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Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile

The McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) reports a mosquito batch collected in Fox River Grove on July 13 has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). MCDH has tested 260 mosquito batches to date and all other mosquito samples have been negative.

This is the first mosquito batch that has tested positive for West Nile virus in McHenry County this year but is not unusual during this time and the risk of WNV typically remains until the first hard

frost. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), there have been no positive birds, 81 WNV positive mosquito batches and 0 reported human cases in Illinois.

Infected birds can become carriers of WNV through the bite of an infected mosquito and then pass the virus onto mosquitoes that feed on them. WNV is transmitted to humans predominantly through the bite of Culex mosquitoes, which is the primary vector for WNV transmission in Il-

linois. Illness from WNV is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches but serious illnesses, such as encephalitis, meningitis and death, are possible. Persons 60 and older have the highest risk of serious illness. There is no vaccine available for WNV.

The best way to prevent WNV is to reduce the number of mosquito breeding sites around your home and to take personal precautions.

- Empty standing water from containers around the house (tires, neglected

swimming pools, bird baths, clogged gutters and buckets); make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens.

- Limit outdoor activities when Culex mosquitoes are most active (dusk, dawn) and wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants for extra protection.

- Use and apply insect repellents per label directions:

Insect repellents containing 20 percent or more DEET (less for children) are effective.

- Insect repellents including oil of lemon eucalyptus or Picaridin may be used as an

alternative to DEET.

- Apply repellents per label directions. Consult with a doctor before using any repellent on infants.

From May through October, Department of Health staff conduct WNV surveillance throughout the county. Mosquito batch collections and testing are conducted weekly. In addition, MCDH collects a limited number of dead birds for testing each mosquito season. Contact the Division of Environmental Health at 815-334-4585 if you find a dead

crow, blue jay or other perching birds. Bird specimens must be in good condition in order to be tested (no signs of insects, obvious injury or decay). Avoid bare-hand contact when handling any dead animal, although there is no evidence WNV infection occurs this way.

For more information on mosquitoes and West Nile virus, visit the Division of Environmental Health's website under Nuisance Control at www.mcdh.info or call 815-334-4585.

Standards ensure produce is ripe, ready, safe to enjoy

By Katie Zelechowski
ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU

Have you ever gotten home with a bag of fresh produce and wondered what to do with it? Do those colorful fruits and veggies go immediately in the fridge, or are you supposed to wash them off first?

The short answer is that you should always wash your fruits and vegetables before eating them.

Even prewashed foods, like leafy greens, should be rinsed, according to Illinois Farm Bureau Associate Director of Food Systems Development Raghela Scavuzzo. She recommends washing produce with a hard, peelable skin ahead of time but waiting to clean off soft fruits, such as strawberries or blueberries, until right before you plan to eat them.

"We're not talking about extensive washing—just enough to wash the dirt off and make sure it's clean," she said.

Farmers also play a vital role in ensuring the food we eat is grown in a safe, affordable and environmentally friendly way. With help from state and national regulatory agencies, families can focus on making memories while cooking fun summer recipes, rather than worrying about the safety of ingredients.

Under the Food Quality Protection Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) establishes safe pesticide residue levels for commodities. Once levels are established, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) monitors them and the Food and Drug Administration enforces them.

"When all of these are put together, I think it should give consumers confidence that we are living up to food quality protection (standards)," said Brenda Foos, director for the USDA Agricultural Marketing Services Monitoring Pro-

grams Division.

USDA collects food samples from distribution centers near consumers and tests them for pesticide residue levels. Fresh and processed fruits and vegetables, dairy products, nuts, greens, honey and bottled water are examined in the program.

Nine states, including Illinois, participate in the collection process and state agencies help USDA test the samples.

More than 600 samples of 14 different commodities are tested for pesticide resi-

due each year, totaling nearly 10,000 samples of conventionally and organically grown foods.

High-consumption commodities are rotated through the program every five years.

"We just don't have the resources to monitor all foods every year," Foos said.

Over the past five years combined, less than 1 percent of tested food samples showed levels that exceeded set tolerances, while nearly 99 percent remained within acceptable ranges.

"Data continues to show that when pesticide residues are found on foods, they are nearly always at levels below the tolerances for maximum residue levels that are set by the Environmental Protection Agency," Foos said.

2019 was the first time in 30 years that the rate exceeded 1 percent. Foos said the increase, which reached 1.29 percent, was largely due to a single commodity—basil.

"Basil accounted for nearly 75 percent of the samples that exceeded the tolerance," she

said. The EPA responded by revising tolerances for herbs and spices, including basil, which Foos said should alleviate any concerns.

Under the federal Food Safety Modernization Act, every farm that sells fruits and vegetables in Illinois must comply with industry standards and sanitation guidelines.

"There's a whole list of regulations that our farms have

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Masks now required at Driver Services facilities

Due to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, Secretary of State Jesse White announced that Driver Services facilities, Secretary of State offices and the Illinois State Capitol Building began requiring all employees and customers to wear a mask as of Monday, Aug. 2.

White stressed that it is imperative for his facilities to remain open to serve the public to reduce the heavy customer volume caused by the COVID-19 pandemic over the last year. White said reinstating the mask policy for employees and customers will help achieve this goal.

White is reminding customers that his office extended expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards until Jan. 1, 2022. As a result, expired documents will remain valid until

Jan. 1, 2022, so customers do not need to rush into a facility.

White continues to urge the public to consider using online services when possible instead of visiting a facility due to heavy customer volume. White has greatly expanded online services and encourages the public to visit his office's website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Many transactions can be conducted online, including the purchase of license plate stickers, obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, and renewing driver's licenses and ID cards, including REAL IDs, for those who are eligible.

As a reminder, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.



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Judges have sweet job

What this year's Heritage Fair pie baking contest lacked in numbers, it made up for in quality. This year's judges—state Sen. Craig Wilcox, Carol Richardson of Richardson Adventure Farm in Richmond and the last Heritage Fair pie baking champ, Jim Ratway of Woodstock—set the table for a competitive taste-off by McHenry County Historical Society Administrator Kurt Begalka. In the final analysis, Kathy Betke's pecan pie prevailed as grand champion over still-warm peach of an entry. Judges remarked on its crust, texture and flavor. This year's winners were: Fruit: 1st-Judy Link, Marengo (peach); 2nd-Melissa and Oakley Schultz, Union (apple); 3rd-Adrienne Adams, Richmond (peach). Mixed fruit/other: 1st-Kathy Betke, McHenry (pecan); 2nd-Kathy Betke (strawberry/rhubarb); 3rd-Meg Shaw, Evanston (strawberry/rhubarb). Thanks to all the bakers who participated in the contest and bake sale, which benefited MCHS. An apple pie contest is planned for Cider Fest on Sunday, Oct. 2. Visit GotHistory.org for details as it draws closer.

VIEWPOINT

Slices of life

Laughing at the perks of widowhood

"There is a thin line that separates laughter and pain, comedy and tragedy, humor and hurt." - Erma Bombeck

I find it appropriately appropriate that the introductory quote for this column comes from the person who inspired my writing. Erma was funny, but she was wise as well.

In the vein of the opening quote, I give you perspectives on widowhood. I've lamented and bemoaned my circumstance, not understanding why such a thing could possibly happen to me.

But it did. And lamenting and bemoaning, however appropriate, are just not all that fun. And life is meant to be fun; it is meant to be filled with



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

joy and laughter, in the best of times, but even and maybe more importantly in the worst of times.

With that thought in mind, I've put together a short list of the many perks of widowhood. They come in the wake of lamenting. They come in the wake of living out something beyond your reality. They come despite it all.

Perks I've noticed about widowhood:

You can double dip into the

salsa or sour cream and no one cares.

You not only get to pick the TV show, you get to hold the remote (and control the volume!).

No one steals your covers or hogs all the pillows.

No more wasted time being intimate with the person you love. That leaves you free to pursue other hobbies, like lying awake and staring at the ceiling.

Less laundry. Less clothes in the closet. More hanger space for you!

You never have to worry about what you're going to do on Friday night. Netflix rocks! So does drinking alone.

Simplicity in the kitchen: you get to cook dinner for one

every night.

No bickering about whose turn it is to take out the garbage or mow the grass or unload the dishwasher. It's always your turn!

No more fighting for alone-time.

No need to expend the time, energy, or money on one of those sappy, romantic anniversary cards.

If someone forgets to flush the toilet, you know who to blame.

So many (many, many) invitations to social events. (Not.) But that's okay because antisocial is the new black.

No one to ask you how your day went. (Who wants to rehash that crap?)

You only have to make half

the bed.

Disconnecting their cell phone think of the monthly savings! (Not to mention the time you save not having to text them multiple times a day.)

No more private jokes. Those personal moments are so over-rated anyway.

A streamlined schedule. No need for kisses goodbye, kisses hello, or bedtime kisses.

You get to figure out how to do all the things he or she used to do, like pay the bills, fix a faucet, and cook. Remember, learning is growing.

When you go out to eat, no one will say "Want to split dessert?" You get to eat the whole thing yourself.

And so on ... The perks are never-ending, just like grief.

It feels weird to laugh, when you are supposed to be sad, when society almost requires you to be sad (but doesn't want you to cry in public too uncomfortable!) But in the wake of grief, laughter feels good, even if it feels a little out of place or weird. It shouldn't. Laughter is natural. It is healing. It is a universal human behavior, and that speaks volumes.

Erma was right. Laughter and pain are separated by a thin line. I, for one, choose to cross it.

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Kopp disclosure

By Dr. Robert Kopp
CONTRIBUTOR

Part 1
You may recall the story of Gomer and Hosea in the Bible.

It's a metaphor for God's relationship with us; or perhaps better said, God's faithfulness to us despite our infidelities to Him. Or to put it another way, it's about how we keep insulting God's holiness and sending Him to bed in tears because of our shameless ingratitude for His graces in time and forever by grace through faith in Jesus.

I really like how Frederick Buechner summarized the story in "Peculiar Treasures": "She was always good company—a little heavy with the lipstick maybe, a little less than choosy about men and booze, a little loud, but great on a party and always good for a laugh.

Then the prophet Hosea came along wearing a sandwich board that read 'The End is at Hand' on one side and 'Watch Out' on the other ...

"The first time he asked her to marry him, she thought he was kidding. The second time she knew he was serious but thought he was crazy. The third time she said yes. He wasn't exactly a swinger, but he had a kind face, and he was generous, and he wasn't all that crazier than everybody else. Besides, any fool could see he loved her.

"Give or take a little, she even loved him back for a while, and they had three children whom Hosea named with queer names like Not-pitched-for-God-will-no-longer-pity-Israel-now-that-it's-gone-to-the-dogs so that every time the roll was called at school, Hosea would be scoring a prophetic bulls-eye in absentia. But everybody could see the marriage wasn't going to last, and it didn't.

"While Hosea was off hitting the sawdust trail, Gomer took to hitting as many night spots as she could squeeze into a night, and any resemblance between her next batch of children and Hosea was purely coincidental. It almost killed him, of course. Every time he raised a hand to her, he burst into tears. Every time she raised one to him, he was the one who ended up apologizing.

"He tried locking her out of the house a few times when she wasn't in by five in the morning, but he always opened the door when she finally showed up and helped get her to bed if she couldn't see straight enough to get there herself. Then one day, she didn't show up at all.

"He swore that this time he was through with her for keeps, but of course he wasn't.

"He changed the sandwich board to read 'God is love' on

one side and 'There's no end to it' on the other, and when he stood on the street corner belting out ... [the message from God] ... 'How can I give up on you ... For I am God not man' ... nobody can say how many converts he made, but one thing that's for sure is that, including Gomer's, there was seldom a dry eye in the house."

I remember preaching about that about 40 years ago at Clark, New Jersey's Osceola

Presbyterian Church. Anyway, during that sermon, I caught everybody's attention—a rare thus remembered moment—by asking, "OK, so how many hookers do we have with us this morning? Any ex-cons? How about folks on parole? Any serial sexual sinners? I know we've got a bunch of gossips and liars and weekend warriors that embarrass Jesus during the week; but how about some...?"

I went on to list all kinds of low-lives and ne'er-do-wells that turn blue hair green.

Then I said, "If our pews aren't filled with ... everyone and all kinds ... the good and bad and ugly ... something's wrong with us because Someone's missing ... Jesus said, 'Come to Me, everyone of you, and I will take care of you.'"

Then I shouted out, "Let's remember how He said, 'For God so loved the world ...'"

(John 3:16-17). All lives matter to God no matter who, what, where, when or why. That's the only narrative worth repeating.

God says all lives matter. God said that.

People who love God believe that. That settles it.

Hmm, maybe we can make that into a bumper sticker or T-shirt.

The Christian message is revolutionary and counter-culture.

God says all lives matter

Back in the saddle

See you at the fair

By Ann Marie Cain, FBCM MANAGER, WINNEBAGO-BOONE COUNTY BUREAU
Farm fairs- Aug. 10-15 and Aug. 18-22

Fair time is just around the corner. Join us at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere for the Boone County Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 10 through Sunday, Aug. 15, and at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds in Pecatonica for the Winnebago County Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 18

through Sunday, Aug. 22. Stop in and visit with us in the Farm Bureau building (Boone County Fairgrounds) or Moss Hall (Winnebago County Fairgrounds). Search for the queen bee in our observation hive; watch chicks hatch (Boone County only) and check out our variety of displays on various types of agriculture. WBFB members, stop by, update your membership info and receive a coupon for a free ice cream

(one per family).
Fair week office hours
During the fairs, Aug. 9-20, the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Member Services will be available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. via phone at 815-962-0653. The office will be open for walk-in service Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. To those of you who ordered peaches, pick-up is still scheduled for Monday, Aug. 16. More information

will be provided closer to date.
Informational new entry-level driver training online meeting
Illinois Farm Bureau is hosting an online informational meeting on Aug. 31 to provide information about the new entry-level driver training (ELDT) related to new Commercial Driver's License (CDL) requirements. The

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Outdoor concert at Ida Public Library brings joy to adults and kids

By Anne Eickstadt
EDITOR

On Monday, July 26, visitors bringing chairs and blankets came to the lot behind the Ida Public Library for an evening with Belvidere singer-songwriter Dan Holmes. The evening was warm enough that Library Director Mindy Long made the decision to not light a campfire. Dan Holmes and members of the audience agreed with that decision.

He said, "I thought the idea of a campfire sing-along was fun, until I realized that I don't know any campfire songs." He then treated us to classic songs such as "The City of New Orleans," "Feelin' Groovy," "Moon Shadow," "The Garden Song" and "Here Comes the Sun."

He called the kids up to the front and we watched them dance happily to "Puff the Magic Dragon," "Country Road" and even "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah" and "Bear Necessities." Holmes continued to play until one of his guitar strings broke. He finished the song and called it a night.

Holmes is an "old school singer/songwriter" creating music about the presence of God in our world. His musical influences include Paul Simon, Dan Fogelberg, James Taylor and others. He has performed at over 150 churches in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Florida, Ohio and California. He has also performed at the Illinois State Fair and the "Susan G. Komen 3 Day Walk For Breast Cancer Cure." Holmes has written music for the Appalachia Service Project and has toured England in 2014 and 2016.

"Through the sharing of music, we can celebrate what God is doing in us, for us and through us," he commented. "I am an old school singer/songwriter bringing a gentle Christian message of hope."

His music will touch you, inspire you and move you.

Holmes is about to head to Colorado to play at the YMCA in the Rockies in Estes Park. Then he travels east to New York to the Bethel Arts Center for a James Taylor and Jackson Browne concert. He is scheduled most Sundays at various churches, will return to the Ida Public Library on Monday, Aug. 23, for another sing-along, and is scheduled to play at the Boone County Historic Commission's Awards Ceremony in October.

Holmes' schedule can be found at danholmesmusic.com under the Calendar tab.



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A nice-size group of both young and mature people came to the Ida Public Library's back lot to enjoy the music of Dan Holmes on Monday, July 26.



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Kids splashed and played in both the wading pool and the main pool at the William Grady Pool Family Fun Day at Belvidere Park.

Family Day at the William Grady Pool

By Anne Eickstadt
EDITOR

The Belvidere Park District, Belvidere Family YMCA, Dairy Farmers of America (DFA), Ida Public Library and the Belvidere Police Department partnered together on Friday, July 30, at the William Grady Pool to host a Family Day celebration.

"The YMCA and the Belvidere Park District [have] a wonderful working relationship with the William Grady Pool," said Y Executive Director Jen Jacky. "So today we decided to take it to the next level and hold a Community Fun Day. I even invited the Belvidere Police Department and the Ida Public Library to join us.

"We are holding seahorse races, pool noodle fishing, and a flip/splash contest. We are lucky enough to get volunteers from different schools to help carry out the activities from noon to 3 p.m."

The Ida Public Library gave away boxes of crayons and provided coloring pages for the kids and held a Bingo game during the scheduled

Adult Swim times. Officer Friendly of the Belvidere Police Department offered ice cream sandwiches supplied by the DFA until supplies ran out. Firefighters from the Belvidere Fire Department also came to the William Grady Pool to watch the fun, chat with the kids, and enjoy the beautiful day with members of the community.

Red Cross: Emergency need for donors

Shortage continues this summer due to increased demand for blood

Give now through Aug. 15 for chance to win a trip for two to sold-out Bonnaroo and more.

The American Red Cross has an emergency need for life-saving blood amid the ongoing severe blood shortage. Blood and platelet donations continue to be critical to meet hospital demand and the public is urged to make an appointment to give now.

The Red Cross has been distributing about 12 percent more blood products to hospitals across the U.S. compared to this time last year. The Red Cross needs to collect more than 1,000 additional blood donations each day to meet the current hospital demand and end the severe blood shortage. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially type O, which stands at just a one-day supply right now.

To thank donors who help ensure a strong blood and platelet supply this month, all who come to give through Aug. 15 will automatically be entered for a chance to win an exclusive, VIP trip for two to the sold-out 2021 Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival. Those who come to donate throughout August will also receive a free four-month

subscription offer to Apple Music by email (new subscribers only). More details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/FeelTheBeat.

Donors who give now will help stock the shelves as we wind down the summer season. Schedule an appointment to give blood or platelets by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In most cases, those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine can donate. However, knowing the name of the manufacturer of the vaccine they received is important in determining donation eligibility.

You do not have to wait for a blood drive to occur in your area. You can make an appointment to donate blood at the Rock River Valley Blood Center, 1740 S. State St., Belvidere, 815-965-8751.

About blood donation

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass. With RapidPass, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Health insights for donors

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is also screening all blood, platelet, and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more

quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Blood drive safety

The Red Cross has updated its pandemic safety protocols in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Fully vaccinated individuals, including staff and donors, no longer need to wear masks or socially distance. Unvaccinated individuals continue to be required to wear masks and socially distance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

For more information, visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Crime news

Theft over \$500

On July 19 at approximately 2:21 p.m. a Belvidere police officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Logan Avenue in reference to a stolen vehicle. The complainant advised that sometime between approximately 2 p.m. and a 2:21 p.m. on July 19, an unknown individual(s) stole their black 2009 Chevrolet HHR.

Theft over \$500

On July 23 at 5:41 a.m. a Belvidere police officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of 10th Avenue in reference to a stolen vehicle. The complainant advised that their purple Lexus Sedan had been stolen.

Residential Burglary

On July 26 at 12:19 p.m. a Belvidere police officer responded to the Public Safety

Building Lobby, 615 N. Main St., for a theft report. The complainant reported an unknown person entered their residence between July 22 and 25 at 1 a.m. in the 1200 block of Pearl Street and took items.

Residential Burglary

On July 19 at 8:16 a.m. a Boone County Sheriff's deputy was dispatched to the 13000 block of Parkway, reference the theft of items. The complainant stated they arrived home and discovered missing items.

Theft \$500 and Under

On July 22 a Boone County Sheriff's deputy met with complainant of 12000 block of Olson Road, Caledonia, about being scammed out of money by someone they met on Facebook.



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Get your Irish/Italian on and try out for these parts in the play. It sounds like a hoot and a half!

Audition opportunity

Main Street Players of Boone County is proud to be offering an audition opportunity for the performance of:

“Irish/Italian Wedding: A Climate For Murder,” the Main Street Players’ 2021 annual fundraiser.

Audition dates are Monday, Aug. 16, and Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Boone County Museum of History, Gazebo, 314 S. State St. in Belvidere.

Auditions will consist of cold reads for character development.

This play is written for 12 characters, seven males and five females are needed.

Synopsis

It was supposed to be a joyous celebration in matrimony. Eileen loved Joey and their backgrounds didn't seem to matter. But from the moment the two families arrived for the wedding, there was tension in the air. Joey has been groomed to continue the “Family Tradition” in waste management. But, his wife-to-be had other ideas. Suddenly the joyous festivities take a most tragic turn. A beloved family member is sleeping with the fishes. It's a clash of cultures that will leave the audience in stitches.

Characters

- Enzo Attanassio: Joey's father, patriarch of the Attanassio “family” lots of jewelry. He is a second-generation guy, but holds to Italian cultural traditions. Enzo is a diversified businessman and close associate of Tony Contralto, Northern New Jersey's mafia boss.

- Tony Contralto: (Always carrying a cigar) Close business associate of Enzo Attanassio. Mafioso. He sees Enzo's inability to control Joey and Eileen as a sign of weakness. He has his eye on Enzo's wife, Bubbles.

- Eileen O'Shannahan: Her family owns an Irish pub in Eastern Pennsylvania. Though she has worked in the family business all her life, she has branched out into Internet dating in recent years. Though she is feminine and genteel on the outside, she's highly intelligent and competitive.

- Her high profile is ill regarded by the traditional goombas in Joey's family. Her company, Emate.com, has been successfully connecting couples for two years. The business is definitely on the rise and, actually, she met Joey when he registered for the service.

- Fiona O'Shannahan: Eileen's stepmother is the life of the party. Everything is “wonderful” and she's the hostess with the most-est at the Olde Celtic tavern. She likes to flirt with the customers and thrives on being the center of attention.

She is conflicted regarding the wedding. She is relieved in the notion that Eileen may be less of an influence on Mickey. At the same time she

is jealous of all the attention the wedding has given Eileen. She has engaged in an illicit relationship with her stepson. She has also engaged in a sporadic sexual liaison with Enzo.

- Mickey O'Shannahan: Eileen's father. A widower, he's struggled for years to make a go of his business. He's happy for Eileen's decision to marry, but is concerned about losing such an important business resource.

- Colin O'Shannahan: Mickey's son. He is slow to catch on; very slow. He does not have much get up and go.

- Bubbles La Bimbette Attanassio: She is Enzo's third wife and a former exotic dancer. She is a gum chewer and very loud. As sexy as she is to look at, she tends to defeat all of that when she starts talking. Enzo is on automatic pilot to his special place when she talks. This annoys Bubbles and has caused her to encourage Tony in his advances toward her.

- Joseph Attanassio: The groom. He is a nice guy, head over heels in love with Eileen. His family is disappointed in that he has not taken up the “business.” His father, Enzo, is continually pressuring him. In addition, Joey's intentions of working for Eileen at edate.com has sparked ridicule from Enzo and Grandma Santolla.

- Grandma Santolla: She is the matriarch of the Attanassio family. She is a strong woman who can reduce Enzo to a kitten with a look. She is flamboyant with an Italian accent. She tends to smack people upside the head. She likes to dance and is not too old to flirt and grab behind.

- Kathleen O'Dare: Eileen's best friend and maid of honor. She has a bit of a drinking problem. Though she considers herself a friend to Eileen, she has also had a crush on Joey. In fact, she had a one-night fling with him, shortly after Eileen and Joey started dating. In actuality, she is obsessed with Joey. Eileen doesn't know about this.

- Monsignor Patrick O'Reilly- Part-time pastor at St. Bridget's of Bangor, he is also a recent graduate of the Hoboken School of Criminal Arts, and an authorized agent for the Pennsylvania Department of Homicidal investigation.

- TJ the DJ: Provides the music and makes period announcements during the reception. Also serves as “host.”

Performance dates are Saturday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Boone County Museum of History, 314 S. State St., Belvidere.

If you, or anyone you may know, would be interested in this opportunity, feel free to share this information. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to message us. And as always:
Come play with us!

Land conservation efforts protect two local areas

Boone County residents will enjoy more pristine natural lands and recreation in the future, thanks to a 90-acre donation from landowners with K-B Farms. The donation affects two already existing conservation areas – one will expand Funderburg North Conservation area, and the other Funderburg South Conservation Area. The land will be restored as well as facilitate public access to amenities by Boone County Conservation District (BCCD).

K. B. Farms Inc. donated nearly 50 percent, or \$213,145 of the appraised value of their property, creating the opportunity to leverage their gift as matching funds toward an Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Natural Lands grant of \$250,355 through Openlands, regional conservation group, who is in partnership with BCCD. The generosity of the landowners went beyond the land donation as they also removed buildings to facilitate grant requirements and support the ease of improving public access and future uses. Most of the land acquired with this project will be restored to provide native habitat for many different species of plants and animals.

This project included land at two different areas. One group of parcels is located north of Woodstock Road and will expand the existing Funderburg North Conservation Area by 67 acres. This new addition includes a small headwater stream

that is a tributary to the Piscasaw Creek. Most of this area is located within the valley created as volumes of glacial melt waters flowed over the landscape.

A beautiful setting has been left fallow for several years, now many native plants are reclaiming their old habitats. The BCCD will enhance the plant diversity with a native seed mix that complements nature's head start, further restoring the area to its natural splendor.

The other group of parcels purchased will expand the recently acquired Funderburg South Conservation Area by approximately 27 acres. Future use of this area will facilitate public access including a parking area, restroom facilities, and a picnic shelter, and will offer a magnificent vista of the previously acquired conservation land.

This site will also provide access to the new, soon-to-be constructed South Piscasaw Creek Path. This path is the first segment that is ultimately planned to create an alternative transportation route between the Village of Poplar Grove and the City of Belvidere. Once the path is extended along Poplar Grove Road it will connect with the Long Prairie Trail and is planned to eventually reach the North Boone School complex north of Poplar Grove.

Areas of this site not used for public access facilities will be restored to pollinator habitats.

“We start with the desire of local landowners wanting to preserve the quality and character of a local stream – the Piscasaw Creek. Our landowners reached out to the Boone County Conservation District (BCCD) and initiated an impressive, multi-phase, conservation project. The result of this multi-year effort is an impressive 519.22 acres, which represents nearly 14 percent of all BCCD properties! It has been exciting to collaborate with the family of K. B. Farms,” said Dan Kane, Boone County Conservation District Executive Director. “We are grateful to see all the pieces of this project come together and preserve an additional 90 acres of land for conservation, public access, and the community's alternative (non-motorized) transportation efforts.”

About K-B Farms, Inc.:

K-B Farms is a third-generation family business whose roots go back to the Keene Belvidere Canning Company, which packed peas and corn from the early 1900's until it was sold in 1944. Since then, the company focused on grain and dairy farming and later engaged in residential, commercial, and industrial real estate investment. Throughout its history, K-B Farms has worked alongside other organizations to improve the quality of life in Boone County for all its citizens.

For more information, visit www.bccdil.org or www.openlands.org.

Poplar Grove man arrested on sex offenses

On Tuesday, July 27, Boone County Sheriff's detectives arrested a Poplar Grove man on multiple sex offenses.



Andrew King

Andrew King, 66, of Poplar Grove, was charged with one count of Criminal Sexual Assault (Class 1 Felony) and one count of Criminal Sexual Abuse (Class 4 Felony). King remains in the Boone County Jail on a

\$100,000, 10 percent bond.

The arrest of King came after it was reported he had sexually assaulted an adult female between July 1 and July 20, 2021. Boone County Sheriff's detectives continue to investigate the

case and additional charges are possible.

A Class 1 Felony is punishable by four to 15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. A Class 4 Felony is punishable by one to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The Boone County Sheriff's Office encourages anyone having information on a crime to call the Boone

County Sheriff's Office at 815-544-2144 or Crime Stoppers at 815-547-7867.

Members of the public are reminded that these are only charges and are not proof of the defendant's guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Fire calls

The Belvidere Fire Department responded to 76 calls July 26 to Aug. 1.

Monday, July 26

BFD responded to 9 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

1500 block of 14th Ave. - public service

500 block of Greenview Road - assist invalid

1100 block of W. Jackson ST 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)

2980 Countryside St. - fire alarm

1500 block of 14th Ave. - good intent call

1100 block of S. Main St. - good intent call

500 block of Caswell St. - good intent call

Tuesday, July 27

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

1500 block of 14th Ave. - public service

1500 block of Garfield Ave. - HazMat release investigation

1200 block of Logan Ave. - service call

1200 block of W. 6th St. - assist invalid

Wednesday, July 28

BFD responded to 13 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

900 block of E. 6th St. - special outside fire

500 block of Wheatland Dr. - assist invalid

1200 block of Conlin Ct. -

outside equipment fire

1700 block of Henry Lukow Lane - call cancelled en route

US Route 20 & East Ave. - grass fire

1200 block of Berylan - gas leak

1500 block of Fremont St. - public service

1400 block of Douglas Ct. - smoke alarm

2000 block of Ivy Lane - no incident found on arrival

Thursday, July 29

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

2200 block of Sunset Lane - call cancelled en route

300 block of Eastwood Lane - call cancelled en route

Friday, July 30

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

4000 block of Hemlock Ct. - call cancelled en route

400 block of W. Menominee St. - building fire

300 block of Eastwood Lane - smoke scare

Saturday, July 31

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

600 block of Garden Dr. - call cancelled en route

Sunday, Aug. 1

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

700 block of John St. - unauthorized burning

Fair

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informational meeting with guest speaker, Dan Meyer with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, will begin at noon.

Drivers 18 years and older are eligible to get a class A or B CDL. Those younger than 21 will be restricted to in-state or intrastate travel. After written tests are passed, the applicant receives a CLP, which is good for 180 days and may be renewed for another 180 days.

According to Rodney

Knittel, IFB Assistant Director of Transportation and Infrastructure, “Beginning Feb. 7, 2022, a driver must complete ELDT before applying for or upgrading to a Class A or B CDL or seeking an endorsement for hazardous materials (H), passengers (P) or school buses (S). ELDT regulations are not retroactive and do not apply to individuals with a valid CDL or who obtain an S, P, or H endorsement before Feb. 7, 2022.

Those renewing their existing CDL and not seeking to change the class of license or add an endorsement will not be required to go through training. Likewise, individuals with a non-CDL driver's license are not required to have training. This includes those with a non-CDL J50 and the non-CDL J51 license available to individuals who qualify for farmer exemptions from the CDL. The non-CDL license can only be used with farm plated vehicles and requires

the same written and skill testing as the CDL.”

Those considering a CDL should plan ahead. If an applicant who obtained a commercial learner's permit (CLP) before Feb. 7, 2022, gets a CDL before the CLP or renewed CLP expires, that person would not be subject to the ELDT requirements.

Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Members may call the Farm Bureau office at 815-962-0653 or email wfbmanager@live.com to register Aug. 9-30.

Library corner

Now more than ever, a public library needs to provide as much value as possible to its patrons. Here at Ida Public Library, we are constantly searching for new and cost-effective ways to bring more knowledge to our users. This week, we are adding a resource by Ebsco to our website, The Learning Express Library.

The Learning Express Library is an easy-to-use an e-learning platform, which provides online tutorials, practice tests, and e-books to help achieve educational and professional goals. It also offers tools and resources to help search for jobs, build workplace skills, prepare for career certification exams, and citizenship exams. You'll also find college and grad school admissions test prep, GED test prep, and much more.

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Resources in Spanish (English Translation)

This center provides learning tools as well as career and citizenship resources to help busy adults improve their basic skills, earn a GED or become a U.S. citizen.

Be sure to check our website for this valuable resource. It will be up and running this week.

See you soon at the library!

Boone County Health Dept. stance on facemasks

Illinois has fully adopted the CDC Interim Public Health recommendations for fully vaccinated people. This applies to Phase 5 in all Illinois businesses, venues, and public spaces

The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends the following based on the CDC Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People:

- Instruction for fully vaccinated people given new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant currently cir-

culating in the United States.

- Fully vaccinated people should wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission.

- Fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission, particularly if they are immune-compromised or at increased risk for severe disease from COVID-19, or if they have someone in their household who is immune-compromised, at increased risk of

severe disease or not fully vaccinated.

- Fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should be tested three-five days after exposure, and should wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

- Updated CDC Guidance can be found here: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fullyvaccinated-guidance.html.



The Bride of Frankenstein was unveiled on Monday, Sept. 22, 2008, and presented to the City of Belvidere.

Belvidere's missing mural

By Anne Eickstadt
EDITOR

Not long ago, a citizen of Belvidere asked me what I knew about a mural of the "Bride of Frankenstein" that she had helped paint about a dozen years ago. I promptly began reaching out to my contacts at the Boone County Arts Council and was able to reach Jay Robert Allen.

The "Bride of Frankenstein" mural was a fundraising project initiated by the short-lived Mural Mile Association. The Mural Mile Association was an initiative of Mayor Fred Brereton and he tried to get city council to fund it with \$50,000 a year and the council told him "no."

Kim Ellingson, the mayor's assistant for neighborhood development and special events for Belvidere, oversaw projects for the association.

For several years, the association paid for flowers to beautify the city, allocated funds for mural maintenance and supported the arts, fostering community pride and helping Belvidere form an identity which drew visitors and improved the economy. When its leadership chose to call it quits, the Boone County

Arts Council assumed control of what was left of the Mural Mile Association and its finances.

"We've done well with it," said Allen. "Largely due to Mayor Brereton's promise of a matching grant up to \$5K per year."

Brereton served as mayor of Belvidere from 1996 to 2012. When Mike Chamberlain became mayor in 2012, he chose to honor that promise and continue funding the murals for Belvidere.

The "Bride of Frankenstein" was chosen as the subject for the mural because William Hurlbut, native of Belvidere, wrote the screenplay for the 1935 movie. The mural was painted by several residents who attended a fundraiser at the Community Building Complex, where they could purchase a paintbrush and paint a segment of the mural. It was completed in Allen's studio.

It was unveiled on Monday, Sept. 22, 2008, and presented to the city. (Within a week, Belvidere was honored as an Arts Friendly Community at the Illinois Municipal League's annual conference in Chicago.)

After the association was dis-

banded, the mural was still being stored in a building owned by Ed Marx, who had been on the Mural Mile Association board of directors. When Marx sold the building, including contents, the mural was unintentionally included. The building's new owner found the mural and sold it.

The "Bride of Frankenstein" was the sequel to "Frankenstein" and filming began shortly after the premiere of the first film. Creative personnel from the original returned in front of and behind the camera. "Bride of Frankenstein" was released to critical and popular acclaim, even though it encountered difficulties with some state and national censorship boards.

"Since its release, the film's reputation has grown, and it is now considered one of the greatest sequels ever made; many fans and critics consider it to be an improvement on the original. In 1998, it was selected by the Library of Congress for preservation in the United States National Film Registry, having been deemed "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."

- Wikipedia



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Camper of the Week

Redwing Camper of the Week for week 4 is Gwen Brooks. Congratulations!

Death notices

July 17

Maria Moctezuma, 51

July 18

Richard Hernandez, 65

July 20

Donna Van Fleet, 84; Edward Marx, 95

July 22

Cathy Powell, 68; Ronald Erickson, 78

July 23

James Poisson, 91

July 24

Bernard Bornheimer, 85; Donald Anderson, 86

July 25

Wayne Edgren, 77

July 26

Gregory Fick, 77

July 29

Elizabeth Gay, 87

July 30

John Lammersfeld, 64

July 31

Jesus Ortiz, 81

Julianne Adamson, 98

Aug. 1

Linda Nabor, 76

Adam Walsh Act 15th anniversary

How the abduction, murder of a 6-year-old boy energized federal efforts to combat sex offender violations

July 27 marked the 15th anniversary of the signing of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (AWA). The law is named for 6-year-old Adam Walsh, who was abducted from a Florida mall on this same date in 1981 by a serial killer. Adam's abduction and murder served as a catalyst for change in the way the nation deals with crimes against children.

This tragedy launched his father, John Walsh, on a lifelong mission to prevent similar attacks on other children. John Walsh's efforts resulted in the establishment of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and the television show "America's Most Wanted." Those two projects alone have brought hundreds of wanted

individuals to justice. As the lead federal agency for sex offender violations, the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) created the Sex Offender Investigations Branch to direct and coordinate implementation of the agency's three primary responsibilities under the Act:

- Assist state, local, tribal and territorial authorities in the location and apprehension of noncompliant and fugitive sex offenders.
- Investigate violations of the AWA for federal prosecution

Assist in the identification and location of sex offenders relocated as a result of a major disaster.

To ensure the safety of America's communities and children, the USMS instituted

an aggressive AWA enforcement strategy. The agency designated experienced criminal investigators within all U.S. judicial districts to spearhead implementation of the legislation. At the same time, the USMS established and maintains effective contacts with sex offender registration authorities, corrections officials, and other law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

"When the Adam Walsh Act became law in 2006, the U.S. Marshals Service was well positioned to carry out its new responsibilities because the agency had already established a foundational network of Deputy U.S. Marshals working alongside law enforcement officers from hundreds of state, local, and

federal agencies, all dedicated to making communities safer," said USMS Director Donald Washington. "Over many years, we have collaborated with our extensive network of law enforcement partners to apprehend fugitives. After the AWA became law, it was a natural act to use this same network to assist our partners with non-compliant sex offenders.

"We are very proud to work with our partners at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Justice Department's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART) to execute this important mission of bringing to justice those who would harm a child.

"In the 15 years since the passage of the AWA through July 2021, the U.S. Marshals Service initiated more than 39,600 federal investigations and arrested more than 5,500 individuals for AWA violations. In the same timeframe, U.S. Marshals arrested more than 41,000 individuals wanted on state and local arrest warrants—charging them with failure to register as sex offenders.

"The Marshals Service has executed more than 4,000 sex offender compliance and enforcement operations, partnering with more than 58,500 individual law enforcement officers from more than 16,000 state and local law enforcement agencies in all 50 states and U.S. territories. During these operations, the USMS assisted state and local enforcement partners with more than 634,000 compliance checks on known sex offenders."

Under the AWA, the Department of Justice established the SMART Office to help jurisdictions implement the standards of Title I, the Sex Offender Registration and

Notification Act (SORNA) and to provide federal-level coordination of a comprehensive system across the United States.

Since 2007, the SMART Office has awarded more than \$156 million to support implementation of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act and assumed responsibility for the Dru Sjodin (pronounced Show-din) National Sex Offender Public Website (nsopw.gov) that allows anyone to conduct free searches for sex offender information across all jurisdictions from one website.

Each month, users conduct an average of 4.3 million searches on NSOPW.gov. The SMART Office was also an initial funder of DOJ's Tribal Access Program (TAP), which gives tribes access to national crime information systems for criminal and civil purposes. To date, there are 99 tribes participating in TAP, contributing to their ability to increase public safety on tribal lands.

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Crime news

Patrick D. Kenneally, McHenry County state's attorney, made the following announcements:

12-year sentence for DUI

Mathew Berry, 44, of Harvard, was sentenced to 12 years total in the Illinois Department of Corrections by Judge Robert Wilbrandt after pleading to two charges of aggravated driving under the influence.

On May 10, 2019, Berry was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in Harvard. He pled guilty on Feb. 26, 2020, but was released on bond pending sentencing. On April 24, 2021, Berry caused a traffic accident in Lake in the Hills, Illinois. Nobody was injured in the accident. Officers located Berry nearby and determined that he was under the influence of alcohol. Berry was found guilty of, or pled guilty to, driving under the influence on four prior occasions.

Berry was sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in both cases. The sentences must be served consecutively, because the latter offense was committed while Berry was released

on bond for the earlier offense.

These cases were investigated by the Harvard Police Department and the Lake in the Hills Police Department. These cases were prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Brian Miller of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office.

Guilty plea on felony drug charges

22-year-old Griffin C. Newcomb of Barrington pled guilty on July 16 to Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, a class 1 Felony, before Judge Robert Wilbrandt.

The Crystal Lake Police Department led an investigation into the defendant and found that the defendant was in possession of between 15 and 200 doses of a substance containing LSD on Oct. 17, 2019.

Newcomb was sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, with a recommendation for the Impact Incarceration Program.

The investigation was led by Officer Lewandowski of the Crystal Lake Police Department and was prosecuted by Judy Shammo of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office.

8-year sentence for Woodstock man

Ricardo J. Carreno, Jr., 38, of Woodstock, was sentenced on July 21 to eight years total in the Illinois Department of Corrections by Judge Coppedge after being found guilty at trial for the offenses of Aggravated Battery and Violation Of An Order Of Protection. Carreno was sentenced to eight years in the Illinois Department of Corrections and a concurrent sentence of two years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on the felony offense of Violation of an Order of Protection.

These charges stem from an incident that occurred on June 14, 2020, at the Shell gas station located in downtown Woodstock. The victim pulled into the gas station in order to check the air in his tires. While he was doing so, the defendant ran up to him and struck him in the head with a baseball bat. The victim defended himself but in the process was stabbed in the shoulder area by the defendant with a knife. Also present during this altercation was the ex-wife of the defendant. The ex-wife had a valid Order of Protection against the defendant which prohibited him

from having contact with her.

This case was investigated by members of the Woodstock City Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Robert Schuman and Matthew Brodersen of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office.

Guilty plea in felony drug charges

25-year-old Jose I. Avila of Woodstock pled guilty on July 22 to Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance, a class 1 Felony, before Judge Robert Wilbrandt.

The McHenry County Sher-

iff's Department led an investigation into the defendant and found that the defendant delivered one gram or more, but less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine on May 2, 2019.

Avila was sentenced to seven years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, with a recommendation for the Impact Incarceration Program.

The investigation was led by Detective Fields of the McHenry County Sheriff's Department and was prosecuted by Judy Shammo of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office.

Standards

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to follow to make sure that the product is as safe as possible before it can get into your hands," said Scavuzzo, who also serves as executive director for the Illinois Specialty Growers Association.

Training includes learning how to deal with wildlife in crop fields and how to apply pesticides safely.

"While all of the things farmers do is important, it's just as important for consumers to wash their fruits and vegetables," Scavuzzo said.

"It's better to wash things off than to regret it later," she added.

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with the farmers who grew it.

"The reason people go to U-pick farms or farmers markets is because they like getting to know the farmers who grow their food. That's often the best opportunity to talk about why farmers make certain decisions, like choosing to raise crops conventionally or organically," Scavuzzo said.

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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.

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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 BELVIDERE; 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.

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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.

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.

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sessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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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.

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Attorney File No. 310137

Case Number: 2019CH85

TJSC#: 41-1064

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.

Case # 2019CH85

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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
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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
ROBERT L. CARTER,
deceased

No. 2021-P-49
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ROBERT L. CARTER, of Belvidere, Illinois on July 8, 2021. Letters of office were issued on July 20th, 2021, to WILLIAM H. CARTER, 335 E. Maccomb Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, as independent executor, whose attorney is TOBIN & RAMON, 530 South State Street; Suite 200, Belvidere, IL 61008-3711.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 31, 2022, which date is not less than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies

of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

DATED: July 22, 2021.

WILLIAM H. CARTER
Independent Executor

Tobin & Ramon
Attorneys for Petitioner

530 South State Street;
Suite 200

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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 22ND
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MCHENRY COUNTY
- WOODSTOCK,
ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE

FOR AMERICAN
GENERAL MORTGAGE
LOAN TRUST

2010-1 AMERICAN
GENERAL MORTGAGE
PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2010-1,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SHAN M. SHAMIM,
JENNIFER M. SHAMIM,
CITY OF
HARVARD,

Defendants,

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NOTICE OF SALE

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HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on

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2021 at the hour of 10:30

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NO. 1999R64036 AND

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AS DOCUMENT NO.

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P.I.N. 06-02-104-001.

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The mortgaged real estate is mortgaged 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 Condo-

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Early morning fire brings rapid response

On Friday July 30, at 3:11 a.m., the Belvidere Fire Department was dispatched to the 400 block of W. Menominee Street for a home full of smoke with a fire in the laundry room.

The first arriving units found smoke coming from the rear of the two-story home. Fire crews found a fire in the laundry room, which was extinguished within minutes. Two adult dogs and nine puppies were rescued by firefighters. No injuries to residents or

firefighters were reported at the incident.

The residence had one working smoke detector at the time of the incident, which alerted residents, allowing them to escape. The fire cause is under investigation and damages were estimated at \$25,000. Approximately 26 Fire/EMS personnel from Belvidere, Boone County District #2, Boone County EMA, Capron Rescue, Cherry Valley, Marengo, and LifeLine assisted with the fire.



The early morning laundry room fire damaged the washer and dryer and the wall behind them.

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RVC students to receive money from American Rescue Plan

All students who enroll at Rock Valley College (RVC) for the Fall 2021 semester will receive \$50 per credit hour up to 18 credits (\$900). A check will be issued directly to students after the college's regular schedule adjustment period, shortly after Labor Day. Students may use the money for tuition and fees, books and supplies, living expenses or anything else that meets their needs.

The goal is to supplement personal or family income that may have been lost during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

RVC faculty, staff and administration recognize the physical, emotional and economic impacts the pandemic has had on our students and will continue to provide relief and support during the 2021-22 school year.

RVC is using money from the Higher Education Relief Funds (HEERF) authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) to fund this initiative. Funds will be disbursed in accordance to Department of

Education guidelines. RVC also offers educational awareness and emergency assistance to students impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic in accordance with these guidelines.

Information pertaining to eligibility requirements can be found at www.rockvalleycollege.edu/Admission/FinancialAid/CaresAct.cfm or by calling the Financial Aid Department at 815-921-4150.

Information about how to get started at RVC can be found at www.rockvalleycollege.edu/Admission/gettingstarted.cfm.

Media literacy requirement, animal products ban among latest bills signed

Governor has signed 97 of over 600 bills passed this year

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Public high schools in Illinois will soon be required to teach students how to access and evaluate various kinds of news and social media they see online and elsewhere as part of their regular curriculum.

That was among the 53 bills that Gov. JB Pritzker signed on Friday, July 9, bringing the total number of bills signed from the current General Assembly so far this year to 97.

House Bill 234 provides that starting in the 2022-2023 school year, all public high schools will provide a unit of instruction on media literacy that will include instruction on how to access information and evaluate the trustworthiness of its source; analyzing and evaluating media messages; creating media messages; assessing how media messages trigger emotions and behavior; and social responsibility.

The State Board of Education is tasked with preparing and distributing instructional resources and making professional learning opportunities available for educators.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez, D-Cicero, and Sen. Karina Villa, D-West Chicago. It passed both chambers largely along party lines: 68-44 in the House, and 42-15 in the Senate.

Another new law makes it illegal to import into Illinois, with the intent of selling, any

body parts or products made from a long list of endangered and exotic species.

Illinois, like many states, has long banned the importation of ivory and rhinoceros horns. Under House Bill 395, the list of animals whose parts or products are banned from being imported is expanded to include cheetahs, elephants, giraffes, great apes, hippopotami, jaguars, leopards, lions, monk seals, narwhals, pangolins, rays or sharks, rhinos, sea turtles, tigers, walruses, whales or any other species listed in the Convention on International Trade or listed as threatened or endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Martin Moylan, D-Des Plaines, and Sen. Linda Holmes, D-Aurora. It passed the House, 113-1, and the Senate, 57-0.

Illinois residents applying for admission to public colleges and universities in the state will no longer be required to submit SAT or ACT scores as part of their application starting in January 2022.

House Bill 226, known as the Higher Education Fair Admissions Act, requires all public higher education institutions to adopt a "test optional" policy for admissions, meaning they may not require students to submit standardized test scores, but may allow students to do so if they choose.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. LaToya Greenwood,

D-East St. Louis, and Sen. Christopher Belt, D-Cahokia Heights. It passed the House, 109-8, and the Senate, 45-9.

Student athletes in both public and nonpublic schools are now allowed to alter their athletic or team uniforms for purposes of modesty, in accordance with their religious, cultural values or modesty

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minium 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 Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. 21-00528

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College news

Students named to spring 2021 Iowa State University College of Human Sciences dean's list

The Iowa State University College of Human Sciences dean's list honors students who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the spring semester of 2021. The following local students have been named to the spring 2021 dean's list in the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State University:

Caledonia:
Linaya Wright

Minnesota State Mankato 2021 spring semester Dean's List

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past spring semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Matt Cecil.

Among 3,608 students, a total of 1,070 students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 2,538 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

Caledonia:
Katherine Garlick, Honor List

Missouri S&T announces honor list

Missouri University of Science and Technology announces the names of students who made the honor list for the spring 2021 semester.

To be included on the honor list, students must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

Walsh (Continued from page 6)

Walsh Act was an important step in helping jurisdictions monitor the whereabouts of sex offenders and pursue absconders. The AWA has strengthened the tools jurisdictions have to register and track sex offenders, while increasing information sharing with the public and among law enforcement agencies locally, across jurisdictions, and internationally," said SMART Office acting Director Dawn Doran. "The 15 years since its enactment have been a period of growth and progress, with a stronger network of programs in place to serve areas, such as Indian Country,

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preferences.

House Bill 120, which was sponsored by Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, and Sen. Laura Murphy, D-Des Plaines, provides that modifications can include such things as hijabs, undershirts or leggings. Any modifications, however, may not interfere with the student's movement or pose a safety hazard to the student or other athletes or players. There are also limits on how headgear can be modified.

Students who choose to modify their uniforms are responsible for all of the additional costs, unless the school chooses to cover the cost.

Drivers passing through school zones will have to slow down a little earlier on school days under another bill Pritzker signed into law.

House Bill 343, by Rep. Mark Batinick, R-Plainfield, and Sen. Meg Loughran

Poplar Grove:
Paige Lambright, chemical engineering, junior

Local student named to Dean's List

The following student was named to the spring 2021 trimester Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main campus in Davenport, Iowa:

Belvidere:
Jace Bankord

University of Dubuque May 2021 graduates

The University of Dubuque celebrated its 169th commencement with three in-person commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 1, in the Chlapaty Recreation and Wellness Center.

Belvidere:
Lukas Harper, Bachelor of Business Administration

Jenna Meyers, Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude

Poplar Grove:
Joshua Pawlowski, Bachelor of Science
Madeline Sturm, Bachelor of Science

Nearly 400 students were eligible to participate in the in-person ceremonies. Gail Hayes, PhD, dean for academic affairs, graduate and adult studies, delivered the commencement address, titled "Lessons in the Rearview Mirror."

UW-Whitewater represented by 372 on WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll

A total of 372 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater student-athletes representing all 22 of the institution's varsity sport programs were named to the 2020-21 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Honor Roll.

The Warhawks' 12 women's teams had 183 honorees, while 189 student-athletes from the

10 men's teams garnered Scholastic Honor Roll accolades. The Honor Roll is part of the "WIAC Scholar-Athlete Recognition Program".

In addition to the 372 individual awards, UW-Whitewater was named an All-Academic institution as student-athletes earned a GPA equal to, or greater than, the collective GPA of the overall student body.

To be eligible for the list, student-athletes must have carried a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. More than 50 percent of the WIAC's student-athletes achieved Honor Roll status.

The following UW-Whitewater student-athlete from your coverage area is a member of the 2020-21 WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll:

Poplar Grove:
Rachel Nelson (Belvidere North High School), a freshman on the women's bowling team majoring in human resource management.

Upper Iowa University announces May 2021 graduates

Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce its May 2021 graduates, followed by respective honors and the degree earned.

Belvidere:
Shannon Lee, Summa Cum Laude Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting;

Adriana Londono, Cum Laude Meritum Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services.

UW-La Crosse spring 2021 Dean's List

The following area students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year, ending May 2021.

Qualification for the Dean's

as the head of our nation's leading child safety organization where we see the enormous impact of the Act. On this milestone anniversary, I hope everyone takes the time to reflect on Adam's legacy."

"My family and I are honored that this law, named after my son, has made such a tremendous impact," said John Walsh. "I want to say thank you to everyone involved. Thank you for all the hard work you do every day to make our country safer."

For more information, visit www.usmarshals.gov/index.html.

Nov. 1 of their final year.

The bill passed both chambers unanimously.

Children operating lemonade stands will no longer need to worry about first getting a permit.

Senate Bill 119, by Sen. Patrick Joyce, D-Essex, and Rep. Anthony DeLuca, D-Chicago Heights, provides that neither the Department of Public Health nor any local health department or public health district may regulate the sale of lemonade, non-alcoholic drinks or mixed beverages by a person under the age of 16.

The new law has been dubbed "Hayli's Law," after a 12-year-old girl whose lemonade stand in Kankakee was shut down by local officials, according to an article on the Illinois Senate Democrats website.

The bill passed both chambers unanimously.

List is limited to students who have attained outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must have earned not less than a 3.5 semester grade point average and carried a minimum of 12 credits.

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

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

UW-Madison announces 2021 Spring graduates

Just over 7,600 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 8. Here are the degree recipients from our area:

Belvidere:
Katya Garza, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Neurobiology and Spanish

Robert Pohlman, College of Engineering, Doctor of Philosophy, Electrical Engineering
John Steward, College of

Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering

Poplar Grove:
Mckenzie Mueller, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Neurobiology and Spanish

Area students graduate from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

The UW Oshkosh 147th spring commencement, with four in-person ceremonies May 15, recognized the accomplishments of students from all three of its campuses (Fond du Lac, Fox Cities, Oshkosh). Nearly 1,500 students earned bachelors, masters, associate, and doctoral degrees, and joined the ranks of more than 100,000 UWO alumni.

Poplar Grove:
Jacob Blouin, College of Education and Human Services, History

UW-Platteville announces spring 2021 graduates

The University of Wis-

consin-Platteville awarded diplomas to nearly 900 students from its three campuses for the spring of 2021. Because of COVID-19, no ceremonies were held, but will be rescheduled at a later date.

Students from this area who graduated, with their hometown and major include:

Belvidere:
Brittney Havens, Elementary Education
Nicholas Oysti, Biology

Caledonia:
Alicia Limones, Agricultural Education

Wheaton College May 2021 graduation

The following students in your coverage area graduated in May 2021 from Wheaton College:

Belvidere:
Lauren Buzzard graduated summa cum laude with a BA in Elementary Education.

Jackson Foltz graduated cum laude with a BS in Biology.

REAL ESTATE LEGAL NOTICES

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.

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, 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

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

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 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

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's at-

torney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 2019CH85
I3172510
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400203

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MCHENRY COUNTY - WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN GENERAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2010-1 AMERICAN GENERAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2010-1, Plaintiff, vs. SHAN M. SHAMIM, JENNIFER M. SHAMIM, CITY OF HARVARD, Defendants,

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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, September 9, 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. 06-02-104-001.

Commonly known as 828 CASEY LANE, HARVARD, IL 60033.

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

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

For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. 21-00528 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3173138

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