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McHenry Conservation Foundation purchases former Boy Scout site

The McHenry County Conservation Foundation—with the help of Illinois Audubon Society, Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, and individual donors—purchased one of the last remaining, high-quality natural areas not under permanent protection in McHenry County.

Thanks to donor support, a 160-acre parcel in Hartland Township previously owned by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and formerly known as Camp Lakota, has been permanently protected for the benefit of all McHenry County residents.

“For more than 50 years, Camp Lakota introduced youth to a wide variety of outdoor activities and provided generations of Scouts the opportunity to immerse themselves in the outdoors and experience nature up-close,” said Brad Semel, McHenry County Conservation Foundation Board president. “By working in partnership with the Illinois Audubon Society, the McHenry County Conservation District, private donors and the generous financial backing of the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, we are thrilled to be able to protect not only the environmental integrity of the site for the benefit of the local community, but also ensure so many Scouting memories are preserved as well.”

“We are thrilled to have been able to work with the McHenry

County Conservation Foundation and the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation to protect this very important parcel for birds and other wildlife,” said Jim Herkert, executive director of Illinois Audubon Society.

Across Illinois, only about 1 percent of our state’s natural areas remains intact. These open spaces are the last remaining vestiges of the woodlands that once spanned across our northern and southern borders and the prairies that provide the state with its iconic namesake.

As the population of our state’s urban areas continue to migrate into the surrounding rural areas and as a shifting climate continues to alter our natural world, preserving what undeveloped land remains is of critical and timely importance.

Numerous federal, state and local conservation organizations consider the property an important acquisition for the protection of many vulnerable species and the preservation of an important migratory corridor.

It’s listed on the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) and recognized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as having high quality natural biological features, particularly Advanced Identification (ADID) wetlands. These high quality habitats support diverse natural communities,



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The former 160-acre Boys Scout camp, Camp Lakota, was purchased by the McHenry County Conservation District. Numerous federal, state and local conservation organizations consider the property an important acquisition for the protection of many vulnerable species and the preservation of an important migratory corridor.

which in turn support rare and threatened fauna. These include endangered or threatened birds such as least bittern, common gallinule, and yellow-headed blackbird.

“We are so delighted to support an acquisition that is not only of great conservation priority, but that will connect nearly 2,000 acres of natural area. We thank the McHenry County Conservation Foundation, Illinois Audubon Society, and other funders for inviting us to work with them to make this happen,” said Frances Kane, associate program officer,

Natural Areas of Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.

Immediately adjacent to the property is the conservation district’s Brookdale Conservation Area, a 1,620-acre complex of wetlands, prairie and woodlands. In addition to the district’s public lands, the parcel is bound by conservation easements. With the successful acquisition of Camp Lakota, this means nearly 1,837 acres of contiguous lands are protected. The area will serve as an important recharge area for the county’s groundwater re-

sources.

The site is also the location of significant stands of remnant oak trees where woodland flowers such as trout lily and shooting stars bloom each spring. The juxtaposition of woodland and wetlands make this property ideal for supporting breeding populations of amphibians.

Numerous vernal ponds exist on the site. Because they dry up in the summer, these ponds cannot support fish and are an ideal habitat for frogs and salamanders that need water to reproduce, lay eggs and grow through the tadpole phase. The vernal ponds then provide foraging opportunities for migrating species that stop over on their long journey to breeding territory further north.

In order to ensure the permanent protection of this land, the property will be transferred to the McHenry County Conservation District for long-term stewardship and management within five years. In the meantime, the McHenry County

Conservation Foundation and the McHenry County Conservation District will work together to restore the area.

Priority restoration work includes herbicide application to exotic species, such as reed canary grass and Phragmites. These persist in small, isolated populations in the high quality wetland basins and treatment will stop further invasion. Also of critical importance is restoring the oak woodlands surrounding the wetlands. Removing invasive species will open the understory, creating more surface airflow and dry vegetation so to allow prescribed fires to positively impact the wetlands, which in turn will open them up and entice avian species to use them.

Restoring this parcel greatly enhances its ecological value as a travel corridor and habitat for sensitive species for which large tracts of land are critical for survival. The area will also serve as an important recharge area for the county’s groundwater resources.



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Batter up!

The McHenry County Historical Society’s “Independants” base ball club is hitting the road for a Civil War era tilt Sunday, Aug. 22, in Lemont. The field is located at 13860 Main St. Formed in 2013, the McHenry County “Independants” (spelled that way in a newspaper article more than 150 years ago) follow 1858 rules. That means no gloves, lemon-peel baseballs (stitches meet at the top), no pitched balls from the “hurler” and called strikes only if “striker” swings and misses. A ball caught on the first bounce is considered an out and a ball is ruled fair or foul based solely on where it first touches the ground. Opponents in this round-robin affair include the Lamont Quarrymen, the Somonauk Blue Stockings and the Creston Regulators. The start time is to be determined. Fans—called kranks, bugs or rooters—are encouraged to use the terminology of the time, telling the players to “lay that willow on that onion” and “hit the apple out of the orchard.” For more information, email manager Kurt “Scoop” Begalka at kurt@mchenrycountyhistory.org.

Huntley Fourth of July enforcement numbers

The Huntley Police Department issued the following citations during the Fourth of July “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Click it or Ticket” campaigns:

- Speeding-3
- Distracted Driving-2
- Expired Registration-3
- Disobey traffic control device-1
- Operation of uninsured motor vehicle-1

The Huntley Police Department joined forces with more than 200 other local law enforcement agencies

from June 17 through July 6 to get drunk and drugged drivers off our roads and encourage seat belt use. The effort featured high-visibility enforcement combined with a variety of outreach activities, including a media campaign.

The enforcement period was funded by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation as part of the statewide “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Click It or Ticket” programs.

VIEWPOINT

Slices of life

Confessions of a potluck failure



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

The term “potluck” was coined over 500 years ago, putting a label on the concept of a communal meal where each guest brings a dish to share. The idea was that if everyone brought a little something, there’d be a little something for everyone. The practice caught on and has been flourishing in church basements ever since.

The feast known as potluck conjures up images of casseroles, slow cookers, pans of brownies, peanut butter krispie bars, and, of course, Jell-O. Lots and lots of Jell-O. Although I am able to make Jell-O, I don’t often offer it up at potlucks. I prefer getting creative with savory dishes and therein lies my downfall. I am a potluck failure.

I start with the best intentions. I fully plan to make

a dish that fits in amidst the chicken and rice casseroles and baked bean hot dishes. Then I start cooking.

When I’m in the kitchen, I get caught up in the moment. I find it impossible to follow a recipe and instead practice the “little bit of this, little bit of that” system of cooking. I call it the energizer method, because I tend to keep going and going.

My youngest son summed up my culinary technique best when he said, “I wish you’d just make us food. Your

problem is you always have to add ingredients.”

He’s right. I can’t help myself. I like to push the flavor envelope. This is suitable for an exotic spread, but probably not as appropriate for your typical potluck.

So, when I attend one of these communal meals, I fill my plate; I fill my stomach; and I leave with a casserole dish that is (regrettably) also full.

This has gone on for years. I was beginning to think when it came to potlucks I had none of the second syllable. Until, quite unexpectedly, I discovered a potluck triumph in a tomato salad called bruschetta. I made the dish for a family reunion earlier this summer and the bowl not only emptied, but people requested the recipe. Of course, these people were my

relatives; their taste buds may be genetically similar to mine. Still, it felt good.

I was empowered.

It was logical for me to want to share the joy of my bruschetta at a second potluck with friends last week. The night before the event, I chopped the tomatoes, added the ingredients, both secret (green olive juice) and not so secret (garlic). I put the bowl in the fridge to allow the flavors to mingle – sort of like guests do at a potluck.

The next day, I prepared to dazzle with my dish. Slices of chewy, crusty bread went on a platter to act as a base for the tomato-licious salad. When I opened the fridge, however, there wasn’t a tomato chunk in sight. My bruschetta had gone missing. Not missing as in pushed to the back of the

shelf behind the milk; missing as in vanished. Disappeared. Nowhere to be found.

Certainly I was mistaken. I looked again. I opened the freezer. I checked the sink. Even searched the dishwasher. There was no bruschetta – or evidence of bruschetta – anywhere.

My potluck was imminent and I didn’t have time (or ingredients) to make another batch. Meanwhile, my stomach was as empty as my salad bowl.

The situation forced me into an abyss far worse than attending a potluck with a dish that doesn’t get tasted: attending a potluck with no dish at all. Did I dare even go? To potluck or not potluck: that was the question.

My stomach won out in the end. I attended the party

ready and willing to consume a piece of humble pie. Turns out there was no need. The good thing about potlucks is there is always an overabundance of food – and friendly people.

I never did find my bruschetta. In a house filled with hungry teenagers, I guess a prudent mom might want to think about labeling sacred potluck items as “Do not touch,” so as to avoid midnight snack raids. Live and learn.

I used to believe I was a potluck failure. Now I know better. I also know there are far worse things in life, not the least of which might be losing your bruschetta.

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

Kopp disclosure

Scratching the surface of church limitations

By Dr. Robert Kopp
CONTRIBUTOR

Believers don’t mix well with non-believers. It’s the difference between good and bad leaven.

Good leaven mixes in to make better. Bad leaven mixes in to make worse.

There’s more Word on that in Matthew 13:33, 16:5-12.

It’s the difference between light and darkness with Isaiah 5:20-21 and 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 in mind.

Opposites aren’t complementary in the Church. Fidelity and infidelity don’t share pew and pulpit space.

There’s no egalitarianism in the Church when it comes to the Godly and unGodly.

For example, Christian behavior is shaped by belief in Jesus as Lord and Savior by the book as enlightened by the Holy Spirit who never contradicts Jesus by the book with the hallmarks of grace, mercy and forgiveness wrapped in agape. Agape is praying and laboring for the highest good of everyone no matter who, what, where, when or why without the need or expectation for response, regard or reward.

For example, noting the big difference is John 14:1-6,

Muslim behavior is shaped by belief in Mohammed as the model and does not share the Christian hallmarks of grace, mercy, and forgiveness wrapped in agape. Just ask women and gays.

Just saying. Anyway, that means there are limits to invitation, welcome and inclusion in the Church.

While we want everyone to be saved live confidently in the assurance of living forever by grace through faith in Jesus because that’s what Jesus wants with John 3:16-17 as the headline, those disrespecting and disbelieving in Jesus as Lord and Savior by the book cause dissonance, distraction, poison and pollution in worship, fellowship and leadership.

Remember, there is a difference between evangelism (inviting, welcoming and including people to a relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior as the prerequisite to salvation and membership in the Church) and worship, fellowship and leadership in/through/for Him.

Practically, that means everybody’s invited, welcomed and included into worship,

fellowship, membership and maybe leadership according to charismata in a complementary not egalitarian kinda way but everyone’s opinions are not invited, welcomed, included, enabled or allowed in worship, fellowship, membership and leadership.

Churches are not community buildings. Churches are consecrated to the glory, laud and honor of the Holy Trinity alone.

That’s why Matthew 10:16 has been the guiding principle of my under-shepherding: “Be as shrewd as a serpent and as innocent as a dove.”

Undershepherds have to be as shrewd as serpents or tough-minded because there are predators eager to slaughter the sheep and steal their souls and we must be as innocent as doves because there are women and men that are hungry and thirsty for intimacy with God through Jesus to be empowered by the Holy Spirit for lives of service provoked by gratitude for their existential relief and eternal salvation.

Personally, that means I always have time or make time for people that want me to talk with them about Jesus and pray with them to receive Jesus into

their heads, hearts and guts as Lord and Savior. I always have time or make time to be with people that are hungry and thirsty for intimacy with God.

When it comes to people that aren’t really into Jesus by the book or play some religious game of church like a child at Candyland because they can’t get into Rotary or

Junior League or some other secular sorority or fraternity, I really don’t have the time or inclination to hang out with them or invite them to lunch or a movie.

I mean, really, there’s only so much time. I’d rather give it to those that are serious about God.

Yes, I want to be cordial

and friendly and I will do His best through my sinfulness to love Jesus with loving like Jesus with grace, mercy and forgiveness wrapped in love for all. That’s the difference between a Christian and, let’s say, a Muslim.

There are limits to invitation, welcome and inclusion in the Church.

Back in the saddle

A career in agriculture

By Ali Asche, Intern
WINNEBAGO-BOONE
FARM BUREAU

As a farm kid growing up, I always wanted a career in Agriculture, and after learning about the Highland Community College (HCC) Agriculture Program, I knew it was the right fit for me. Highland Community College has an exceptional Agriculture Program that benefits and greatly impacts its students. Because of this, the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau has made a financial commitment to help support the Highland Community College Ag

Program. The Highland Ag Program offers many degrees and certificates for students furthering their education in Agriculture.

Students have options to complete certificate degrees in a single year, complete applied science degrees in two years, or complete transfer degrees for university admission. Students can focus their education on a variety of emphasis areas including Agribusiness, Agricultural Education, Animal Science, Crop and Soil Science, Food Science, Precision Agronomy, Agricultural Production,

Commercial Applicator, and Horticulture.

Highland’s two-year programs and certificates allow students to connect directly to jobs in the region in a short period of time. The Highland Ag Program encourages students to apply for summer internships to give them insight into the different career opportunities that are available in the Ag industry. The experiences gained from an internship are invaluable and may lead to future employment opportunities.

The Ag Program is led by Justin Ebert and Monica Pierce and together they work hard to provide opportunities for their students. The classroom settings at HCC offer many hands-on activities to help students develop a better understanding of the concepts they are learning. The HCC Ag Program also partners with local high schools to provide dual credit classes for students interested in agriculture. This allows the students to earn college credits while still in high school.

HCC takes the time to make sure their agriculture students know the benefits of scholarships and where to find them. HCC has specific scholarship opportunities for out of district students, including students residing in

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Monthly fire updates touch on variety of topics, including tragedy

By Bob Balgemann
REPORTER

Administrative personnel at the city fire department appear before city council once a month and provide an update of activities involving firefighters over the past 30 days.

The reports are usually statistical in nature and touch on how many calls for service there were during that time. Updates until recently were on how the remodeling was progressing on the second floor of Station 1, downtown. There were details of new apparatus acquisitions, and when they would be available for the public to see in person.

And don't forget the date of the annual open house or of other community activities sponsored by the department.

While all reports are informational, every once in a while they can be solemn in nature when a devastating fire touches the lives of residents and the firefighters who came to their rescue.

Fire Chief Al Hyser recently had the difficult task of providing elected officials, city staff and those watching the June 28 Committee of the Whole meeting on television with details of what he termed "a devastating blow," which was delivered to Belvidere in the early morning hours of June 18.

That morning, the fire department was called to a house

fire with entrapment in the 100 block of West Second Street.

"First units that arrived on scene reported a well involved structure fire, with fire coming out of most windows and heavy smoke pushing out from the eaves," Chief Hyser recalled.

"Attempts were made to get to the interior stairs, where it was believed a young woman was trapped on the second floor," he continued. Firefighters were driven back by the heat and flames. Later, it was discovered that the stairs were burned out."

Help arrived when two District 2 firefighters arrived on the scene, he said, and assisted Belvidere's efforts by directing a hose stream into the windows.

"Our guys were using a little known technique called 'Vent Enter Search' or VES," he explained. "A ladder is placed against a suspected room where there is a victim, in this case second-story windows. The firefighter enters the room and searches for the victim. Firefighter Thornton entered the room and found an unconscious 18-year-old female, between the bed and the wall.

"He took her to Lt. Drall at the top of the ladder and to an awaiting Lifeline ambulance, which took her to Swedes (hospital) in Belvidere, clinging to life. Unfortunately, the

young lady passed away the next morning."

In summation, the chief said, "I couldn't be prouder of the efforts of all who responded that morning. The teamwork displayed that day, the courage that was shown, to first-arriving police officers and then our fire personnel. The medical response by Lifeline crew members, all working in a concerted effort to save a fellow human life."

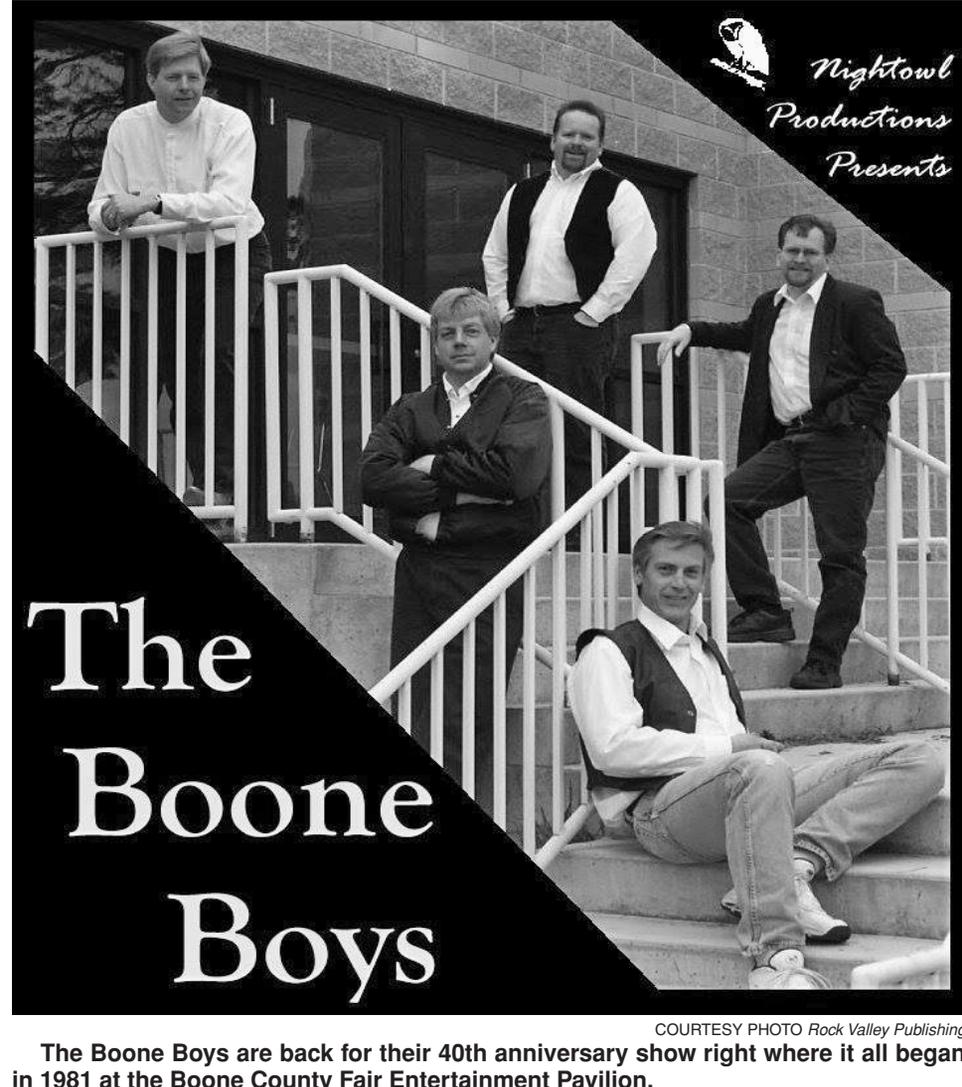
Other calls

At the outset of his presentation, Hyser said just four days earlier, on June 14, Belvidere firefighters responded to the Chem Tools explosion and fire in nearby Rockton.

"We remained on scene for 11 hours and were one of 85 fire departments that responded over a four-day period," he said.

During the past month, he said Belvidere responded to 290 calls for emergency services. The calls ranged from people who fell and needed help getting up to a devastating house fire.

The last fatal house fire in Belvidere occurred March 10, 2017, in an apartment building at 819 Jackson St., which resulted in the death of a woman who lived there and the displacement of 30 residents. Firefighters rescued 10 residents upon arriving at the scene.



Nightowl Productions Presents

The Boone Boys

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The Boone Boys are back for their 40th anniversary show right where it all began in 1981 at the Boone County Fair Entertainment Pavilion.

The Boone Boys 40th anniversary show

Performing at the Boone County Fair on Sunday, Aug. 15, 6 to 9 p.m.

Back for their 40th anniversary show where it all began in 1981 at the Boone County Fair Entertainment Pavilion (a tent in 1981). Two sets of high school brothers, Ron and Dan Anderson, along with Randy and Jeff Brown, joined together, learned a couple songs that summer of '81 and entered the amateur talent competition at the Boone County Fair, winning first place. In January they traveled to Springfield for the state finals.

The Boone Boys were hooked on music, practicing and learning as many songs as

possible and playing small gigs. Over the next 40 years The Boone Boys played countless weddings, private parties, festivals, and for anyone needing live music.

The band focuses on thick harmonies, playing artists like the Eagles, Monkees, Beatles, Elvis, Garth, Cash, America, the Cars, AC/DC, Beach Boys, Elton John, the Kinks and many more. In 1985 they opened up for Ricky Nelson just a couple of months before his fatal plane crash New Year's Eve.

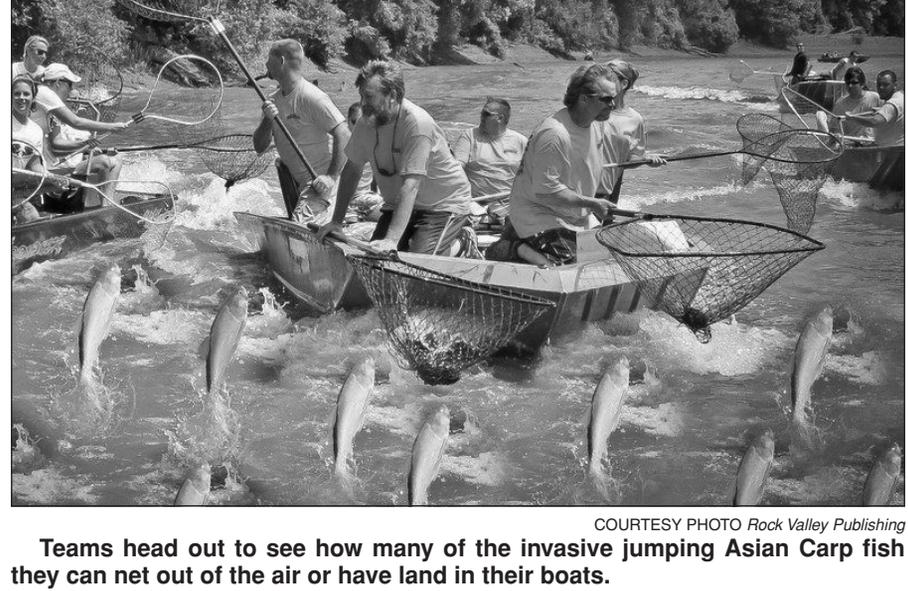
The Boone Boys added a fifth

member in 1988, Dan Ege, to the band. Now they had added smoking lead guitar solos to the original four-piece group featuring Ron on keyboards, Jeff on bass, Randy on guitar, and Dan on drums.

Come join The Boone Boys at the Boone County Fair to hear your favorite songs the way only The Boone Boys can do.

Enjoy music from country, sock hop, classic rock, barber-shop, and easy listening.

The party doesn't start until The Boone Boys arrive!



COURTESY PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Teams head out to see how many of the invasive jumping Asian Carp fish they can net out of the air or have land in their boats.

Redneck Tournery returns to battle Asian carp infestation

The Redneck Fishing Tournament returns to the waters of the Illinois River next month after a two-year hiatus caused by historic flooding in 2019 and then a global pandemic last year.

"We're back and the fish had better look out," said event organizer Betty DeFord. "People have been waiting two years to get back out there. It's going to be a great event."

The unique fishing tournament is Friday Aug. 6, and Saturday Aug. 7. It features bands, food vendors, a beer garden, and charity raffles benefiting veterans organizations. Admission to the riverfront festivities is \$3 a day or \$5 for the weekend. Find more information at the Facebook page: @Redneck Fishing Tournament.

What makes the tournament unique are the fish and how they are caught. The fish are invasive Asian carp species. They have taken over numerous waterways including large sections of the Illinois River, part of which runs alongside

Bath. The fish destroy natural ecosystems and worse, they literally jump out of the water when startled by passing boats.

There are no fishing poles in this tournament. Rather, teams head out to see how many of the jumping fish they can net out of the air or have land in their boats. Past winners have landed hundreds of these fish in just two hours.

DeFord started the tournament more than a decade ago to spread the word about the dangers of the invasive species and also give the community an outlet to protest the aquatic invaders. It has grown into an annual event that attracts people from across the region and around the world to the tiny Mason County town of 300 located along Illinois Route 78 south of Havana. Enthusiasts have traveled from Canada, Sweden and New Zealand to participate.

"Anyone who wants to battle these terrible fish, help us raise money to help veterans and have some fun is welcome," said DeFord.

Library corner

At long last, Ida Public Library can receive 501(c)(3) donations! Here's how that works and what that means for the library:

Public libraries are supported by tax levies, which in the city of Belvidere are property tax levies. These levies provide our operating income. We pay wages and utilities, purchase books, movies, audio books, magazines, and online materials for our digital libraries, and pay for various other supplies/necessary repairs from the tax levy monies we receive.

Often, the daily expenses use up nearly the entire income received from the property tax levies, leaving zero dollars for special projects or programs. As a reliable steward of your tax dollars, we cannot move daily expense money from our operating budget to cover any special programs or projects we would like to have or improvements we would like to make, including the upcoming new wireless device chargers which will be placed at several locations within the library for your cell phones and laptops.

Thus, we need to seek funding from other sources for these special things. These sources usually include grants or donations, but grants are extremely competitive in this post-COVID

world and we cannot rely on grant money on a regular basis.

As a tax levy supported organization, however, we are not legally allowed to solicit funds or perform fundraising activities. Most public libraries get around this by setting up a separate Friends of the Library 501(c)(3) nonprofit to do the fundraising for them. Ida Public Library's Friends of the Library was set up many, many moons ago as a social organization and does not have 501c3 tax status. The time, expense, and paperwork involved to change their status is extensive. Enter the Illinois Library Association to the rescue!

Realizing there are several public libraries in the Illinois system with this same issue, the Illinois Library Association set up a 501(c)(3) fund to serve as a sort of clearinghouse for donations to public libraries without a 501(c)(3) organization.

For a very small annual fee, donors requiring 501c3 status for their donations can write a check to the Illinois Library Association Fund with the specific library in the notations. The Fund will process the donation, provide all necessary paperwork, and tax receipts to the donor, and forward the donation money to the public library.

This is a huge benefit to Ida

Public Library and it opens our ability to apply for donation funding from retail groups, businesses, and many other organizations whose donation regulations require 501(c)(3) status for anyone requesting donations. Our approval for this fund was recently received and we are now actively seeking out donations for our special projects.

Of course, we will still be competing for donations with other organizations and many of those 501(c)(3) donations cannot be used for normal operating expenses. Most require some special program or plan in the application, but at least we have a larger pool to request from and we anticipate adding more value to your library card and your tax payer dollars with this added benefit.

We hope this brief library lesson on tax levies and funding for public libraries was helpful. Be sure to contact our Library Director, Mindy Long, at 815-544-3838 with any questions. In addition, if you are a business or organization seeking a worthy 501c3donation opportunity, please consider Ida Public Library as one of those potential organizations.

"In my view, investing in public libraries is an investment in the nation's future." -Bill Gates

Cover crops: The proof is in the soil

By Christopher Heimerman
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When asked what he farms on his land south of Toluca, Ill., Bill Leigh answered with a deadpan expression. "Soil," he said.

Leigh cracked a smile and said, like most Illinois farmers, he raises corn and soybeans. But there was a

lot of honesty in that joke. Cover crops and soil health are what drew about 50 other farmers to a Nutrient Stewardship Field Day put on by the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau at Mark Monier's farm. It was the third of nine such events this summer being conducted by Illinois Farm Bureau and numerous partners.

Shay Foulk is a farmer and farm and ag business consultant who serves on the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau Board of Directors. He gave a tour of 11 cover crops he planted and curated on his father-in-law's property in the spring. The planting site is one of several that will be monitored, including frequent soil testing, during

a multi-year cover crop project along the Illinois River. The crops include oats, radish, cereal rye, turnip, buckwheat, winter peas, rapeseed/canola, barley, alfalfa, triticale, and wheat.

But before the crowd stepped out from under the tent provided by the IFB and into the sun, Stacy Zuber, the soil health specialist for the Illinois Natural Resources Conservation Service, showed the proof of cover crops' effectiveness is already in the pudding. ... er, soil.

In one hand, she took a chunk of soil from a conventionally tilled corn and soybean field. In the other she took a handful of soil fostered by the NRCS' tenets of soil health: maximizing living roots and biodiversity, minimizing disturbance and maximizing soil cover.

She dropped them into two massive plastic measuring tubes filled with water, and explained that the traditional soil had little to no aggregation and, as a result, crucial nutrients couldn't pass through its pores.

As she spoke, the tubes were already doing a fine job explaining the difference, as the water holding the traditional soil turned a nearly opaque brown.

"This blocky mass is not good for us," she said, explaining that soil without aggregation and pores will cause pooling and form a

crust on the surface, which leads to erosion and nutrient loss.

Zuber described soil as a vital, living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals and humans, thanks to its billions of bacteria, fungi and other organisms.

So how do farmers get aggregate-rich, healthy soil that results in better yields, while also taking care of Mother Earth?

"It's so important that we feed our microbes a diverse diet from our cover crops," Zuber said. "If you have corn and soybeans over two years, that's all you're getting. Certain microbes want certain foods."

Andrew Margenot, an assistant professor in the Department of Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois' College of ACES, followed Zuber's act by breaking down cover crops' three roles—pump, drill and shield—and said while some check all three boxes, some are specialists. For instance, radishes make terrific drills, as they break up soil compaction to improve aeration and water infiltration.

When Margenot brought up interseeding, such as multiple species of clover with the long-standing staple cereal rye, Steve Vogel, who owns and operates a fifth-generation no-till farm in Woodford County, said he's seen synergy in such combinations that result in

better growth all around.

But Mark Read, who has retired from farming but still manages several properties and serves as president of the Illinois Soybean Association's District 5, said an attempt to plant cover crops on cornfields using a plane was a failed project. He said he's heard from several farmers who faced the same frustration after investing their money and time.

"You only need a couple of failures before you get rid of it," Read said, adding that he's gone back to just winter cereal rye.

Margenot said anyone who wanted to further discuss cover crops, soil and water quality, nightcrawlers, pig manure or anything really, should talk with him after the event wrapped up.

"I'll be here all day," he said. "These discussions are exactly what need to be happening."

Lauren Lurkins, director of environmental policy at Illinois Farm Bureau, was happy with the robust dialogue among presenters and attendees at the field day.

She was equally overjoyed with the turnout, considering that spring events, hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic, were restricted to 35 registrants.

This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association.

'Spooky Houses' featuring tales of spooky living spaces is released

A new book focused on both fiction and non-fiction stories about spooky houses has been released by Poplar Grove-based publisher Tales of Wonder and Dread (T.O.W.D.). When the pandemic hit, Tales of Wonder and Dread cut back their publishing schedule and only released two books last year. "Spooky Houses: Spooky Fiction and Non-fiction Homebound Tales" is intended to be a return to a more normal publishing schedule from T.O.W.D.

"Spooky Houses" includes modern fiction tales from Heath D. Alberts, Elizabeth Lynn Blackson, Bill Camp, Gary Hill, Del Merritt and Kevin Wood. It also has classic fiction stories from Ambrose Bierce, Algernon Blackwood, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, H.P. Lovecraft, and Edgar Allan Poe. There are also non-fiction stories from

Rick Hale, Diane Hill, and Gary Hill.

In his blurb for the book, Stephen Osbourne, author of the "Duncan Andrews Thrillers" series, said, "Every culture around the globe has its ghostly tales and legends. We're fascinated by tales of the dead and love to shiver as we read of haunted houses and other places where the inhabitants aren't always corporeal.

"Spooky Houses" has something for every aficionado of the weird and macabre. There are classic tales by Edgar Allan Poe, H.P. Lovecraft, and others whose writings send that delicious chill down our spines. There are new tales of creeping terror, where attics contain more than memories, where bed-sheets are yanked away from unsuspecting sleepers and where closed rooms may contain secrets no one should know.

Also included are true ghost stories and legends, such as the Frank Shaver Allen House in Joliet, where a family were terrified by ghostly apparitions, and the George Stickney House in Woodstock, specifically built to keep ghosts from becoming trapped within its walls and encourage evil spirits to stay out.

"Here in 'Spooky Houses' you will find tales to make you shiver, tales that make you wonder what's lurking in the shadows, and tales to make you wonder if we're ever really alone in an old house."

Founded in 2018, Poplar Grove based Tales of Wonder and Dread Publishing has released 20 books to date.

"Spooky Houses" is available in paperback and hardcover at lulu.com/spotlight/strangesound and GaryHillAuthor.com.

Cicada killer wasps in search of cicadas, not humans

By Alli Kimmons
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The annual cicadas have begun to sing their song, and along with them comes the emergence of their natural predator, the cicada killer wasp. Despite their large size, these pollinating giants are not as threatening as they first seem.

Annual cicadas, also known as "dog day" cicadas, emerge in July and are starting to be heard in backyards across the Midwest. They are green and black with silvery wings. Hatched from eggs laid in the branches of trees, cicada nymphs fall to the ground and burrow into the soil. The nymphs feed on the sap found in tree and shrub roots for two to five years. When they emerge, they build chimneys, climb up the tree, and leave as flying adults.

The singing of these annual cicadas, or deafening chorus depending on your tolerance level, alerts predators of their presence. Cicada killer wasps come out of hibernation to feast on the annual treat. The warmer temperatures signal the cicada killer wasps to emerge, says Ken Johnson, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator, not the cicada's sound.

"Despite their menacing name, cicada killers are usually not harmful to humans despite the male's aggressive behavior," says Kelly Allsup, Illinois Extension horticulture educator.

Cicada killers are black with yellow markings on the thorax and abdomen and can



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A female cicada killer wasp paralyzes the cicada, then places it in a cell for young to feed on.

grow up to 1.5 inches. They have large, rust-colored eyes and orangish-red wings and legs.

Cicada killer wasps can sting humans if threatened, but it takes work to provoke or aggravate them. Females cicada killers can sting, but only when handled or disturbed. They do not have the instinct to protect their nests the way bees do, Allsup says. Males cannot sting, but may forcefully investigate an intruder in its territory to see if it is another male.

Cicada killers dig underground tunnels after they mate. Females prefer dry, well-drained bare ground to build their nests. They then leave in search of cicadas to feed their future larvae, stopping along the way to drink

nectar and water.

A female wasp will sting a cicada, injecting venom to paralyze it before carrying it back to the nest, where it is placed in a cell. The cicada killer lays eggs on the cicada before sealing the cell. The female may place up to three cicadas for one egg.

The wasp larvae hatch in a few days and begin to feed on the cicada throughout winter and spring. About a month before they leave the cell, the larvae spin a cocoon to pupate before emerging.

For gardeners concerned about safety of children or pets, Illinois Extension suggests planting ground covers and grass to prevent bare spots, adding mulch, and using irrigation to deter wasps from nesting.

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Grilling mistakes can be costly; stay safe during cookout season

By Diane Reinhold
NUTRITION AND WELLNESS
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Grilling is a great way to keep the kitchen cool while enjoying fresh summer foods. But the thrill of cooking outside can quickly be extinguished by a fire.

Fire departments respond to about 5,700 residential grill fires annually, most of which are between May and August, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration.

These fires cause an estimated \$37 million in damages annually and result in thousands of emergency room visits.

"The best way to prevent damages and injuries when grilling is to maintain your equipment," says Diane Reinhold, University of Illinois Extension nutrition and wellness educator and registered dietitian.

The leading cause of grill fires is mechanical failure or malfunction. Grill owners should do a safety check annually as well as every time the cylinder, hose, or regulator is disconnected.

Gas grills have a higher fire risk than charcoal because of leaks or breaks in pieces. Leaks can be caused by improperly sealed connections, cracked or split hoses, or damage from wildlife. Also that the regulator connection doesn't become clogged, Reinhold says.

To inspect a gas grill, start by mixing a 50/50 solution of dish soap and water. After installing a gas cylinder, turn all controls to the off position. Open the gas cylinder by turning the valve one rotation to the left. Then, lightly apply the soap mixture to the hose and other gas connections. If soapy bubbles form, there is a gas leak. Turn off the gas and do not attempt to grill.

Check connections to see

if they need to be tightened, then do another soap test. If the leak continues, contact a professional for service. Attempting to fix the leak yourself may lead to potentially dangerous situations.

Reinhold says the leading factor contributing to grill-related fires is a dirty grill. The build-up of grease and fat may lead to the grill overheating and could melt plastic dials and flexible hoses, warp metal, and crack ceramics.

"Contrary to popular belief that a seasoned grill provides the most flavor, it is crucial to clean grates, burners, side tables, and the grease trap," Reinhold says.

If the tiny holes where gas escapes become clogged by food, the flames will be unevenly distributed, resulting in hot or dead areas on the grill.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning grills. Regular



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Grilling is a great way to keep the kitchen cool while enjoying fresh summer foods but check your gas connections before grilling.

cleaning will help ensure the grill is performing at its best and extend its life.

It will also help prevent

food from being contaminated by harmful bacteria lingering in old grease. In warm weather, grease and oils on

grates or the bottom of the grill can quickly become rancid. This grease can vaporize and give food an off flavor.

Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation seeks applications for Community Grants

Organizations that improve children's oral health may apply by Aug. 13

Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation is now accepting applications for its annual Community Grants Program, which since 2012 has awarded 149 grants totaling more than \$1.4 million to Illinois organizations dedicated to improving children's oral health.

Applications for the 2021 Community Grants Program will be accepted until 5 p.m. Aug. 13. Up to \$20,000 will be awarded for each grant.

"For nearly a decade, our Community Grants Program

has been a steady source of support for community organizations, helping to ensure Illinois children and families receive the oral health care and education they need," said Lora Vitek, executive director of the Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation. "We continue to make a difference across the state."

To be eligible, organizations must focus on children and aim to improve oral health care access and education. Applications are being accepted online at Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation's website, deltadentalil.com/

community-grants.

Applicants must have a physical presence in the state of Illinois and must do work benefiting Illinois children. They can be a public or governmental entity, such as a public school or health department, or a public charity exempt from federal income taxes.

The grants must be used for program and project costs, which may include equipment, supplies and salaries. Preference will be given to those who help underserved communities, fulfill a unique need, have a plan and process

in place to measure and report outcomes or have a new and innovative model that can be replicated throughout the state.

The 2021 Community Grants will be awarded in October following a review process by the Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation in September.

Last year, 16 nonprofit and community organizations received grants totaling more than \$255,000. The 2020 grants provided oral health care and education to underserved children, helped families find a dental home, pro-

vided dental exams and treatment for expecting mothers, developed treatment plans for children with developmental disabilities and supported needs for personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Learn more about Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation and its Community Grants Program at deltadentalil.com/ddilfoundation.

About Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation:

The Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation was formed in March 2008 by Delta Dental of Illinois, a not-for-prof-

it dental service corporation with a mission to improve overall health and well-being. Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation is the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of Delta Dental of Illinois. In the past decade, combined efforts of Delta Dental of Illinois and Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation have provided more than \$15 million to programs and organizations in Illinois that improve the oral health of the state's residents. For additional information about Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation, visit deltadentalil.com/ddilfoundation.

Local Astrobotics student part of team to win NASA award

"I'm very happy to have UA Astrobotics recognized by NASA as the 2021 Robotic Mining Competition: Lunabotics national champion," Dr. Ken Ricks, electrical and computer engineering associate professor and team adviser said. "The Astrobotics team overcame many obstacles during a challenging year to represent UA and the College of Engineering in the highest manner."

Local UA Astrobotics team members include Jacob Pearson of Belvidere, computer science major.

After not having a competition in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the UA team returned to prominence during this year's competition called Lunabotics, which was split into two separate challenges. Alabama Astrobotics competed virtually with 52 other teams in the Design it, Build it, Dig it Challenge.

Since there was no in-person digging component with the robot this year, NASA judged the teams in five categories, which were executive summary, project management plan, systems engineering paper, public outreach and presentation/demonstration.

UA's team, made up of 50 active student members, won first place for their systems engineering paper, first place in outreach and second place in

technical presentation/demonstration, which led to the overall grand prize the Joe Kosmo Award for Excellence.

Calvin Booth, a mechanical engineering student and mechanical team lead, was thrilled about the results in his second year on the team.

"It felt amazing to see all of the hard work our team put in get recognized," Booth said. "Just like with any engineering project, some things go wrong and things break. Dr. Ricks has been able to guide us to create a systems engineering plan that allows for ample time to test, break, fix and test again. This cycle continues to occur throughout the year and makes our team and rover better each time."

Preparation for this year's competition looked different than years past because the team had to adhere to lab occupancy limitations and safety guidelines to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 infection.

"With 50 active team members and our lab limited to only eight people at one time, we had to figure out a different way to converse," Booth said. "We held large Zoom meetings to discuss important topics and only met in the lab when physical work had to be done."

These changes made the team feel behind from the start. Ricks said productivity was limited because of social

distancing, and organizing a schedule for the lab and setting deliverable deadlines was a struggle. Booth said they learned a lot during this time.

"Sometimes [the constraints] revealed challenges we were not used to, but that did not hold us back," Booth said.

Ricks agreed the team worked relentlessly to rise above the difficulties they faced. His high expectations are not easy to meet, but the team is focused on improving themselves instead of worrying about the competition.

"We work hard. I ask a lot of the students. I expect them to achieve the standard that we've established here at UA," Ricks said. "It's nice to win, but we can always do better. We're not competing against other teams. We're competing against our own internal standards. I am very proud of our team members for rising to the challenge."

This year marked Alabama Astrobotics sixth consecutive win, and the team will continue to strive for more in 2022.

"I think the passion of our team members remains one of the top reasons that we compete at such a high level. We put our hearts into this project and never back down from a challenge. Whether we're in a pandemic or not, our team members will put everything they have into creating a competition-winning rover," Booth said.

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Pritzker has 'no plans' for added mitigations

'Local control' is focus of new school guidelines

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The wide availability of COVID-19 vaccines has changed the state's approach for mitigating the virus' spread statewide and in schools.

For school districts, that means suggested rather than required guidance, with an emphasis on local control in imposing mitigations.

For the governor's office, that means there are "no plans" to reinstate some of the mitigation measures and economic shutdowns that were commonplace earlier in the pandemic.

"Restore Illinois mitigations that were enacted during the height of the pandemic allowed for safe and proven infection prevention measures since no vaccine was available," a spokesperson for the governor's office said in an email. "Currently there is no plan to implement any additional mitigations now that there is an abundance of vaccine available and accessible across Illinois. We encourage all Illinoisans ages 12+ to get vaccinated as soon as possible."

Previously, if a region had a positivity rate of 8 percent or higher for three days, the governor's office and Illinois Department of Public Health had a menu of mitigations they could put in place, such as closure of indoor dining and capacity restrictions at businesses. But, because of the vaccine's availability, those options aren't currently on the table, even as positivity rates rise in some areas and a more contagious variant of the virus spreads.

The state's guidance currently "recommends" face coverings in public indoor places for those who are unvaccinated, while masks are required on public transportation and in medical facilities.

The "recommended" masking guidance will be the same for schools after the state fully adopted U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance last week. Schools are also encouraged to maintain three feet of distance between each student.

"Pursuant to CDC guidance, Illinois school districts have local control over how they should work with local public health officials to de-

termine the prevention strategies needed in their area by monitoring levels of community transmission and local vaccine coverage, and using screening testing to detect cases in K-12 schools," an Illinois State Board of Education spokesperson said in an email Thursday.

In accordance with other CDC guidelines, masks will still be required for all passengers on school buses, regardless of the school's mask policies.

Otherwise, districts are encouraged to take a "layered" mitigation approach, accompanying masking and distancing with "screening testing, cohorting, improved ventilation, handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes, staying home when sick with symptoms of infectious illness including COVID-19, and regular cleaning," according to the CDC.

The guidance also recommends that if school administrators remove any prevention strategies based on local conditions, they should do so "one at a time and monitor closely (with adequate testing through the school and/or

community) for any increases in COVID-19 cases."

Free testing programs are available to Illinois schools through IDPH, while districts can also use federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding for screening testing as well, according to ISBE.

Operationally, ISBE has regulatory authority to reduce the recognition status of any school district exhibiting "deficiencies that present a health hazard or a danger to students or staff," pursuant to state law, according to the spokesperson. But the state board is not invoking that authority.

"ISBE is not currently taking any recognition action against any school districts. We will continue to support school districts in aligning with the new CDC guidance," the spokesperson said.

State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen Ayala issued a declaration requiring resumption of in-person learning this school year, provided remote instruction is made available for students under quarantine.

"All our students deserve to return safely in-person to

schools this fall," Ayala said in a news release. "With vaccination rates continually rising and unprecedented federal funding to support safe in-person learning, and mitigations such as contact tracing and increased ventilation in place in schools, we are fully confident in the safety of in-person learning this fall."

Districts should also promote vaccination, which is "currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic," according to the guidance.

Currently, only one of three vaccines being administered in the U.S. is approved for use in children—the two-dose Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine which has been approved for those 12 and older.

According to IDPH, approximately 55 percent of Illinoisans 12 and older had been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as of July 16, while 71 percent have received at least one dose.

The vaccination pace in Illinois has slowed, however, as the state averaged 21,217 doses per day over the previous seven days as of July 16, down from an April peak of

more than 130,000 on average. About half of the state's population was fully vaccinated as of July 16, but positivity rates were on the rise as well.

The seven-day average case positivity rate was 1.9 percent Friday, tripling its 0.6 percent rate seen as recently as June 26. The Metro East area near the St. Louis border, however, had a seven-day average test positivity rate of 7.6 percent as of the latest data reported July 16, while Region 3's rate in west central Illinois was 5.3 percent and Region 5's in southern Illinois was 6.1 percent. The other regions were at about 2 percent or lower.

IDPH maintains a website that tracks county-level metrics through which schools can monitor community spread based on test positivity rates, new cases per 100,000, youth case increases and other metrics. It measures risks based on scale of minimal to moderate to substantial.

The metrics are updated weekly based on the previous week's transmission rates, and 13 counties had triggered a warning level as of July 10, up from seven the previous week.

Governor signs ban on deceptive interrogation of minors, other criminal justice reforms

Another measure allows state's attorneys to petition for resentencing in light of rehabilitation

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Terrill Swift spent 15 years in prison, convicted of a rape and murder which DNA evidence later proved he did not commit.

On July 15, he appeared alongside lawmakers and criminal justice reform advocates in support of a bill signed by Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker to ban deceptive police interrogation of minors. The measure, Senate Bill 2122, was unanimously approved by lawmakers earlier this year, and Illinois has been hailed as the first state in the nation to enact such a law.

"When it was first brought to me, it touched me in that sense that it could have saved my life," Swift said at a news conference. "But the reality is I can't get what I got back. So moving forward, I want to try and help and make sure that this doesn't happen again."

Swift and three other teens known as the "Englewood Four"—Vincent Thames,

Harold Richardson and Michael Saunders—were each charged and sentenced in connection with the 1994 rape and murder of Nina Glover.

Swift, who was 17 at the time of the crime, and the others all signed written confessions, but later argued they were coerced. No other physical evidence linking the men to the crime was presented at trial, but all were eventually found guilty based on the confessions.

Each of the four men served more than a decade in prison until authorities retried DNA evidence in 2011 that linked the semen found in Glover's body to another man, Johnny Douglas, who was the first suspect questioned in Glover's death but was later released. Douglas, a convicted murderer and sex offender, was fatally shot in 2008 by a woman who claimed self-defense and was later acquitted.

Swift, recounting his experience, said law enforcement officials at the time asked him

to come to the police station, then told his father and uncle they were bringing him to a different station than where he ended up.

"Then when I get there, I get hit with a series of lies that I raped and murdered someone who I did not even know," he said. "I'm accused of raping and murdering someone with people whom I didn't even know. ... Michael Saunders. ... That's my brother now, but back then we were kids, we didn't even know each other."

Laura Nirider, a law professor and co-director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions at the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law where the bill was signed, said in Illinois alone there have been at least 100 recorded wrongful convictions that have been based on false confessions, including 31 cases in which a child falsely confessed.

"Many children who falsely confess do so because they are told downright falsehoods

during interrogation, statements like 'your DNA was found at the scene,' or 'if you confess, you'll get to go home,'" Nirider said.

The new law, which takes effect in January, makes such a confession by a person under the age of 18 inadmissible in court if the officer who conducted the interrogation "knowingly engages in deception."

Cook County State's Attorney Kimberly Foxx, who spoke during the bill signing Thursday, said false confessions inevitably lead to the real perpetrators walking free and potentially committing other crimes.

"This is about public safety, trust and legitimacy in our criminal justice system," she said, adding that's "how we get people who would be reluctant to engage with us to engage."

Rep. Justin Slaughter, D-Chicago, who sponsored the bill in the House, said aside from the obvious justice

and public safety aspects of the bill, it is also prudent from a fiscal perspective.

During floor debate of the bill in May, he pointed out that government entities have paid the Englewood Four more than \$30 million collectively in restitution for the wrongful incarceration.

"Taxpayers have been paying millions and millions of dollars for the cost of these settlements, and then secondly there's the unnecessary costs stemming from incarcerating an individual who's innocent," Slaughter said Thursday.

The deceptive interrogations ban was one of four bills signed July 15 by Pritzker, all of which were carried in the Senate by Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago.

"There cannot be justice if those in power are allowed to deceive," Peters said. "It is time that we move towards a new era of public safety, public safety for all, public safety by the people, public safety

that belongs to us. What does this reimagining public safety look like? It looks like what we have done in Illinois."

Other measures signed

Senate Bill 2129: Pritzker also signed a measure allowing a state's attorney to file a motion to resentencing a defendant if the original sentence "no longer advances the interests of justice."

"This bill allows prosecutors to consider factors including prison disciplinary records, proof of rehabilitation, and being a reduced risk to society due to age or health and to ensure that we continue to address mass incarceration and overly punitive sentences," Pritzker said.

The process does not allow for a reopening of a conviction or for a longer sentence than what was initially given, and victims of the crime will still be afforded rights outlined in the Rights of Crime Victims and Witness Act.

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Embrace your appreciation of the outdoors and McHenry County's wide open spaces at The Great Outdoors Beer Trail, on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 2-6 p.m. at Fel-Pro RRR Conservation Area, 1520 Crystal Lake Road in Cary.

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Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through EventBrite at [MCCD.me/GoBeerTickets](https://www.eventbrite.com/organization/mccd). Early Bird tickets are \$40 before Aug. 1; includes 3-ounce tastes and souvenir tasting glass. Limited number of VIP tickets are available for \$50, which in-

cludes one-hour early access and promo goodie bag. Late Bird tickets are \$45, before Sept. 1, and include 3-ounce tastes and souvenir tasting glass. Designated Driver tickets are available for \$10 and include water and soda, plus commemorative glass. For more information call 815-479-5779 or [www.MCCDistrict.org](https://www.mccdistrict.org).

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Huntley Police report

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11800 block of Oak Creek Parkway. A battery was reported.

July 10
10900 block of Main Street: Lynette Franklin, age 35, of the Riverdale, was arrested for an outstanding Kane County warrant for fleeing and eluding.

12500 block of Regency Parkway: An unwanted subject was reported.

July 11
10900 block of Manhattan

Drive: A motor vehicle theft was reported from the driveway.

July 12
12300 block of Rt. 47: Jose Vasquez, age 45, of Huntley, was charged with two counts of endangering the life or health of a child.

11000 block of Bonnie Brae: A criminal damage to motor vehicle was reported.

July 13
Algonquin Road/Baremar Parkway: Luis Escobar, age 46, of Crystal Lake, was arrested for driving with a revoked license, failure to yield an emergency vehicle and operation of uninsured motor vehicle.

Tech, humane treatment of herd focus of virtual dairy tour

By Christopher Heimerman
FOR ILLINOIS PRESS ASSOCIATION

It's good to be a dairy cow at Hunter Haven Farms in Pearl City.

That was made abundantly clear during a virtual tour recently hosted by the Illinois Milk Producers Association and University of Illinois Dairy Extension.

The emphasis of the tour, given by farmer Scott Brenner, was technology. In a moment we'll get to the methane biogas digester that puts the 2,000-acre operation on the cutting edge.

But humane treatment of the herd is a key factor in the nearly 100 pounds of milk per day the farm gets from each of its 900-plus cows. Participant Mike Hutjens, a professor emeritus at U of I who was raised on a 313-acre dairy farm near Green Bay, Wis., asked Brenner what, exactly, he monitors on his farm.

"You can tell a lot about how a cow is feeling by just looking at her," Brenner said. "Are her ears up? How do her eyes look? Is her udder full?"

He said the simple act of keeping heifers, animals who have never given birth before, and cows, animals who have already given birth, separate reaps big dividends.

"Cows are very social animals," he said. "They have a pecking order, just like people." Brenner said it's crucial to consistently crunch the numbers to know exactly how many

heifers you need to maximize the operation, and to leverage the data and control the size of the herd and minimize the number of animals that get sold into feedlot operations.

"We're trying to get the numbers right, so there aren't many animals who don't make the team," Brenner said.

On the subject of efficiency, the farm uses an elaborate, anaerobic digester that ... well ... digests methane from manure and turns it into energy used on the farm.

Brenner spends all of 10 minutes a day with the biogas digester. He compared its digesting process to that of a cow, and said its performance hinges on what the cows are eating.

"It's a flow system like a cow, and the digester has to be treated like a cow," he said. "If cows slug [down] feed and get a gut ache, that thing will get a gut ache. If you treat it as a piece of equipment, you're going to be frustrated with it."

To really drive home the comparison, the digester uses a boiler and heat coils to heat water to 101 degrees—the same temperature of a healthy cow.

In addition to producing natural gas, the digester produces biodegradable, comfortable bedding for the cows, which is added every morning to the stalls. The farm sells tons of additional bedding to a neighboring dairy farm.

Exploring new solutions

The farm could explore inte-

grating solar panels into the operation someday, but Brenner said a project proposed would cost nearly a million dollars. The farm is instead investing its resources in air flow to keep the cows comfortable and, in turn, productive. It's invested in massive tunnel fans on the end of the dairy barn, and more fans are being installed inside, with the goal of getting steady air flow up to between 7 and 9 mph.

"For us, air flow, and the animals' comfort, that's what it's all about," Brenner said. "We don't have an endless supply of money. Everybody's looking at solar, but we made this system fit us. We'll let the solar thing work its way out for us. It might be something we can get involved with, but I don't know."

The farm finds plenty of other ways to be a good steward. Brenner and the team are constantly tinkering with their cover crops, although seeding rye in the fall, right after the harvest, is a standby.

The farm's soil contains a lot of clay, and its rolling topography means a great deal of erosion.

"We've learned a lot in the past three or four years about what cover crops work, and what won't. What works one year might not work the next. It's a very fickle thing," Brenner said. "Anything we can do to help with soil replacement is very important to us."

Being agile with deci-

sion-making and being willing to scrap aspects of the operation are crucial to a farm's longevity.

"Maybe you just need to tear the whole thing down and build it again. We've done that here," Brenner said, citing the farm's overhaul of its breeding program, which included shipping excess heifers to a farm in southwest Kansas.

"If you'd told me I'd have cows in Johnson City, Kansas, I would have told you you're crazy," he said.

The Kansas farm features a dirt lot and a concrete feed pad, which conditions in northeast Illinois don't accommodate.

"Just because it's the way things have been done the past 25 years doesn't mean it's right," Brenner said. "You just need to take a holistic approach. There's never anything that's off the table."

Whether determining economic benchmarks or discussing succession plans, open, honest, and proactive conversations are vital.

"There are some hard questions that need to be asked and answered, and some of those conversations aren't very fun," Brenner said. "There's give and take, just like anything, but if everybody has the same goal in the end, you can make it work."

This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association.

Woodstock Police report

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

An arrest does not constitute a conviction, and suspects

are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

July 9, 9:39 p.m., Route 47/Lucas Road: Dean C. Malambri, 52, of Woodstock, was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident involving damage to attended vehicle, following

too closely, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and driving on the wrong side of the road.

July 10, 11:05 p.m., 3700 block of Doty Road: Bradley J. Lamkin, 27, no address given, was arrested for possession of

a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

July 14, 10:37 a.m., 300 block of North Madison: Andrew J. Krueger, 31, of Woodstock, was arrested for aggravated battery to a peace officer, retail theft and resisting a peace officer.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-KS11
Plaintiff,
-v.-
SCOTT GRIGSBY et al
Defendant

2020CH44
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 29, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 13, 2021, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 343 AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT 4 BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 27 AND 28 TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 72-415 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 101 BENEDICT DRIVE SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 03-28-276-002

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation.

No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No 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. The subject property is subject to general real estate tax-

es, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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**STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
BOONE COUNTY**

Request of:

Hannah Renae Smith

**PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(ADULT)
21-MR-72
Case Number**

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from:

Hannah Renae Smith
to the new name of:

Hannah Renae Schlanger
The court date will be held on 8/13/21 at 9:15 a.m. at 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 Boone County in Courtroom #3.

Electronically Signed by:
Linda J. Anderson

Clerk of the Circuit Court
/s/Hannah Renae Smith

Hannah Renae Smith
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**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 17TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE**

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
ANNA LOUISE
WENNMACHER,
deceased.

Case No. 2021-P-42
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ANNA LOUISE WENNMACHER, of Belvidere, Illinois, who died on June 4, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on June 29, 2021 to BRENDA S. TOBIN, 2722 Stearman Street, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065, as executor, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the executor is John H. Maville, 600 South State Street, Suite #307, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the legal representative, or both, on or before January 13, 2022, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

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

Dated: June 30, 2021
BRENDA S. TOBIN
Representative

LAW OFFICES OF
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**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
MCHENRY COUNTY,
ILLINOIS**

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST E,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.

JOHN LYDON, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JEANIE MARIE SANDORE, DECEASED; LORI MORVAY A/K/A LORINA MORVAY A/K/A LORINDA MORVAY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JEANIE SANDORE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.

NO. 21 CH 000041
401 HAROLD STREET
CRYSTAL LAKE, IL
60014
JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE BY
PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU,

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Jeanie Sandore
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 72 IN FIRST ADDITION TO COLBY'S HOME ESTATES, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 21, 1956 AS DOCUMENT NO. 313057, IN BOOK 12 OF PLATS, PAGE 89, IN MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 401 Harold Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
and which said Mortgage was made by,
Jeanie Marie Sandore
a/k/a Jeanie M Sandore

a/k/a Jeanie Sandore and Ronald T Slaughter
Mortgagor(s), to
Woodfield Planning Corporation

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of McHenry County, Illinois, as Document No. 1999R0034362; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before August 16, 2021, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider.

If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org.

If you are unable to pay your court fees, you can apply for a fee waiver. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
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File No. 21-07090IL
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**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 22ND
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MCHENRY COUNTY
- WOODSTOCK,
ILLINOIS**

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREEMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-C, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-C;
Plaintiff,
vs.
NICOLETA CRETU; THE SPRING LAKE FARM HOMEOWNERS

ASSOCIATION;
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
19 CH 261

ASSOCIATION;
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
19 CH 261

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, August 19, 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:

LOT 120 IN SPRING LAKE FARMS UNIT 4, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 5, 1992 AS DOCUMENT NO. 92R30926, IN MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 18-24-403-030.

Commonly known as 975 Aster Court, Lake In The Hills, IL 60156.

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 Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455.
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INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 17TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
MICHAEL A. KELLEY,
deceased.

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College news

Local students make Bradley's Spring 2021 Dean's List

More than 1,800 students were named to Bradley's Dean's List for Spring 2021. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Your local students include:

Belvidere: Chelsey Recendez majoring in Biomedical Science Pre-Med.

Jacqueline Rosas majoring in Construction.

Avry Blume majoring in Pre-Education & Health Science.

Emma Knaup majoring in Advertising & Public Relations.

Mark Grant majoring in Chemistry Pre-Pharmacy.

Diana Cruz majoring in Psychology.

Poplar Grove: Jennifer Kosirovski majoring in Nursing.

Local student graduates from Bradley University

Bradley University congratulates the 1,000-plus students who earned degrees in May.

Belvidere: Emma Knaup graduated with a BA in Advertising & Public Relations.

Local students named to spring 2021 Dean's List at Aurora University

Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors (*) have earned a perfect 4.0.

Belvidere: Lillian Garcia, Art, Graphic Design

Capron: Jessica Santos*, BA, Business Management

Christina Tellez*, Pre-Nursing

Garden Prairie: Alyssa Chin*, Mathematics, Secondary Education

Poplar Grove: Olivia Hesterly*, Nursing

Trinity Christian College honors graduates

Trinity Christian College celebrated commencement on May 8 and honored the graduates of the Class of 2021, who include:

Belvidere: Coral Nava, Bachelor of Social Work and Bachelor of Arts

Baylor University celebrates graduates

Baylor University celebrated more than 7,500 graduates of the Classes of 2020 and 2021 during six in-person commencement ceremonies May 6-8 at McLane Stadium on the banks of the Brazos River.

Poplar Grove: Samuel George Maxey, Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, College of Arts & Sciences, Dec. 2020.

Area students named to University of Wisconsin-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 Spring 2021 semester. UWM is the second largest university in

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Case No. 2021-P-44 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MICHAEL A. KELLEY of Poplar Grove, Illinois, who died on May 2, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on July 2, 2021 to SARAH E. KELLEY, 960 Waco Way, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065, as executor, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the executor is John H. Maville, 600 South State Street, Suite #307, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the legal representative, or both, on or before January 27, 2022, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

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

Dated: July 9, 2021
SARAH E. KELLEY,
Representative

LAW OFFICES OF
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cemetery Trustees of the Town of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois, shall conduct a public meeting at 7:30 am. on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, in the Office of the Town of Belvidere, 8200 Fairgrounds Road, Belvidere, Illinois, for the purpose of formulating a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance, and to consider requests for funds to operate and maintain public cemeteries not operated for profit within Belvidere Township.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
By: JOHN H. MAVILLE,
Attorney

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July 22, 2021)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY,

ILLINOIS REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING, LLC Plaintiff,

-v.-
WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, APPOINTED AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WALTER F. GORHAM (DECEASED), JASON GORHAM, DONALD GORHAM, JANICE ZIEBKA, DOUGLAS GORHAM, REGINA GORHAM, KIRSTEN GYORKOS, MONIKA OLMSTEAD, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WALTER F. GORHAM, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant

2019CH85 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 11, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 16, 2021, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

A LOT OF LOAN FRONTING 4 RODS WIDE ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF MADISON STREET AND RUNNING BACK ABOUT 8 RODS AND 5 FEET; BEING A PART OF LOT 6 IN ASSESSOR'S ADDITION TO BELVIDERE AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF SAID BOONE COUNTY IN BOOK 33 OF DEEDS, ON PAGE 551, IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3, EAST OF THE 3RD P.M., BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF EAST MADISON STREET AS EXTENDED FROM THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF BELVIDERE, 4 RODS NORTHEASTERLY FROM THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 6 IN SAID ASSESSOR'S ADDITION AND RUNNING THENCE ON SAID MADISON STREET LINE NORTHEASTERLY 4 RODS; THENCE PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 6 IN SAID ASSESSOR'S ADDITION SOUTHEASTERLY ABOUT 8 RODS AND 5 FEET TO A POINT MIDWAY BETWEEN SAID LINE OF MADISON STREET AND THE NORTHERLY LINE OF HURLBUT AVENUE EXTENDED FROM WHAT WAS FORMERLY CALLED EAST STREET IN CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO BELVI-

DERE; THENCE PARALLEL WITH SAID LINE OF MADISON STREET AND MIDWAY BETWEEN SAID STREET LINES SOUTHWESTERLY 4 RODS; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTLY TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BELVIDERE, IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WITH ALL ALLEY RIGHTS APPERTAINING FROM THE REAR OF SAID LOT AND SUBJECT TO ALL ALLEY RIGHTS ACROSS THE REAR FIVE FEET OF SAID LOT NOW EXISTING IN FAVOR OF ADJOINING OWNERS OR LOTS, OR THE PUBLIC. ALL SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 811 E. MADISON STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-25-153-007

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$154,709.90.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No 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. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, Alexander Potestivo, POTES TIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 310137. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610 Chicago IL, 60606 312-263-0003 E-Mail: ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com Attorney File No. 310137 Case Number: 2019CH85 TJSC#: 41-1064

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)ss
COUNTY OF BOONE)
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY BOONE - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of SARA L. OWENS, Deceased.

Case No. 21 P 38 CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of Sara L. Owens. Letters of Office were issued on June 11, 2021, to Vanessa Nelson, Administrator, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Nathan J. Noble, P.C., 504 North State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before January 22, 2022, 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 against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk-Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N Main St, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the estate legal representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office-Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to his attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Date: 7/15/21

Nathan J. Noble
Attorney for Administrator
Nathan J. Noble, P.C.
Attorney Nathan J. Noble
504 North State Street
Belvidere, IL 61008
815.547.7700

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BOONE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY, NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF THE 2022 CIVIL RIGHTS CERTIFICATION

The Boone County Housing Authority (BCHA) has submitted its 2022 Civil Rights Recertification. A 45 day comment period has been established beginning 07/15/21 through 08/30/21. Throughout the public comment period, the document may be viewed on Wednesdays from 8 am - 4 pm at the BCHA office by appointment, located at 2036 North State Street, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 by contacting Kristin Andrews at Kandrews@ni-reach.org. On 09/17/21 at 9:30 am the BCHA Board of Commissioners will host a public hearing to consider any feedback or modifications to the document submission. Public comments may also be written and submitted to Alan Zais, Executive Director, Boone County Housing Authority, 2036 North State Street, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008.

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College (Continued from page 9)

the State of Wisconsin, with more than 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Belvidere:
Allegra Arco, School of the Arts-Undergrad
Aleksa Craig, School of the Arts-Undergrad

Liam Martinez, Social Welfare Undergraduate

Caledonia:
Abigail Ciaccio, Business Undergraduate

Emma Hammer, Health Sciences Undergraduate

Capron:
Haley Grimm, Education Undergraduate

Poplar Grove:
Bailey Kowalkowski, Education Undergraduate

Knap graduates from Bradley University

Belvidere native Emma Knap graduated with a BA in Advertising & Public Relations from Bradley University in May. Knap was among the 1,000-plus students who earned degrees.

Alayna Weber graduates from Missouri State University

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Alayna Weber of Belvidere graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Students who graduated with honors completed at least 30 undergraduate credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

Wheaton College students named to Spring 2021 Dean's List

The following students in your coverage area received Dean's List honors at Wheaton College:

Caledonia:
Jason Koehler

Dean's List honors are earned by undergraduate students who carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Christian Buzzard named to Dean's List at Bethel University

Christian Buzzard, a sophomore at Bethel University in St. Paul, has been named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2021 semester. He is the son of Terry and Brenda Buzzard from Belvidere.

The Dean's List honors students who achieve an outstanding scholastic record during a semester with a grade point

average of 3.6 or greater.

Area students receive degrees from UW-River Falls

The following local residents were among 854 students to receive degrees from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in May. Bachelor's degrees were awarded to 751 undergraduates while 103 students received

master's degrees.

Belvidere:
Brock Irwin, Bachelor of Science, Dairy Science

UW-Platteville announces Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in the spring 2021

semester.

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.

Students from this area on

the Dean's List include:

Belvidere:
Ben Dorn, Engineering Physics
Brittney Havens, Elementary Education
Nicholas Oysti, Biology
Emma Wallace, Ornamental Horticulture
Caledonia:
Alicia Limones, Agricultural Education

REAL ESTATE LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-KS11

Plaintiff, -v.- SCOTT GRIGSBY et al Defendant

2020CH44 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 29, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 13, 2021, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 101 BENEDICT DRIVE SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065 Property Index No. 03-28-276-002

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No 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. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765

ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-20-02364 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2020CH44 TJSC#: 41-480

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MCHENRY COUNTY - WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREEMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-C, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-C;

Plaintiff, vs. NICOLETA CRETU; THE SPRING LAKE FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

19 CH 261 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, August 19, 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. 18-24-403-030. Commonly known as 975 Aster Court, Lake In The Hills, IL 60156. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family res-

idence. 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 Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W19-0419 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3171931

(Published in the McHenry County News July 15, 22 & 29, 2021) 399677

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING, LLC

Plaintiff, -v.- WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, APPOINTED AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WALTER F. GORHAM (DECEASED), JASON GORHAM, DONALD GORHAM, JANICE ZIEBKA, DOUGLAS GORHAM, REGINA GORHAM, KIRSTEN GYORKOS, MONIKA OLMSTEAD, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WALTER F. GORHAM, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendant 2019CH85 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 11, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 16, 2021, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 811 E. MADISON STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-25-153-007

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$154,709.90.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No 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. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 310137. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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Career (Continued from page 2)

Winnebago and Boone Counties. The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation also provides scholarship opportunities for Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau members interested in a degree in Agriculture.

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admissions/financial-aid/scholarships and www.winnegaboonefarmbureau.org/scholarships.html.

For more information on Highland Community Colleges Ag Program, visit highland.edu/academics/agriculture.

Thanks for joining me this week!

Ban (Continued from page 6)

It passed the House on a 61-48 vote and the Senate by a 31-17 vote, each with no Republican support.

Senate Bill 64: Another measure aims to encourage restorative justice by making "anything said or done" in the course of a restorative justice practice "privileged," meaning it cannot be used "in any civil, criminal, juvenile, or administrative proceeding."

Illinois first began using restorative justice courts in 2017. According to the Illinois State Bar Association, restorative justice is meant to bring together the offenders, victims and communities to "address and repair the harm."

The legislation defines this practice as when "parties who have caused harm or who have been harmed and community

stakeholders collectively gather to identify and repair harm to the extent possible, address trauma, reduce the likelihood of further harm, and strengthen community ties."

That measure passed the Senate 39-17 with only Democratic support and the House 82-32 with bipartisan support.

House Bill 3587: The final bill signed by Pritzker creates a Resentencing Task Force to "study innovative ways to reduce the prison population in Illinois from initiations of resentencing motions filed by incarcerated individuals, state's attorneys, the Illinois Department of Corrections and the judicial branch," according to the legislation.

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