportunity to help young journalist and student news organizations.”

The mini-grants program will provide funding or equipment to as many as 15 high school media programs.

“Illinois Farm Bureau is really excited to be a part of program that will assist Illinois high school students in developing their writing and reporting skills while also sharing the news of their

school,” said Chris Magnuson, executive director of Illinois Farm Bureau’s News and Communication division. “These types of hands-on opportunities typically create future career goals, and it’s exciting to think that some of these students could one day help tell agriculture and rural America’s story.”

Jerry Reppert, president of the Illinois Press Foundation Board, called Illinois Farm Bureau’s sponsorship “great news,” and added the mini-grants program has always been special to him.

For more information about the Illinois Press Foundation’s mini-grants program, email

Rogers at jrogers@illinoispress.org.

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB has a total membership of more than 378,237 and a voting membership of 77,909. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.

The Illinois Press Foundation is dedicated to promoting and protecting free expression

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Belvidere North High School athletics schedule

Thursday, April 22

4:30 p.m. - Girls Softball, Junior Varsity vs. Woodstock, away at Woodstock

4:30 p.m. - Boys Tennis, Junior Varsity vs. Rochelle, away at Rochelle

4:30 p.m. - Boys Tennis, Varsity vs. Rochelle, away at Rochelle

4:30 p.m. - Girls Softball, Varsity vs. Woodstock, away at Woodstock

5 p.m. - Girls Soccer, Junior Varsity vs. Hononegah, away at Hononegah

5 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Freshman vs. Freeport, home at Main Gym

6 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, home at Main Gym

6:30 p.m. - Girls Soccer, Varsity vs. Hononegah, away at Hononegah

7 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Varsity vs. Freeport, canceled

Friday, April 23

4:30 p.m. - Girls Softball, Varsity vs. Hampshire, home at Softball Varsity Field

4:30 p.m. - Girls Softball, Junior Varsity vs. Hampshire, home at F/JV Softball Fields

5 p.m. - Boys Football, Sophomore vs. TBD, away at TBD

5 p.m. - Cheerleading, Junior Varsity vs. TBD, away at TBD

7:15 p.m. - Boys Football, Varsity vs. TBD, away at TBD

7:15 p.m. - Cheerleading, Varsity vs. TBD, away at TBD

Saturday, April 24

3 p.m. - Boys Track and Field, Sophomore vs. Al Bohrer Invite, away at Cary-Grove HS

3 p.m. - Boys Track and Field, Varsity vs. Al Bohrer Invite, away at Cary-Grove HS

TBA - Girls Volleyball, Varsity vs. TBD, home at Main Gym

Monday, April 26

4:30 p.m. - Boys Baseball, Varsity vs. Auburn, home at Baseball Varsity Field

4:30 p.m. - Boys Baseball, Junior Varsity vs. Auburn, away at Auburn

4:30 p.m. - Boys Baseball, Freshman/Sophomore vs. Auburn, away at Auburn

4:30 p.m. - Girls Soccer, Freshman/Sophomore vs. Jefferson, home at Soccer Practice Field

4:30 p.m. - Boys Tennis, Varsity vs. Crystal Lake South, home at BNHS Tennis Courts

4:30 p.m. - Boys Tennis, Junior Varsity vs. Crystal Lake South, home at BNHS Tennis Courts

5 p.m. - Boys Football, Freshman vs. TBD, away at TBD

5 p.m. - Girls Softball, Varsity vs. Boylan, away at Sportscore 1

5 p.m. - Girls Softball, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan, away at Sportscore 1

5 p.m. - Girls Softball, Freshman/Sophomore vs. Boylan, away at Sportscore 1

Tuesday, April 27

4:30 p.m. - Boys Tennis, Varsity vs. Woodstock, away at Woodstock

5 p.m. - Girls Soccer, Junior Varsity vs. Jefferson, home at Milt Brown Stadium

6:30 p.m. - Girls Soccer, Varsity vs. Jefferson, home at Milt Brown Stadium

Wednesday, April 28

4:30 p.m. - Boys Baseball, Freshman/Sophomore vs. Auburn, home at F/JV Baseball Fields

4:30 p.m. - Boys Baseball, Junior Varsity vs. Auburn, home at F/JV Baseball Fields

4:30 p.m. - Boys Baseball, Varsity vs. Auburn, away at Auburn

4:45 p.m. - Boys Track and Field, Sophomore vs. East High School, home at Milt Brown Stadium

4:45 p.m. - Boys Track and Field, Varsity vs. East High School, home at Milt Brown Stadium

4:45 p.m. - Girls Track and Field, Varsity vs. East High School, home at Milt Brown Stadium

4:45 p.m. - Girls Track and Field, Junior Varsity vs. East High School, home at Milt Brown Stadium

5 p.m. - Girls Softball, Varsity vs. Harlem, home at Softball Varsity Field

5 p.m. - Girls Softball, Freshman/Sophomore vs. Harlem, home at F/JV Softball Fields

5 p.m. - Girls Softball, Junior Varsity vs. Harlem, home at F/JV Softball Fields

5 p.m. - Girls Softball, Junior Varsity vs. Harlem, home at F/JV Softball Fields

5 p.m. - Boys Wrestling, Junior Varsity vs. East, home at Main Gym

5 p.m. - Boys Wrestling, Varsity vs. East, home at Main Gym

5 p.m. - Girls Soccer, Junior Varsity vs. Belvidere, away at Belvidere HS

6:30 p.m. - Girls Soccer, Varsity vs. Belvidere, away at Belvidere HS

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Most of us are looking for ways to save money these days. In more robust times, spending a few dollars on a package of seeds seemed like a small expense but in today's world, every penny counts.

Ida Public Library, with assistance from the Boone County Extension Office, is excited to help you save those pennies with our new Seed Sharing Library. Begun as a seed swap in 2019 by library Master Gardener Intern Sandie Omiotek and library garden specialist Liz Bookman, this program has turned Ida Public Library into a hub for seed sharing and gardening resources. We offer heirloom flower, vegetable, and herb seeds to our patrons and guests of the library free of

charge, no library card necessary.

We are also pleased to host Master Gardener volunteers from the Boone County Extension office every other Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the library on the second floor adult section. These volunteers will be on hand to answer all your gardening and growing questions.

Pick up seeds in the library during our open hours, 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. Saturday or call Sandie/Liz at 815-544-3838 for a curbside seed pickup. Feel free to call Sandie/Liz with any gardening questions if you cannot stop in to visit with the Master Gardener volunteers.



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Sandie Omiotek, library Master Gardener intern and Liz Bookman, library garden specialist, are ready to answer all of your gardening and growing questions.

Obituary

LINDA JOHNSON

Linda Johnson, born Dec. 2, 1954, was promoted to glory April 8, 2021, following lengthy battle with COPD. Linda was a caregiver. Not only was it her career, she was a caregiver to her children, grandchildren, friends and community.

As a soldier of the Salvation Army Corps in Belvidere, Linda attended church services, served on home league, and Christmas toy and food programs along with various community committees.

Linda loved sewing, embroidery, and crocheting handmade gifts for friends, loved ones and



for donations. Mom was an avid bike rider, frequently seen about town riding her bike. She loved "Jeopardy," and could have

won many episodes. She loved her Cubs and claimed to be the Green Bay Packers "biggest fan".

Linda is survived by her daughter, Sarah (Michael) McConnell of Rochester, Minn.; son, John Schroeder of Belvidere; daughter, Mary Schroeder of Belvidere; and son, Matthew

BFD Firefighter Chuck Rotolo retiring

By Anne Eickstadt
EDITOR

"I thought about becoming a firefighter as a kid," said Firefighter/Paramedic Chuck Rotolo. "When I was young, my dad was in a car accident and became a paraplegic. The experiences I had with him made me want to help people. I worked in the medical field for over 10 years before becoming a BFD firefighter on Feb. 19, 2001—knowing I could become a paramedic. I thought it would be a great fit.

"The ability to help people on one of their worst days, helping them to have a better day, that's why I got into this career. I remember one man, at home on leave from the service. He was grilling in the backyard, cut off a chunk of meat to try it and he must have forgotten to chew. The Belvidere Fire Department was called because he was choking. We were recognized by him and by St. Anthony's Hospital with their 'EMS Call of the Year' for saving his life. That was touching. That call made me glad that we do what we do.

"Another time we were called out to rescue a cat whose head was stuck in the



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Firefighter/Paramedic Chuck Rotolo became a firefighter to have the ability to help people on one of their worst days.

back of an entertainment center. It had pushed its head through one of the holes placed for electrical cords and was unable to get free again. We get calls for all kinds of things.

"Working with some of the guys I have worked with—I have gained a second family. There was one incident, years ago, where a bat got into the

fire station. All these big, strong firefighters were wearing their helmets and gear at midnight and flailing around trying to catch the bat. They finally caught it in a laundry hamper but in the morning it was gone. I was watching it all and laughing so hard. I have been blessed with working with some great guys.

"I am the longest-standing

union president of Belvidere Local 1569. The position is voted in every two years by our peers. I have been the union president for nearly eight years now.

"I will be retiring on May 6. This has been a good career. I don't know what else I could have done over the past 20 years. It has been a good job. It has been a great ride."

Knocked out of the saddle ... again

By Dr. Robert Kopp
KOPP DISCLOSURE

Many years ago on the corner of Lincoln and Main, church-hopper Jeanette said during a Wednesday evening choir rehearsal to no one's objection, "Dr. Kopp is a jackass!"

A few days later, an elder

came to me and said, "I heard Jeanette called you a jackass at choir practice. I don't like anybody calling my pastor a jackass."

"But," I said seriously as well as confessionally, "I can be a real jackass more often than I'd care to admit."

It's true. First, during the sermon, I said the Mount Rushmore of golf would have to include Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods. While I fended off people always looking for something wrong in the sermon by saying I know there are only four guys on the one in South Dakota, I think five should be on golf's.

Greeting my-good-friend-and-better-golfer-than-me Steve after the service, I asked what he thought of my Mount Rushmore of golf.

He said, "You forgot Kathy Whitworth."

He is right and I was wrong ... again. Second, a relative told me that I talk too loudly when I preach. While I was surprised to hear anyone was actually tuning in to our online broadcast of worship, I asked, "Which part?"

After teaching the subject in two seminaries and

surviving over four decades in the business, I've still got people—even blood relatives—telling me that I suck.

Third, a guy that I'm really tight with said, "Now I don't want you to be defensive; but you are kind of wordy when you preach and write."

O.K. How can I argue with that? I guess I'm doing something wrong.

I said, "If this sounds defensive, let me know; but I've always said my style is kinda influenced by Dali, Picasso, Buechner and Vonnegut along with Burke lately and Pink Floyd as I was..."

He shrugged. I thought, "I forgot to tell him that I want people to savor what I'm serving like sucking on a lozenge rather than gulping down a Whopper."

Fourth, I was tempted to beat the ... out of a smartass millennial in the parking lot near Starbucks.

Let me set the scene. I went through the drive-through, grabbed the cup of coffee with the top not securely fastened by the clerk, dumped the venti on my crotch, gave out a yelp like Jim Morrison, parked my

truck and went in for a refill.

I felt good about myself because I did not complain about the top not being securely fastened.

Then I went back to my truck and discovered that this guy had blocked my exit.

He read my lips: "Really?" He gave me the finger. He read my lips: "...hole!"

I left before carnality overcame me.

I spent two hours going over 1 John 1:5-10 after that. In short, Jeannette remains right.

Just like everybody else, I'm never going to not need Jesus as my Lord and Savior by grace through faith.

Simply, I pray and labor to make my life more than less pleasing to God by following Jesus by the book as enlightened by the Holy Spirit who never contradicts Jesus by the book while knowing I will never become so pleasing to God that I won't need Him to save me by grace through faith in Jesus.

If that last sentence-paragraph sounds redundant, good.

We need constant reminders that we won't live confidently and calmly without the

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Grants

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through educational activities that foster the practice and respect of First Amendment principles and values, to enhance the quality of services provided by newspapers to

their communities, and to support reading and literacy efforts.

The IPF was established in 1982 as the charitable arm of the Illinois Press Association.

Its news service, Capitol News Illinois, has provided daily coverage of state government for Illinois' newspapers since it was formed in 2019.

Scouts

(Continued from front page)

Girls who are new to Girl Scouts will be able to activate their membership right away with fun, local in-person and virtual Girl Scout activities and camping opportunities while making new friends with other girls their age.

Due to the time sensitive nature of the initiative, neither GSNI or GSUSA is able to offer refunds to any new, previous, or returning members who do not follow the instructions on how to take advantage of Our Girl Scout Gift listed at www.girlscoutsni.org/join or www.girlscoutsni.org/join by May 12.

Current local Girl Scout members or families interested in Girl Scouts for their girl

are encouraged to reach out with any questions to 844-476-4463 or customercare@girlscoutsni.org.

Kindergarten Readiness

GSNI is especially working to ensure all girls are prepared to start kindergarten in the fall of 2021 with confidence. The COVID-19 pandemic and transition to virtual learning and activities disrupted important educational milestones, particularly for children entering kindergarten. Social and emotional learning is important for success in kindergarten, and as the experts on girls' leadership and development, Girl Scouts is uniquely poised to help

girls make new friends while boosting their social skills, self-confidence, and experience in a classroom or virtual setting.

Knowing that social and emotional learning and development are some of the strongest predictors of academic success and healthy relationships, the organization has designed fun activities for girls to meet these critical milestones. Events will include activities for girls to explore the solar system, create an inspiring drawing to represent their dreams and remind them to be persistent, and much more.

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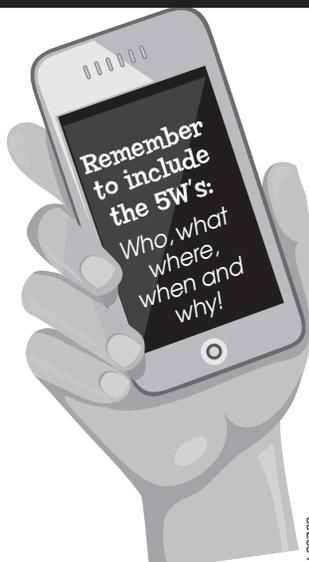
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Americans add unwanted pandemic pounds

It's been a year since the COVID-19 pandemic changed our lives virtually overnight. Since then we have found new ways to live, from the way we work and socialize to how we eat, drink and exercise.

Those changes have had some consequences – particularly to our waistlines. According to a recent study by the American Psychological Association (APA), 61% of Americans experienced undesired weight changes during the pandemic.

Jessica Bishop is a dietetic intern at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She says the survey results aren't surpris-

ing. "Stress increase, boredom increase, and emotional eating may have also increased – mindless snacking. All of that combined over a whole year, I can very easily see where a lot of us may have gained some weight," says Bishop.

Researchers polled more than 3,000 adults in the U.S., and found the average amount of unwanted weight gain was 29 pounds. Ten percent said they gained more than 50 pounds. The average unintended weight loss was 26 pounds.

Losing the structure of our day-to-day routines could also be a culprit in unwanted

weight gain. According to Bishop, spending a lot more time at home with easy access to the snack cabinet can throw any diet off the rails if left unchecked.

"Maybe we are used to having three structured meals a day and having a snack when we get home," Bishop says. "Well if we aren't going out, maybe we're just snacking multiple times. Not having that routine, not having those set meal times can really upend a diet, where you don't even know how much you are eating in

a day." Bishop says that anyone wanting to lose unwanted pounds should start by making S.M.A.R.T. weight loss goals, or goals that are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timely. She also recommends sticking to an 85-15% rule – eating healthy, nutrient-dense foods 85% of the time, and including occasional treats 15% of the time.

Breaking a new habit can be tough, but Bishop says you can do it with intentional planning. She also preach-

es patience; healthy weight loss isn't a fast process.

"It takes time. It's not going to happen in one day; it's going to be gradual. And we recommend that gradual loss. It's healthier for you and it helps long term, to keep that weight off as well."

Significant weight gain can lead to a greater risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and stroke, among other issues. The World Obesity Federation has also found that increased bodyweight is "the second greatest predic-

tor of hospitalization and a high risk of death for people suffering from COVID-19," only ranking behind age as a risk factor.

Help is available for anyone looking for assistance in losing unwanted pounds, whether weight loss has been a life-long struggle or a person is looking to shed a recent weight gain. Contact your primary care physician to learn more about getting help from a dietitian. If you don't have a primary care provider, go to osfhealthcare.org.

McHenry County Sheriff's report

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

April 6
Angel L. DeJesus, 47, Marengo, was cited for manufacture of 1-15 grams cocaine/analog;

April 7
Robert M. Ganske, 37, Crystal Lake, was cited for aggravated DUI 3+;

Phillip M. Puccio, 33, Lake in the Hills, was cited for forgery make/alter document, and theft/control intent \$500<10K;

April 8
Christopher P. St. Georges, 23, Crystal Lake, was cited for 4 counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault of a victim < 9;

Thomas J. Saban, 44, Crystal Lake, was cited for residential burglary;

April 9
Wendy Bianchi-Sheehan, 56, Cary, was cited for violation of an order of protection and domestic battery/physical contact;

April 10
Jason M. Provenzano, 48, McHenry, was cited for domestic battery/physical contact;

April 11
Angelina L. Santucci, 19, Woodstock, was cited for 2 counts of domestic battery/bodily harm;

Lawrence P. Johnson, 62, Crystal Lake, was cited for domestic battery/physical contact and domestic battery/bodily harm;

April 12
Christopher J. Walaszek, 46, Whitewater, was cited for driving on a re-voked/suspended license for DUI 4-9;

Skylar A. Gustafson, 22, Rockford, was cited for aggravated battery of a peace officer.

Huntley Police report

All individuals listed as arrested or charged with a crime in this press release are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

March 31, 11700 block of Main Street: A telephone harassment was reported.

April 1, 11700 block of Samantha Lane: A trespass complaint was reported.

April 1, 12300 block of Route 47: A retail theft was reported.

April 1, Theresa M. Svejda, 35, of Round Lake, was arrested for harassment via electronic communication stemming from an incident that occurred on March 29, on the 10000 block of Thornton Way.

April 2, 10400 block of Al-

gonquin Road: Brayon Palomino-Morin, 21, of Crystal Lake, was arrested for driving while license revoked, operating an uninsured vehicle and disregarding a traffic control device.

April 2, 10800 block of Great Plains Court: A complainant reported a fraud after providing personal information via email to obtain a loan and later discovered money taken from a bank account.

April 3, 13200 block of Village Green Drive: A retail theft was reported.

April 4, Route 47/Mill Street: Christopher J. Leifel, 30, of Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence, driving under the influence over .08, failure to sig-

nal when required, improper lane use, operating an uninsured vehicle and expired registration.

April 4, 10000 block of Route 47: A theft was reported.

April 5, 11200 block of Giordano Court: Theft of a catalytic converter was reported.

April 6, 10500 block of Sawgrass Lane: Facebook threats were reported.

April 7, 10400 block of Haligus Road: A theft of jewelry was reported.

April 8, 12300 block of Route 47: A theft was reported.

April 9, 9600 block of Newton Road: Theft of a bicycle was reported.

April 9, 9500 block of

Rainsford Drive: Dshon Floyd, 22, of Huntley, was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and unsafe equipment. The arrest resulted from a traffic crash in the area of Route 47 and Rainsford Drive.

April 11, 10500 Route 47: A battery was reported.

April 11, Rainsford Road/Jamestown Drive: Criminal damage to property was reported.

April 13, 12500 block of Muir Drive, Patrick A. Guiney, 67, of Huntley, was arrested for DUI, leaving the scene of a traffic crash, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and operating an uninsured vehicle.

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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of The Garden Prairie Street Light District will convene a regular meeting on Monday, May 3rd, 2021, at 5:00 PM, at the United Church of Christ located at 19900 US Route 20, Garden Prairie, IL 61038. All residents are welcome to attend.

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393963

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MCHENRY COUNTY - WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.;

Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RICHARD L. PERRY AKA RICHARD PERRY, DECEASED; CITY OF HARVARD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; STEVE PERRY; JOEL KNOSHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RICHARD L. PERRY AKA RICHARD PERRY, DECEASED;

Defendants,
19 CH 585

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at the hour of 10:30 a.m. in the conference room, 970 McHenry Avenue, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

The South 60 feet of Lot 6 in Block 8 in Hart's First Addition to Harvard a Subdivision of part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 46 North, Range 5 East of The Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded November 6, 1857 in Book 17 of Deeds, Page 561, in McHenry County, Illinois. P.I.N. 01-35-477-003.

Commonly known as 109 North Hart Street, Harvard, IL 60033.

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

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas

Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 19-033807
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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393199

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION;

Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BARBARA A. BLAND AKA BARBARA BLAND AKA BARBARA ANN BLAND; KATHERINE KIRANE AKA KATHY KIRANE; KENNETH ZENTNER AKA KENNETH L. ZENTNER; DONALD BLAND AKA DONALD BLAND JR. AKA DONALD L. BLAND; TIMOTHY A. MILLER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR BARBARA A. BLAND; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendants,
20 CH 60

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in the office of inside the front entrance of the, Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street,, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT EIGHT (8) IN BLOCK ONE (1) IN GILMAN'S FIFTH ADDITION TO BELVIDERE, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 47 OF DEEDS AT PAGE 208; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 05-25-381-006.

Commonly known as 511 Julien Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

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

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. File Number F20080019

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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS

ss.
County of Boone
This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a online sales clothing, jewelry business in said County and State under the name of ME BOUTIQUE at the following post office addresses: 908 W. 12th Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each are as follows:
Evarista Torres, 908 W. 12th Street, Belvidere, IL 61008.

SIGNED:
EVARISTA TORRES
Dated 3/31/2021
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2021.

JULIE A. BLISS
COUNTY CLERK
By K. DREWCOOK
DEPUTY
(OFFICIAL SEAL)
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393389

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE

In the Matter of the Estate of DOLORES V. LEJCAR, deceased

No. 2021-P-19
CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given of the death of DOLORES V. LEJCAR, of Belvidere, Illinois on December 29, 2019. Letters of office were issued on March 24, 2021, to MIDLAND STATES BANK as successor in interest to Alpine State Bank and Trust Co., 600 S. State Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, as independent executor, whose attorney is TOBIN & RAMON, 530 South State Street; Suite 200, Belvidere, IL 61008-3711.

NOTICE is given to unknown heirs at law, if any, and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition that an order was entered by the Court on March 24, 2021, admitting the will to probate.

The estate will be ad-

ministered without court supervision, unless under 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), an interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 18, 2021, which date is not less than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

DATED: April 8, 2021.
MIDLAND STATES BANK as successor in interest to Alpine State Bank and Trust Co, Independent Executor Tobin & Ramon Attorneys for Petitioner 530 South State Street; Suite 200 Belvidere, IL 61008-3711 (815) 544-0316
mail@tobinramon.com

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393802

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MCHENRY SAVINGS BANK,

Plaintiff,
v.
GRAND PRIX, INC., MICHAEL J. FLEMING, and HOME STATE BANK as Trustee On Behalf Of Trust Agreement Dated October 1, 1997, Known As Trust Number 4599, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

20 CH 000229
Property Address: 4002 Main Street, McHenry, Illinois 60050

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-entitled cause on February 24, 2021, Bill Prim, the Sheriff of McHenry County, Illinois, or his deputy, will on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the McHenry County Government Center, 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Room 262, Woodstock, IL 60098, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder(s) for cash, the following described real estate:
THAT PART OF THE

SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH RANGE 8 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THE CENTER PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY THE CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY TO THE CITY OF MCHENRY, BY DEED DATED JULY 22, 1958 RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 34214, ON AUGUST 25, 1958; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID CENTER PARCEL SO CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF MCHENRY, A DISTANCE OF 326 FEET; THENCE WEST ALONG A WESTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTH LINE OF THE PARCEL CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF MCHENRY, TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 9 OF BLOCK 3 OF THE COUNTY CLERKS PLAT OF WEST MCHENRY, SAID PLAT BEING RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 39, IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF DEEDS, IN AND FOR MCHENRY COUNTY; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF MAIN STREET AS SAID MAIN STREET IS NOW LOCATED AND ESTABLISHED, A DISTANCE 9 FEET EAST-ERLY AS MEASURED PERPENDICULARLY FROM THE CENTER LINE OF THE CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY'S ICC TRACT NO. 113; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE OF MAIN STREET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN MCHENRY COUNTY ILLINOIS.

(EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY THE CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, TO THE CITY OF MCHENRY BY DEED DATED JULY 22, 1958, RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 34214 AUGUST 25, 1958; THENCE NORTH 05 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST (BEARING ASSUMED) ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID

CERTAIN PARCEL SO CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF MCHENRY, A DISTANCE OF 178.75 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 05 DEGREES, 25 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 187.72 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF ILLINOIS STATE ROUTE 120 (ELM STREET) (WAUKEGAN ROAD), AS CURRENTLY MONUMENTED; THENCE NORTH 69 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF ILLINOIS STATE ROUTE 120, A DISTANCE OF 130.47 FEET, TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY RIGHT OF WAY AS CURRENTLY MONUMENTED; THENCE SOUTH 06 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID RAILWAY RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 112.2 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT IN SAID RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 132.49 FEET; THENCE NORTH 84 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 106.72 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.)

Commonly Known as: 4002 Main Street, McHenry, Illinois

PIN: 09-26-354-032

The total Judgment on the property is: \$122,483.15.

The property consists of a commercial building.

Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of sale and the balance is due within 24 hours of the sale; plus, for residential real estate, a statutory judicial sale fee calculated at the rate of \$1.00 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser to the person conducting the sale, not to exceed \$300.00, for deposit into the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of McHenry County. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of

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Slices of life

The real guilt of grief

If grief itself weren't bad enough, she often is accompanied by another formidable beast. I've encountered him lately, and his name is guilt.

Before I go any further, please suppress your instinct to tell me I shouldn't feel any guilt because I loved fully, madly, and deeply and went above and beyond to do whatever I could to help my husband.

I did. I know that. In my heart I know that 100 percent. And he knows it, too. To his core. I believe that fully.

But hear me out: Guilt is real. Survivor's guilt, caretaker's guilt—both real.

Because what if it's true?



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

When you are the sole person responsible for a loved one who is hospitalized (Thanks, again, COVID) you have to make decisions. Big decisions. Big, important medical decisions that you are, quite frankly, incapable and unqualified to make. And you aren't given much time. You don't have two weeks to ponder a decision, it's often made during a phone call or within less than a minute as

a doctor lays out the scenario as best he or she can and leaves you with the end game.

I made decisions I never should have had to make. I encountered choices that never should have been thrust upon me.

But they were.

And, honestly, from the deepest recesses of my heart, I did my best.

I performed caregiving tasks I never thought possible. I learned medical procedures I never thought I'd ever need in my wheelhouse. I watched someone slowly grow weaker and weaker and there was, seemingly, nothing I could

do.

But now I look back and wonder if there was something that I could have done or said.

Could I have asked more questions? Did I ask the right questions?

I advocated strong and hard—beyond my normal abilities, really, but could I have advocated more?

When I was finally allowed, I visited every day for hours on end. Was there more I should have been doing during that time? Why couldn't I save him?

The guilt is real, people.

I wrote a column a few weeks back about what to say to a person who is

grieving. I left out one piece of advice: Don't negate their feelings. Don't tell them they should feel one way or another because they do feel that way and their feelings are real and deep and worth acknowledging.

Guilt is often one of those feelings. We feel guilty for what we did or didn't do—even if we have no idea what that might be. We feel guilty for not saying something, or saying too much. We feel guilty for not fully appreciating the beautiful life we had. We feel guilty for conversations we might have had or could have had. We feel guilty for being the one who survived. We feel guilty

for everything and nothing and so much more.

I'm not saying it's right or correct to feel this way. Nothing about grief is right or correct.

It just is. And it is real. Please understand that. And please allow anyone you love who is grieving this grace.

Thanks in advance. I know you only want to help. And you are.

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.

•Knocked out (Continued from page 5)

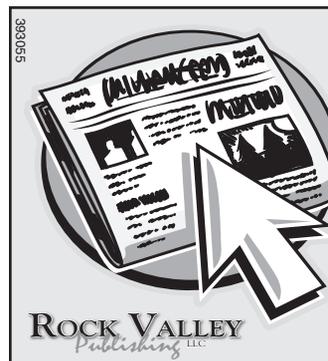
assurance of eternal life by grace through faith in Jesus.

BTW, I was also knocked out of the saddle ... again ... while celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday that happens to be on the same day as mine.

One of my sons said he's working on my eulogy because my days left aren't nearly as many as those already spent. O.K.

While I'm sure there will be lots of folks that will share Jeanette's sentiments if there's a reception after my funeral, here's how I pray and labor and hope to be remembered: "He loved Jesus and loved people enough to point them to Jesus as Lord and Savior."

Jesus always comes to mind when I'm knocked out of the saddle.



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Continued from previous page title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "As Is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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. For information regarding this sale, interested parties may contact: Samuel G. Harrod IV at Meltzer, Purtill & Stelle LLC, 1515 E. Wood-

field Road, Second Floor, Schaumburg, IL 60173 telephone: (847) 330-2400.

Dated: April 6, 2021
Bill Prim
Sheriff of McHenry County, Illinois
Samuel G. Harrod IV (A.R.D.C. No. 06207021)
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MCHENRY COUNTY- IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of LILLIAN J. MILLER Deceased
Case No. 21PR000112

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of: LILLIAN J. MILLER, of WOODSTOCK, IL. Letters of office were issued on 4/5/2021 to Representative BETH CONKLING, 4893 WALNUT GROVE DR., POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065 whose attorney is NOBEL, NATHAN J., 504 N. STATE ST., BELVIDERE, IL 61008.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six months from the date of first publication. Any claim not filed within six months from the date of first publication or claims not filed within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditor, whichever is later, shall be barred.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court at the McHenry County Government Center, 2200 North Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, Illinois 60098, or with the representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to his attorney within ten days after it has been filed,

/s/Katherine M. Keefe
Clerk of the Circuit Court
(Published in the McHenry County News April 22, 29 & May 6, 2021)
394113

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)SS
COUNTY OF MCHENRY)
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF MCHENRY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT T. MILLER, Deceased.
No. 21 PR 113

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS
TO: MICHAEL MILLER, LAUREN MILLER, AND ALL IT MAY CONCERN
NOTICE is given of the death of ROBERT T. MILLER. An Order Admitting Will to Probate and Appointing Representative & Letters of Office were issued on April 13, 2021 to BETH CONKLING, Poplar Grove, Illinois, who is the legal representatives of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Nathan J. Noble, 504 North State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.
Within forty-two (42) days after the effective date of the original order of admission, Heirs and Legatees may file a petition with

the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975. (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

Heirs and Legatees also have the right under section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within six (6) months after admission of the will to probate.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before October 22, 2021, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the McHenry County Government Center, 2200 North Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, IL 60098, or with the representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk, must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to his attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Date: April 15, 2021
Nathan J Noble
Attorney for Executor
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394114

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE
In the Matter of the Estate of

IRENE E. SCHULTZ, deceased
No 2021-P-25
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of IRENE E. SCHULTZ, of Kirkland, Illinois on February 17, 2021. Letters of office were issued on April 12, 2021, to RAYMOND A. SCHULTZ, 2051 Flora Church Road, Kirkland, IL 60146, as independent executor, whose attorney is TOBIN & RAMON, 530 South State Street; Suite 200, Belvidere, IL 61008-3711.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 5/18-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), an interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 25, 2021, which date is not less than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
DATED: April 12, 2021.
RAYMOND A. SCHULTZ
Independent Executor
Tobin & Ramon

Attorneys for Petitioner
530 South State Street;
Suite 200
Belvidere, IL 61008-3711
(815) 544-0316
mail@tobinramon.com
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Christopher Pitschel, 8848 Greenfield Dr., Belvidere, IL 61008

SIGNED:
ALFONSO DELGADILLO
Dated 4/7/2021
CHRISTOPHER PITSCHER
Dated 4/7/2021

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 7th day of April, A.D. 2021.

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NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in the office of inside the front entrance of the, Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street,, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 05-25-381-006.

balance is due within 24 hours of the sale; plus, for residential real estate, a statutory judicial sale fee calculated at the rate of \$1.00 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser to the person conducting the sale, not to exceed \$300.00, for deposit into the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of McHenry County. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "As Is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
In the event the property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(l)(H-I) and (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(l) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
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. For information regarding this sale, interested parties may contact: Samuel G. Harrod IV at Meltzer, Purtill & Stelle LLC, 1515 E. Woodfield Road, Second Floor, Schaumburg, IL 60173 telephone: (847) 330-2400.
Dated: April 6, 2021
Bill Prim
Sheriff of McHenry County, Illinois
Samuel G. Harrod IV (A.R.D.C. No. 06207021)
MELTZER, PURTILL & STELLE LLC
1515 E. Woodfield Road, Second Floor
Schaumburg, Illinois 60173
(847) 330-2418
sharrod@mpslaw.com
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NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at the hour of 10:30 a.m. in the conference room, 970 McHenry Avenue, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 01-35-477-003.

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The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. File Number F20080019
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS MCHENRY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff, v. GRAND PRIX, INC., MICHAEL J. FLEMING, and HOME STATE BANK As Trustee On Behalf Of Trust Agreement Dated October 1, 1997, Known As Trust Number 4599, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

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Property Address: 4002 Main Street, McHenry, Illinois 60050
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-entitled cause on February 24, 2021, Bill Prim, the Sheriff of McHenry County, Illinois, or his deputy, will on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the McHenry County Government Center, 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Room 262, Woodstock, IL 60098, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder(s) for cash, the following described real estate:
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