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The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County will hold its annual Hallway Book Sale now through Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Woodstock Square Mall, 110 S. Johnson St.

## Environmental Defenders announce new logo, book sale

### New logo

After well over a year of brainstorming, discussing, sharing and then hiring a professional graphic design team, the Environmental Defenders' Logo Team is thrilled to announce the Defenders have a new logo. The new logo will be incorporated throughout all of the Defenders' presence in print, online, merchandise and social media.

The Logo Team, led by Board Member Claire Hodge, was comprised of Sue Jensen, Kim Hankins, Lori McConville, Destiny Seaton and Cynthia Kanner. Mark Costello and Robert McClurg of Turnkey Digital in Woodstock designed the new logo after consulting with the Defenders' team. The new logo comprises several elements of the environment that the Defenders are passionate about protecting, can stand



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### The Environmental Defenders new logo.

on its own without the words, and reflects who they are and what they do: defend the environment.

Founded in 1970, the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County is a resident-based organization dedicated to preserving, protecting and educating about the environment. The group provides community residents with educational programs and volunteer opportunities to assist with pollution prevention, sustainable land use and energy and natural resource conservation. Donations are encouraged and are tax-de-

ductible as charitable contributions. For more information, visit [www.mcdef.org](http://www.mcdef.org) or call 815-338-0393.

### Book sale

The Defenders' annual Hallway Book Sale at the Woodstock Square Mall, 110 S. Johnson St., Woodstock, runs now through Oct. 30. The hallway is located outside The Green Spot Used Book Store. The hours of the sale are Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.mcdef.org](http://www.mcdef.org) or call 815-338-0393.

## Device to aid patients with atrial fibrillation

Physicians from the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute at Northwestern Medicine McHenry Hospital have successfully placed a WATCHMAN Left Atrial Appendage Closure (LAAC) device in the heart of a patient to help prevent a stroke and discontinue the long-term use of oral blood-thinning medication. The WATCHMAN device is for patients who have atrial fibrillation, an irregular heartbeat that is not related to problems with the heart's valves. This is the first procedure using this device in a McHenry County hospital.

The successful implantation was performed by Tonye Teme, M.D., cardiac electrophysiology at Northwestern Medicine McHenry and Huntley Hospitals and Asad Sheikh, M.D., interventional cardiology at Northwestern Medicine McHenry and Huntley Hospitals. Both physicians recently joined the Northwestern Medicine Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute to bring additional leading-edge cardiovascular care to the far northwest suburbs.

With the expansion of the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute to Northwestern Medicine McHenry and Huntley hospitals, patients will have access to the No. 1-ranked cardiovascular program in Illinois and one of the top programs in the nation.

"Patients are already benefiting from The Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute's expansion to McHenry County," said Ian Cohen, M.D., FACC, FSCAI, medical director at the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute at Northwestern Medicine McHenry and Huntley Hospitals. "The WATCHMAN procedure is just one of the new life-changing treatment options we are bringing to patients."

Dr. Cohen added that they have also welcomed renowned cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon Aqeel Sandhu, M.D., to the team in order to bring an even higher level of cardiac surgery to the community.

The WATCHMAN device prevents stroke in people with atrial fibrillation, an arrhythmia (irregular pulse) which affects an estimated 5 million people in the United States. Atrial fibrillation is a leading cardiac cause of stroke, as the arrhythmia causes blood to pool and form clots in a small pocket-like section in the upper left chamber of the heart called the atrial appendage.

Atrial fibrillation is often treated with

blood thinning drugs to reduce clotting, but there are people who cannot take blood thinners due to bleeding risk. The WATCHMAN device is indicated to reduce stroke in people who have atrial fibrillation and high bleeding risk who cannot take blood thinners.

The WATCHMAN device is designed to seal off the atrial appendage thus preventing blood from entering, pooling and forming a clot. It is implanted by physicians in the cardiac catheterization lab, using a vein on the patient's upper leg to direct a specialized catheter into the heart under X-ray guidance, positioning the device at the entrance of the left atrial appendage. When the catheter is withdrawn, the device stays in position as a permanent seal.

Over time, heart tissue will grow over the device, permanently sealing off the left atrial appendage. Most patients discontinue blood thinners 45 days after the procedure, and more than 99 percent of patients in a clinical trial were off blood thinners one year after the WATCHMAN implant.

"The Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute at Northwestern Medicine McHenry Hospital is helping us bring advanced academic medicine and research to McHenry County," said Nick Rave, president of Northwestern Medicine McHenry Hospital. "We are now closely linked to the teams at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and use their leading protocols to provide innovative care to our patients. We have also streamlined the care of patients with the most advanced conditions who require advanced cardiac care or other treatment at Northwestern Memorial Hospital."

Patrick M. McCarthy, M.D., executive director of the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute, is pleased to offer this care to the McHenry region.

"We have organized this Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute heart team so that we can offer the highest quality care close to where our patients live. Building the heart team at McHenry Hospital and Northwestern Medicine Huntley Hospital is another example of our dedication to our 'Patients First' mission."

In addition to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, the WATCHMAN procedure is also offered at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital and Northwestern Palos Hospital. To learn more about Northwestern Medicine, visit [news.nm.org/about-northwestern-medicine.html](http://news.nm.org/about-northwestern-medicine.html).

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# Back in the saddle

## Have a spooky but safe Halloween season

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

### Tips for a Happy Halloween

Halloween is just around the corner. While my little goblins are preparing for the upcoming trick-or-treat season, I would like to take a moment to share some Halloween safety tips:

- When choosing a costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eyeholes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume. Fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags.
- Dried flowers, corn stocks and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all

decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.

- Use a battery-operated candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.

- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.

- Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.

- Tell children to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns

with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

Additional tips from the National Safety Council (NSC) ([www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/autumn/halloween](http://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/autumn/halloween)):

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds. If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you

- Agree on a specific time when children should return home

- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car

- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas

and stick with their friends

- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home

- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs

- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully

- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing

- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

### Too big to go trick or treating? Never fear!

Order forms are now available for our Holiday Nuts and More sale again this year. Order forms are available through the Farm Bureau office or on our website at [www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org](http://www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org). All orders with payment are due by Tuesday, Nov. 16. Orders are expected to arrive around the second or third week of December.

### Harvest thanks

Tuesday, Oct. 12 was National Farmer Day. Thank you to our hard-working farmers. Thank you to the staff and drivers at our local grain elevators: ADM-Seward, Central Grain Co. - Belvidere, Delong's - Garden Prairie, and Farm City Elevator - Caledonia for helping us distribute our Harvest Snack Bags this fall. Wishing all our Boone and Winnebago farmers a safe and healthy harvest!

### Road Closure in Boone County

Denny Road between Grange Hall Road and Orth Road is scheduled to be closed starting on Monday, Nov. 1 for bridge replacement. The road is scheduled to reopen before Christmas.

The federally funded

(\$409,084.91) single span bridge will be replaced with a triple box culvert by Sjoström & Sons, Inc. Call Boone County Highway Department at 815-544-2066 with any questions or comments.

### Consider getting involved in locally led conservation

The Winnebago County SWCD is currently looking for candidates to serve as District Directors. We have three spots up for election this winter and will have an opening as one of our current directors is stepping down. Concerned residents in Winnebago County can help conserve natural resources by serving on the District Board. The District provides land users with technical assistance, develop programs to address local natural resource problems, and provide quality conservation education to children and adults.

Board members are responsible for establishing and supervising district policies and programs, including assessing resource needs, providing guidance, and developing strategies to address these needs. Some of the major programs and activities involving board input currently include:

- Input in preparing an annual plan of work to address resource management needs within district boundaries

- Programs that will encourage landowners and operators to address soil erosion, residue management and nutrient management on cropland acres as it relates to the State's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs)

- Promotion of USDA programs - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) & Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)

- The Illinois Dept. of

Ag Conservation Practices Cost-Share Programs (CPP) and the State Association "Saving Tomorrows Agricultural Resources" (STAR) program

- Provide the clearest and most comprehensive resource management information to planners, developers and public officials for sound land-use management decisions, and future land use planning, through the use of Natural Resource Information (NRI) reports

- Collaborate with other local organizations in promoting natural resource awareness and protection

- Make sure the District has the resources to fulfill agreements, including:

- Soil Boring Program - Winnebago County Health Dept. and Planning Dept.

- Construction Site Inspection Program - Winnebago County Highway Dept. and Illinois IEPA

- Administrative assistance for the EQIP & CSP programs and technical assistance for the CRP program.

Elected board members serve a two-year term. The election of directors will take place in January, 2022, with the term starting in March. If elected, board members are expected to attend

monthly board meetings, which are currently held the last Tuesday of every month (subject to change). Board members are paid a \$20 stipend for each board meeting they attend.

If these issues and programs interest you, and you would like to consider running as a director candidate, contact one of our current directors, or the district office at 965-2392, x3. If you are not interested in becoming a director, but would still like to be involved, we also have "Associate Directors" that come to meetings regularly and offer input and guidance.

## Rockford Area Arts Council 2022 Community Arts Access Grants

Access Grants are available for individual artists, arts organizations, and nonprofit organizations wishing to apply for grant funding for projects/programs that take place in 2022. Access Grants application deadline is Nov. 12, 2021.

Access Grants are supported by the Illinois Arts Council Agency, with additional support from the City of Rockford and members of the Arts Council. Grants are awarded in the Arts Council's four-county service area of Boone, DeKalb, Ogle, and Winnebago Counties. Fundamental to the mission of the Arts Council, grants are one of several ways the Arts Council addresses its goal to support, promote, and develop access to the arts for

everyone; Access Grants nurture, cultivate, and advocate for artists and organizations by providing them necessary funds for compelling projects, programs, and initiatives. Access Grants are reviewed by an experienced panel of arts professionals and community arts advocates.

### Important Access Grant information

- Who can apply: Individual artists in partnership with a 501c3, arts organizations, and nonprofit organizations.

- Grant Award: Grants, up to \$2500, will be awarded using an expectations matrix and critical input from the Grant Review Committee.

- Grant-seekers Workshops: Workshops hosted by the Arts

Council will answer questions and walk-through the application process, via zoom, on Oct. 12 and 14, 2021, at 4 p.m.

- Grantee Award Announcement: The Arts Council will contact grantees by Dec. 31, with a notification of the status of their application/award.

- 2022 Grantee Reception: On Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022 at 4 p.m., at the Arts Council Board Meeting, grantees will be asked to attend, receive their grant award, and speak briefly to their 2022 program/project.

Grants applications are LIVE at [rtsforeveryone.com/access-grants](http://rtsforeveryone.com/access-grants). Please contact Beth at [info@artsforeveryone.com](mailto:info@artsforeveryone.com) with questions or concerns or call the Arts Council at 815-963-6765.

## Obituary

### MARY CLAUDETTE HEDGES

Mary Claudette Hedges, 80, of Rockton passed away Oct. 19, 2021. Born Nov. 9, 1940 in Calumet City, Ill. the daughter of Herbert and Lorraine (Kee) Ross. Married Roger Hedges on Sept. 3, 1997. Mary enjoyed traveling throughout her life. She also loved cats.

Survivors include children,



Robin Rakoczy, Mike (Christine) Rakoczy, Linda (John) Elliot, Jill Brown; grandchildren, Michaela Passenheim, Christopher Rakoczy, Claire Brown, Grace Brown, Matt Brown, Carrie

Elliot; and great grandchildren, Mark Jr. and Vivian Passenheim, and Lucy Pierce. Predeceased by husband, Roger and sister, Pat Hedges.

Private family services are to be held. Honquest Family Funeral Home with Crematory - Mulford Chapel was honored to have assisted the family. To share a memory or condolence please visit [www.honquestfh.com](http://www.honquestfh.com).

## This Halloween keep the scares off the road

The Belvidere Police Dept. today reminded motorists of the dangers of impaired driving, particularly on Halloween when little ghouls and goblins are out in neighborhoods and on busy streets after dark. If you plan to be out celebrating, keep these fearsome warnings in mind: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. Drive High - Get a DUI.

"If you know you're partying this Halloween, make sure you designate a sober driver to get you home safely," said Chief Woody. "Don't put yourself, or others, at risk by driving impaired by alcohol, marijuana, or any other impairing substance."

Each year throughout Illinois, hundreds die in impaired-driving crashes, while others face the ramifications of a DUI, including jail time, loss of license, and thousands of dollars spent on attorney's fees, fines, and lost wages.

The Belvidere Police Dept. urges everyone to follow these simple tips to help keep our roads safe during Halloween:



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### The BPD reminds people not to be a scary driver this Halloween season!

- Plan a safe way to get home before you attend a party.

- Designate a sober driver, take public transportation, use your favorite ride-sharing service, or call a sober friend or family member to get home.

- Walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as driving impaired. Designate a sober friend to walk you home.

- If you see an impaired

driver on the road, contact local law enforcement as soon as it is safe to do so.

- If you see an impaired person about to drive, take their keys and help them get home safely.

- Buckle up: It's your best defense against impaired drivers.

The Halloween enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Dept. of Transportation.

## LETTER POLICY

We encourage readers to submit letters to the editor. To be considered for publication, all letters MUST be signed with the writer's full name. An address and telephone number (which will not be printed) must be provided for verification purposes. Letters exceeding 250 words may be edited for length. No potentially libelous letters or letters containing personal attacks will be printed.

Writers are limited to one letter per month. Deadline is 5 p.m. Fridays. Send letters for the *Belvidere Republican* to: Letters to the Editor, 130 South State Street, Suite 101, Belvidere, IL 61008, fax to 815-547-3045, or email [bdnews@rvpublishing.com](mailto:bdnews@rvpublishing.com)



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# Updates bring information, look at inner city workings

By Bob Balgemann  
REPORTER

At varying times each month representatives from the departments at the city of Belvidere bring updated information to Committee of the Whole meetings. As a result, residents and the business community learn what went on the previous month in such locales as the police and fire departments, Planning and Zoning dept., Public Works Dept. and others.

Recent additions to that lineup have been the Ida Public Library, through an appearance by Director Mindy Long, and the finance department in the person of newly hired Budget and Finance Officer Shannon Hansen.

For example, this is the time of year when the city collects loose branches and leaves.

Danny Anderson, superintendent of the Water, Sewer, and Street Depts. reported branch pickup had started with the southwest side of town being covered. The southwest side is being addressed this week; northwest side, week of Nov. 1; and northeast side, week of Nov. 8.

Leaf collection will start on the south side of the Kishwaukee River the week of Nov. 10.

## Building Dept.

In the Building Dept., Building Director Kip Countryman said that during the month of September 128 permits were issued, among them 15 for single-family homes and 13 for commercial projects. That construction value, he said, was just under \$4 million.

Also in September the city

had 45 ongoing maintenance cases, with 12 being closed.

## P&Z Department

Community Development Planner Gina DeRose gave the Planning and Zoning Dept. update, from which statistics on zoning cases are compiled.

She said the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) considered and offered recommendations for city council on two requested special uses and a variance in September; and the flagpole text amendment in October. For November, there will be a proposed annexation and a rezoning of a house. Concerning the November case, she said, "I guarantee everyone in this room thinks this house is in the county. It is completely surrounded; it is an island of one house in the county. So having it annexed and rezoned is not anticipated to be a big deal at all."

She added: "I am talking to several people who say they will be submitting applications (for cases), so November could be crazy. But I hear that all the time and they don't move forward. One of these months we're going to have a month with about 1,000 cases. But it is what it is."

"Zoning verification letters are still very popular and houses are not staying on the market very long at all," she said. "There is a very long auction coming up dealing with several houses on Distillery Shaw Road, and some industrial property. This particular auctioneer is really doing his due diligence, which

I love, because it's always a pain when somebody buys a property at a back-tax sale auction, assuming they're getting some cheap land, and I have to tell them that they bought a retention pond. So, he's in the office quite a bit."

Poplar Grove has some P&Z cases moving forward and, again, may have about six applications that are floating around out there, she said, adding, "I'm just waiting for one of them to submit."

In summation, she said the downtown facade grants approved by the city - those projects are being completed - which is nice to see. And looking to December DeRose, who also is the city's events planner, said putting together Hometown Christmas is in full swing.

## Fire Department

Fire Chief Al Hyser reported that over the past month the department responded to 343 calls for service. Also, firefighters participated in the 67th Fill the Boot campaign for Muscular Dystrophy this past Labor Day, and raised \$11,000.

The department hosted a breakfast for all first responders on Sept. 11, the 20th anniversary of 9-11 - the terrorist attack on America. "Those participating were (Boone County) District 2, Lifeline, Belvidere police, and the Boone County Sheriff's Dept. A short remembrance ceremony was conducted after the breakfast, to honor all Americans who lost their lives on 9-11. Mayor, thank you for attend-

ing that event. We appreciate it. Also in attendance were Alderman Stevens and Alderman Fleury. Thank you for coming."

Belvidere Fire is continuing to seek quotes for a new engine. "We'll bring those quotes to next month's public safety (Committee of the Whole) meeting," he said.

Finally, he said the department still has two firefighters out through long-term injury. "We're hoping to have one back by middle-to-late October," he added. Overtime is still on the rise to maintain seven-man minimum staffing."

In a follow-up to police and fire department reports on overtime, Mayor Morris at the Oct. 18 city council meeting said reasons for overtime were now listed with the monthly police and fire bills. He added that he had been asked by several aldermen to include this information with those bills.

## Public library

In her report Director Long said the library would have a Trunk or Treat event in the facility's parking lot from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 29.

"A lot of trunks have signed up - I will not spill the beans - but a lot of interesting people will be there to hand out candy for the kids," she said.

The library also participated in an author event with Glen Cove, N.Y.'s library. "We were able to sign in on a Zoom call with nationally known historical writer, Susan Meissner, and several

of our patrons joined in on that," she recalled. "They will be sending us more events from New York as the year goes by. Nice of them to share at no cost to us."

She continued with an update on the recent tour of properties owned by the library. "We do have an expense in the water heater for the church, which is being replaced this week," she said.

Another expense is repairing the library building's elevator, which officials hope will be done by Dec. 6. Actually, work has to be done before Dec. 6, because that's when the operator certificate's 60-day extension expires and she said the library won't get another one.

Officials are waiting for delivery of a microprocessor needed to make the repairs.

Statistically, she said there were 5,189 new checkouts in the past month and renewals were up 4,900 from those in August. In addition, 1,100 requests were filled from other libraries, mostly Woodstock,

Joliet, Marengo, and Moline; library card signup was held in September with 184 new patrons being added; and 171 new items were added to the library's collection.

There were questions, from Alderman Wendy Frank, who first asked how the new "pre-school lady" was working out.

"She's doing very well," Long replied. "She's just getting ready for the winter season; the winter (program) guide should be out the end of November."

"About how many kids does she have when she's working," Alderman Frank then asked. "Does she work every day?"

"We don't have any in-person programs right now," Long said. "We still have virtual programs. We are working with the museum to bring pre-school kids there, in the agricultural room, and conduct programs there. Our meeting room is just so small; it's probably one-fourth the size of this (city hall meeting) room."

# Illinois dentists to treat Veterans in need

Throughout the month of November, many Illinois State Dental Society dentists have reserved appointment times in their offices to salute Illinois veterans.

Under the Illinois Dentists Salute initiative, participating dentists will provide critically needed dental services for the selfless men and women who have served our country—at

no cost to the veteran! Illinois veterans are eligible to receive no-cost treatment at participating dental offices.

Visit the Illinois Dentists Salute page at ISDS.org for a list of participating dental offices to schedule an appointment today.

If you have questions on Illinois Dentists Salute, contact Misty Glass at 217-525-1406.

## Slices of life

# The other side of grief

Grief thrusts you into a world you'd never choose. For many of us, it's a world we'd never want to imagine.

But then it is here. Up close and personal, much worse than we ever hoped to endure. How horrible. How awful. How terribly alone. The pain seems unbearable, because it probably is. Breathing is no longer natural, but a struggle. You aren't sure you can, will or want to survive. It is the depths of loneliness. You no longer feel whole, but a mere half of what you once were.

I lost my husband much too early. He left after a brief illness. I didn't know what to think. He was my world. If I can be so bold, I will say the adored me, and I returned the favor.

We met at 15 and were best friends ever since. I used to hesitate to use the word soul mates, now I know he was mine. How lucky is that? We were so lucky. We shared a love most never even contemplate. With such a great love comes the possibility of great loss.

He left this world and I



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

experienced great loss.

Grief is the most difficult thing I've ever gone through. I wouldn't wish it on anyone, yet most of us will experience it at one time or another during our time on this planet. When we do, we focus on our loss. On our grief. On the difficulties we, personally, are enduring.

Because we are the ones grieving, right?

Today, I had a thought. What if my husband is going through something just as difficult - maybe even more so - as my own grief?

What if he not only senses our separation but feels it to his core? What if he understands that he left me and his four kids and two grandkids unexpectedly (and too soon) and wishes upon wishing that he could be back here - with us? What if I'm not the only soul wishing for a little more

time, one last kiss, one last embrace, one last "I love you?"

Even though he is in a better place (because he is) what if, on some level, he feels like he got sucked into a vortex that took him away from this life he so truly loved?

I'm here, with our family; he is there, alone - or at least without us.

I know he misses us. I know he misses me. I know this is just as hard for him as it is for me. I truly believe this. Our loved ones miss us. I believe they are in a better place, where joy and love abound but that doesn't erase the fact that they love us. Love never dies. The physical person may leave this earth, but the soul continues loving those of us left here on the planet.

It's easy for me to lament about my loss, but what about his loss? I lost him; he lost me and four kids and two grandkids. That thought hit me today because I am sensing that he is missing me, missing us. Even in heaven, you miss those you love. And I want to acknowledge that. He didn't

want to leave.

But he did; it wasn't his choice. It just was. And I want to cast light upon the fact that it might just be as hard for him as it is for me. He loves me (present tense). He always will, so this separation has to be hard not just for me, but for him. He loves his children and grandchildren. He wanted to be here, physically, to participate in their growth. Now he watches from above; and however perfect his world is, he is still there, separated from us, and on some level that must rival my own loss.

What if I attempt to step beyond my own grief and attempt to understand his? I didn't think unconditional love was possible here on physical earth; but now I think it may be.

And with that, I send him infinite and eternal love and understanding. It's all I have. It's all I can do.

*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.*

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# Free substance abuse family support group welcomes new members

The Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Program (COAR) is inviting you to participate in a free Family Support Group. This group will allow loved ones of those struggling with addiction to find a safe place of their own to discuss the common struggles of loving someone with an addiction.

Your support group will cover these topics:

- How addiction can affect the family unit
- The addiction recovery process
- How to find support for

yourself and your loved one

- Setting healthy boundaries
- Communication and building trust

The group meets on the first and third Thursday of every month from 5 to 6 p.m.

The group meets at Crown-Point 925 Belvidere Road (the corner of 2nd and Belvidere Road) Enter in Door B.

For any questions, please contact Jessica Perillo online at [jperillo@boonehealth.org](mailto:jperillo@boonehealth.org) or call 815-708-4123 or Al-lie Carlstrom at [acarlstrom@boonehealth.org](mailto:acarlstrom@boonehealth.org) or call 815-708-4950.

## Boone County Trick or Treat times

**Sunday, Oct. 31**

- Belvidere: 4 to 8 p.m.
- Capron: 4 to 7 p.m.
- Cherry Valley: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Poplar Grove: 4 to 7 p.m.

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# Poplar Grove's Nelson earns spot on UW-W bowling roster

Rachel Nelson, a native of Poplar Grove and graduate of Belvidere North High School, will compete for the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater bowling team during the 2021-22 season, which begins this weekend.

Nelson, a sophomore at UW-Whitewater, is majoring in social work.

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater bowling team returns to the competition lanes this week as it begins the 2021-22 season at McKendree's Bearcat Hammer Open starting Friday at St. Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights, Ill.

The Warhawks are ranked fourth in the National Tenpin Coaches Association's Division II/III Preseason Poll and 21st in the poll that includes all NCAA divisions heading into the new campaign.

Last season, UW-W was ranked 23rd overall and sixth among Division II/III institutions in the final NTCA Poll. The team placed third at the United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships after earning the fourth and final qualifying spot out of the USBC's Addison (Ill.) Sectional Qualifier.

Head coach Leann Sullivan, who enters her 11th season at the helm of the program, returns 12 veterans, including seven seniors, and adds eight freshmen to the 2021-22 roster.

Following this weekend's trip, UW-Whitewater heads to nearby Kenosha Nov. 12-14 for Stephen F. Austin's Ladyjacks Hammer Classic at Sheridan Lanes.

The Warhawks wrap up the calendar year Nov. 20-21 by hosting the Warhawk Classic at Rock River Lanes in Fort Atkinson.

UW-Whitewater heads to the Northeast Classic Jan. 21-23 in Deptford, N.J., the Columbia 300 Saints Invitational on Feb. 4-6 in Valley Park, Mo., and the Mid-Winter Classic on Feb. 18-20 in Jonesboro, Ark.

The Warhawks close the month of February at Nebraska's Big Red Invitational on Feb. 25-27.

Following the USBC Intercollegiate Sectional Qualifier on March 11-13, UW-Whitewater closes the regular season March 18-20 at the Columbia 300 Music City Classic in Smyrna, Tenn.

The NCAA Regional is slated for April 8-10, and the NCAA Championship is set for April 15-16 in Columbus, Ohio. The USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships will take place April 20-23 in Addison, Ill.

The Warhawks' senior class includes Kelsey Jaeger (New London, Wis./Little Wolf), Sam Knab (Antioch, Ill./Antioch), Caitlin Mertins (Racine, Wis./Park), Piper Miles (Inverness, Ill./Fre-

md), Taylor Purgett (Marshfield, Wis./Marshfield), Chloe Van Sistine (Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead) and Kylie Wright (Dickeyville, Wis./Cuba City).

Junior Alyssa Lang (Palos Heights, Ill./Marist) is the team's lone third-year player. Sophomores Jamie Gabrysz (Prescott Valley, Ariz./Fountain-Fort Carson (Colo.)), Bree Gullikson (Custer, Wis./Amherst), Rebecca Howard (Buffalo Grove/Buffalo Grove) and Rachel Nelson (Poplar Grove/Belvidere North) return for their second seasons with the program.

Nelson played nearly 250 Baker and traditional frames in the Warhawks' regular

lineup. She filled nearly 80 percent of her frames in that role, including 83 percent in traditional games, and converted better than 96 percent of her single-pin spares in traditional games.

Newcomers to the team in 2021-22 include freshmen Alley Franks (Janesville, Wis./Craig), Carley Frey (Baraboo, Wis./Baraboo), Taylor Jensen (Sun Prairie, Wis./Sun Prairie), Mackenzie Juedes (Menasha, Wis./Menasha), Dani Swaisgood (Burbank, Calif./John Burroughs), Maddie Weinfurter (Pleasant Prairie, Wis./Kenosha Tremper), Kelly Whipple (Sheboygan, Wis./South) and Olivia Zinanni (Sterling, Ill./Sterling).

## Eric See of Poplar Grove makes Dean's List

Eric See of Poplar Grove made the Dean's List for the summer term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must have completed at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed 2021 property tax levy increase for Illinois Community College District #523 will be held on November 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Kishwaukee College.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President or Jill Hansen, Chief Financial Officer, Kishwaukee College, Malta, Illinois, 60150, 815-825-2086, extension 9334 or 9517.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2020 were \$11,934,648. The proposed corporate and special purposes property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$12,634,915. This represents a 5.9% increase from the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$4,503,586. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public commission leases for 2021 are \$4,592,495. This represents a 2.0% increase from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2020 are \$16,438,234. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$17,227,410. This represents a 4.8% increase from the previous year.

/s/Kathleen Spears  
Kathleen Spears  
Secretary  
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# FBI report says armed citizens killed more criminals than police

The FBI Uniform Crime Report for 2020 indicates that armed private citizens killed more criminals during the commission of a felony than were killed by police, and the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) says this data clearly underscores the continuing need for American gun ownership.

"We looked at Tables 14 and 15 in the FBI's new report that apply to justifiable homicides by law enforcement and private citizens, respectively," noted CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. "Last year, according to the data, armed citizens killed 343 criminals during the commission of a felony while police fatally shot 298 felons.

"If the FBI data published in their crime report for 2020

is accurate," he continued, "it is ample evidence that the individual right to keep and bear arms for personal defense is as important today as it was when the Second Amendment was adopted as a cornerstone of the Bill of Rights.

"The use of deadly force is not something anybody wants," Gottlieb observed, "but neither is being injured or killed by some thug during a violent criminal attack. Self-defense may be the oldest natural right, and every time we hear some politician, public official or gun control extremist call for citizen disarmament, we have to wonder which side they're on. It certainly can't be on the side of public safety.

"Gun prohibitionists who enjoy their own private secu-

rity while promoting restrictive laws that take guns out of the hands of law-abiding citizens are world-class hypocrites," he said. "The same people who want to disarm honest citizens are typically those who support policies that are soft on criminals. They haven't simply lost perspective; they've abandoned common sense."

CCRKBA has long defended the individual right to keep and bear arms, and encourages gun owners to seek competent instruction on firearms safety and the use of firearms in self-defense. Gottlieb noted how studies show that over 99 percent of cases when a gun is used in self-defense, no shots are fired. The burglar, robber or rapist flees or is held at gunpoint until police arrive, he said.

"This data should send a message to criminals that their chances of recidivism are gradually shrinking," said Gottlieb, who co-authored America Fights Back - Armed Self-Defense in a Violent Age, and more recently, Good Guys with Guns. "The tide has clearly turned."

With more than 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (www.ccrkba.org) is one of the nation's premier gun rights organizations. As a non-profit organization, the Citizens Committee is dedicated to preserving firearms freedoms through active lobbying of elected officials and facilitating grass-roots organization of gun rights activists in local communities throughout the United States.

## Belvidere fire calls

The Belvidere Fire Dept. responded to 122 calls Oct. 11 to 24.

### Monday, Oct. 11

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

- 100 block of Club Circle - public service
- 500 block of Glenwood Dr. - public service
- 100 block of Club Circle - assist invalid
- 2300 block of Oakwood Dr. - smoke alarm

### Tuesday, Oct. 12

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

- 1100 block of Nettie St. - call cancelled en route
- 1000 block of Autumn Dr. - assist invalid
- 1400 block of Apache Dr. Rockford - building fire
- 1500 block of James Ct. - call cancelled en route
- 100 block of W. 2nd St. - animal rescue
- 2100 block of Lakeshore Dr. - gas leak
- Pearl St./US Route 20 - un-

authorized burning  
2100 block of Tobyne Dr. - call cancelled en route

### Wednesday, Oct. 13

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

- 2100 block of Gateway Center Dr. - good intent call
- 900 block of N. State St. - smoke alarm

### Thursday, Oct. 14

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

- 600 block of Logan Ave. - false alarm
- 600 block of W. Madison St. - attempted illegal burning
- 1800 block of Maple Ave. - public service

### Friday, Oct. 15

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

- E. Jackson St./N. State St. - motor vehicle accident
- 300 Meadow St. - false alarm

### Saturday, Oct. 16

BFD responded to 7 med-

ical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

- 1900 block of Burnett Dr. - call cancelled en route
- 2000 Leigh St. Rockford - call cancelled en route
- 2100 block of Tobyne Dr. - call cancelled en route
- 500 block of S. State St. - call cancelled en route
- 800 block of Berylan - call cancelled en route

### Sunday, Oct. 17

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

- 2100 block of Tobyne Dr. - call cancelled en route
- 300 block of E. Hurlbut St. - public service
- 1800 block of Maple Ave. - call cancelled en route
- 1100 block of Nettie St. - public service

### Monday, Oct. 18

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

- 1100 block of Nettie St. - assist invalid

### Tuesday, Oct. 19

BFD responded to 0 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

- 2700 block of Francis St. - person in distress
- 100 block of Club Circle - assist invalid
- 100 block of Club Circle - public service
- 100 block of W. 2nd St. - assist police

### Wednesday, Oct. 20

BFD responded to 5 medical calls and the following

fire/rescue calls.

- 6700 block of Imron Dr. - motor vehicle accident
- 500 block of Pearl St. - assist invalid
- 900 block of Webster St. - carbon monoxide incident

### Thursday, Oct. 21

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

- 2100 block of Henry Lukow Lane - call cancelled en route
- N. State St./Fairgrounds Rod - motor vehicle accident
- 500 block of Wheatland Dr. - call cancelled en route

### Friday, Oct. 22

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

- 500 block of Wheatland Dr. - assist invalid

### Saturday, Oct. 23

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

- 1800 block of Maple Ave. - assist invalid
- 1300 block of 5th Ave. - public service

### Sunday, Oct. 24

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

- 2100 block of Tobyne Dr. - call cancelled en route
- 1800 block of Maple Ave. - public service
- 4000 block of Greenspire Ct. - assist invalid
- 600 block of Wheatland Dr. - service call

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# Onward and Upward: Growth Dimensions holds annual reception

Growth Dimensions Economic Development recently held their 2021 Annual Reception at the Community Building Complex of Boone County on Thursday, Sept. 30. The event drew nearly 200 guests from Boone County and across the region, while focusing on measures to keep guests safe.

Pamela Lopez-Fettes, Growth Dimensions' Executive Director, highlighted Boone County's accomplishments over the last year.

Growth Dimensions and Forward Boone County partners continued their commitment to provide COVID-19 resources to Boone County, by volunteering more than 1,000 hours towards COVID-related matters. These efforts allowed the County to hold 18 webinars, focused on business revitalization, COVID-19 information, vaccine updates, and many other topics, garnering more than 3,000 video and webinar views. Other efforts included providing support

for funding options, which allowed Boone County businesses to receive more than \$3.2 million in much needed financial assistance.

Fettes then focused on business project requests for new and existing businesses looking to expand their footprint and bring additional investments into the community. Additionally, the Belvidere-Boone County Enterprise Zone continues to be utilized and has resulted in nearly \$7.1 million in capital investments in 2020 and 2021.

She continued by highlighting Growth Dimensions' involvement in collaborating with local and state elected officials, to make Illinois a more competitive option for businesses, specifically manufacturing. This partnership continues to make strides towards presenting a bill to the Illinois House of Representatives that would make Illinois more attractive for new businesses and business expansion.

Fettes then focused on their Venture Program and the traction it has gained as a result of partnering and collaborating with numerous local and regional organizations. You can learn more at [www.growthdimensions.org/business-resources/venture-program](http://www.growthdimensions.org/business-resources/venture-program).

Fettes also focused on the job market, highlighting the substantial decrease in Boone County's unemployment. Unemployment was at 16.0 percent in 2020, dropping to 8.8 percent in 2021. In tandem, Fettes, discussed the key drivers in Boone County that will aid in increasing the local talent pool, to help keep driving down unemployment; Rock Valley College's Advanced Technology Center and the 60 by 25 Network.

### James Ellis, "The War for Talent Starts on Your Job Posting"

As a tie-in to the job market and employment, the evening's keynote speaker was James Ellis, keynote speaker for the recruiting and employer brand set. With businesses feeling the impact of the worker shortage, Ellis' presentation, "The War for Talent Starts on Your Job Postings," was timely and relevant.

Presenting virtually, Ellis provided tips and examples of how to make business job openings appealing to prospective employees. He stressed the importance of crafting job postings as a marketing piece, in contrast to how they are typically a Human Resources document.

He noted that a job posting should not alienate talent by listing job duties/tasks, requirements, etc. Rather the structure should include who the company is, describe the team and how they support the company, highlight the role and how it will support the team, and portray the culture of the company. This structure, according to Ellis, creates "a clear link between what the organization is doing and that the person is doing."

Additionally, Ellis stressed the importance of not outlining



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Pamela Lopez-Fettes, Growth Dimensions' Executive Director, highlights Boone County's accomplishments over the last year.

## Apply for Boone County circuit clerk position

Pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/25-11, the chair of the County Board with the advice and consent of the County Board will name a new Boone County circuit clerk to serve until the next General Election in 2022. The aforesaid statute also requires that the new appointee be of the same political party that Linda Anderson was the candidate for in 2020, which is the Republican Par-

ty. Applicants must reside in Boone County.

Interested parties are asked to send a letter and resume expressing their interest and qualifications to Boone County Board Chair Karl Johnson, 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 102, Belvidere, IL 61008, or e-mail [kjohnson@boonecountyil.org](mailto:kjohnson@boonecountyil.org). Please respond by Oct. 31, 2021, to assure being considered.

## Belvidere High School athletic schedule

**Friday, Oct. 29**  
TBA - Boys Football, Varsity vs. Football Playoffs - 1st Round, TBA  
TBA - Cheerleading, Varsity vs. Football Playoffs - 1st Round, TBA

**Saturday, Oct. 30**  
TBA - Girls Swimming and Diving, Varsity vs. NIC-10 Conference Meet, away at Guilford HS Pool  
*No events scheduled Oct. 31-Nov. 4.*

## Belvidere North High School athletic schedule

**Thursday, Oct. 28**  
6 p.m. - Girls Volleyball, Varsity vs. IHSA Regionals, home at Main Gym

and Diving, Varsity vs. NIC-10 Conference Meet, away at Jefferson HS Pool

**Saturday, Oct. 30**  
TBA - Girls Cross Country, Varsity vs. IHSA Sectionals, away at IHSA Sectionals  
TBA - Boys Cross Country, Varsity vs. IHSA Sectionals, away at IHSA Sectionals  
TBA - Girls Swimming

**Monday, Nov. 1**  
TBA - Girls Volleyball, Varsity vs. Sectional, away at Sycamore HS  
**Wednesday, Nov. 3**  
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tion forms.

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# Rad (Bad) women of Belvidere

## Julia Stott: Was she or wasn't she a Black Widow?

By Mindy Long, Director  
IDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

"I have been fascinated with Julia since I first heard of this story many years ago. I wondered many times why she was never convicted and what happened to her," said Mindy Long. "I started looking for her in my spare time about two years ago, but intensified my search a couple of months ago after we lined up Dean Jobb for an author event. It was not an easy search. This was a woman who did not want to be found and I only managed to trace her through her daughter. Like any research, though, the more difficult searches bring the most satisfying rewards and I am thrilled to report my findings."

Ida Public Library was honored to host Canadian author Dean Jobb for a Zoom event in September. Dean talked about his new book, *The Case of the Murderous Dr. Cream: The Hunt for a Victorian Serial Killer*. Dr. Thomas Neil Cream is pretty well known in Boone County as the killer of Garden Prairie resident Daniel Stott. Many of you have heard the story of lovers Dr. Cream and Julia Stott, who conspired together to murder Julia's elderly husband by poison in 1881.

The circumstances surrounding Daniel Stott's death led to the arrest and trial of Dr. Thomas Neil Cream, who had previously accumulated suspicious death investigations in Canada and Chicago. At Dr. Cream's trial, Julia Stott turned state's evidence against him, resulting in a life

sentence for Cream in Joliet prison. Cream was released after only ten years, moved to England, continued his murder spree, and was executed by hanging in 1892 at Newgate Prison. Dean Jobb's book details the fascinating story of this Victorian criminal and is an excellent read. Copies of the book are available at the Boone County Museum of History.

But one thing that has always bothered many people is what happened to Julia Stott? According to the newspaper reports, a murder trial was set for Julia in February of 1882, but the case was dismissed with no charges. Julia apparently struck a deal and was granted exemption from testimony against Cream. She walked away scott free, which is ironic as we will see in a bit. Snippets in local newspapers mentioned occasionally that she was in Garden Prairie for a visit with relatives, but there seemed to be no trace of where she was living. Julia and Daniel Stott had a daughter, Amy Revel Stott, who was nine years old at the time of her father's death. Both mother and daughter had seemingly dropped off the face of the earth.

Upon his early release from Joliet Prison and before his move to England, Dr. Thomas Neil Cream attempted to locate Julia. Whether his intent was to regain his lost love or to exact revenge, we will never know, but Cream spent thousands of dollars searching for Julia. He hired Pinkerton detectives, who investigated

for months with no results. Eventually, Cream gave up the search, moved back to Canada, and was shipped off by his family to meet his ultimate end in England. Julia and her daughter remained hidden somewhere, safe from the prying Pinkerton agents and the unknown intentions of a convicted killer.

Julia, though, was apparently savvy to the ways of hiding from prying eyes. She changed her name completely, from Julia Augusta Abbey (her maiden name) Stott to Jennie Scott (here's the irony in the last name). Julia also changed her daughter's name, from Amey Revel Stott to Amy R. Scott. They did not go far, settling in the town of Irene, a very small village just nine miles from Belvidere and 14 miles from Garden Prairie. Although many might think it would be easier to hide in a large city like Chicago, remember this was the early 1800's, with no easy access to news of the day. Additionally, in 1883, just a short year after her scheduled murder trial, Jennie Scott married Israel Cream, one of the original founders of Forest, Ill. in Livingston County. Israel was a widower 35 years older than Julia. Recall that Julia's murdered first husband, Daniel Stott, was 30 years older than Julia. One wonders if a pattern is taking shape? By 1900, Jennie and her daughter are listed in the census for Forest. By this time, 26-year-old daughter Amey has married 27-year-old William Lahners and given birth to her first son, making Julia a grandmother,

and are residing with Israel and Jennie. It would seem as if the Stotts had found happiness at last, escaping the notoriety of Daniel Stott's death along with the attentions of Dr. Thomas Neil Cream, still imprisoned in Joliet.

But lasting happiness was not to be for our "Jennie". Husband Israel passed away in 1900, seven years after their marriage. By this time, Dr. Thomas Neil Cream had been released from prison early, traveled to London, where he was executed for further crimes in 1892. Had Julia been aware of Cream's search for her? Did she now feel safe and secure, the widow of a wealthy landowner and founder of the village where she lived? It would seem not, because in 1906 Julia married again to widower Jacob B. Wentz, a man 22 years older, and moved to Decatur, Ill. Was the marriage an innocent coincidence? Did Julia just prefer older husbands?

Here's where Julia Abbey Stott's tale really becomes interesting and raises even more questions. New groom Jacob good health, with four older children, dropped dead at his front door just three months after his marriage to Julia. His obituary contains details of how he told his wife he was going the check the mail, but fell down just as he reached the door. Julia stated she was in the back of the house, heard a thud, and rushed to the front hall to see what happened. Upon finding Jacob's body, she screamed and ran to the neighbors for help. Physicians pronounced him dead at the house, mentioning that his death was instantaneous. Further investigation revealed he had been troubled by bilious attacks. Just before going to the door, he had drunk a small dose of medicine comprised of sugar, three or four drops of peppermint oil, and an ounce of water. Hmmm .... sound familiar?

The physicians, however, found no trace of glass in the supposed glass used by Jacob and the coroner reported there was nothing strange in a man of 78 dying suddenly. An inquest stated probable cause of death as paralysis of the brain or a burst brain ves-



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**Amy Revel Stott (Scott) Williams, daughter of Daniel and Julia Stott, who died in 1966 at the age of 93 in Decatur, Ill. She is buried in Fairlawn Cemetery along with her mother, Julia (Jennie) Augusta Abbey Stott (Scott) Krack Wentz.**

sel, entirely normal in an old man. Of course, pure speculation makes us wonder if Julia (Jennie) Abbey Stott (Scott) Krack Wentz was entirely innocent. We know she conspired with Dr. Thomas Neil Cream in Daniel Stott's death and would likely have been found guilty at her own murder trial if she had not turned state's evidence. We also know that Dr. Thomas Neil Cream had a modus operandi, which did not include elderly men. In fact, Daniel Stott was the only known male victim of Dr. Cream. Was Julia a Black Widow serial killer?

We may never know the answers to this complicated case. Julia's daughter, Amy Revel Stott (Scott), had one child in her marriage to William Lahners. William Lahners passed away in 1926 and Amy remarried Charles Williams the same year. Amy

Revel Scott (Stott) Williams passed away on Dec. 27, 1966 at the age of 93. She is buried in Fairlawn Cemetery in Decatur. There is no grave marker, but she is buried next to her first husband, William Lahners. Their son, William, Jr. died in 1973.

Our journey with Julia (Jennie) Abbey (Stott) Krack Wentz comes to an end in 1933. Julia passed away on Jan 7, 1933 at the age of 83. She is also buried in Fairlawn Cemetery in Decatur, next to daughter Amey. Julia's story raises more questions than answers, but it has been one of the most rewarding finds in a lengthy research effort. It's up to you to decide whether she was an innocent young woman searching for love in the arms of older men, or a Black Widow murderer who got away with murdering one, if not three, husbands.

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# Chicago man arrested for criminal trespass

On Thursday, Oct. 14, the Marengo Police Department arrested Marshawn Wilson, 28, of Chicago, for criminal trespass to land. Mr. Wilson was released after posting bond.

The Marengo police department wishes to remind the public that a charge is merely an accusation and all those charged are innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

## Crime news

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

### Ten years for sexual assault charges

Richard F. Wachter, 56, of Woodstock, was sentenced on Sept. 8 to 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by Judge Coppedge, pursuant to a negotiated plea, after pleading guilty to two counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault. Wachter was also sentenced to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to two counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse.

On Aug. 9, 2018, Wachter was charged with sexually assaulting and abusing multiple victims dating back to the 1990s. On Aug. 11, 2017, the statute of limitations for the major felony sex crimes committed against children was eliminated, so long as the cases were still viable under the extended statute of limitations, and Wachter was prosecuted for his past offenses against children.

This case was investigated by Detective Sharp of the Woodstock Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Sharyl Eisenstein of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office.

### Lakemoor man receives 38 years

Ivan Olan, 58, of Lakemoor,

was sentenced to a total of 38 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the Offenses of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver.

The defendant was sentenced to 20 years in prison on Sept. 7, by McHenry County Judge Wilbrandt. On Sept. 14, he was sentenced to an additional 18 years in prison, to be served consecutively, by Lake County Judge Rossetti.

These cases were investigated by members of Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group and Round Lake Park Police Department. They were prosecuted by Neil Adams and Brette Dunbar of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office.

### Harvard man convicted of domestic battery

Oscar Sanchez Jr., 24, of Harvard, was sentenced to 3.5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the Offense of Domestic Battery, a Class 4 Felony. The defendant was sentenced on Sept. 23 by McHenry County Judge Coppedge following a plea of guilty.

This case was investigated by members of the Harvard Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Tyler Mikán and Brette Dunbar of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office.

# Virtual 4-H Club program begins Oct. 30

Join Lake and McHenry County 4-H staff and volunteers for an upcoming "Virtual 4-H Club Experience" Oct. 30 through Dec. 11, 10-11 a.m.

This virtual 4-H club will introduce new members to the 4-H program and provide an opportunity to explore a variety of 4-H projects including but not limited to: cooking, health and nutrition, food science, horticulture/vegetable gardening, leadership and more. Learn about other club opportunities in your local area. Club meetings will be hosted through the University of Illinois Extension's Zoom account.

Members of the "Virtual 4-H Club Experience" will enjoy the benefits of

the Illinois 4-H membership including additional club opportunities such as joining a local Community Club, any Special Interest (SPIN) Club offered in Lake or McHenry County and Illinois 4-H State events/activities requiring Illinois 4-H membership. Membership also qualifies youth to participate in 4-H judging events such as the county 4-H Fair/Shows and public speaking contests.

This program is for McHenry and Lake County youth ages 5-12 (as of Sept. 1, 2021). The cost is \$20 for enrollment, with a maximum of \$60 per family.

Visit the website at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/members](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members).



## 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.

### Oct. 7

800 block of Prairie View Lane: Kaitlin M. Urso, 23, of Woodstock, was arrested on WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

### Oct. 8

300 block of Leah Lane: Diane M. Dulberg, 55 of Woodstock, was arrested on WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

### Oct. 9

11000 block of Catalpa Lane: Thomas J. Tuthill, 48,

of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

### Oct. 10

2900 block of Brahm Lane: Lauren M. Long, 24, of Woodstock, was arrested on WOW (FTA-McHenry).

300 block of Hoy Avenue: Aaron R. M. Montgomery, 19, of Woodstock, was arrested on WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

700 block of Leah Lane: Tatiana N. Matthews, 39, of Woodstock, was arrested on WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

600 block of South Eastwood Drive: Pamela S. Van Fleet, 49, of Wonder Lake, was arrested on WOW (FTA-McHenry County) and obstructing identification.

600 block of South Eastwood Drive: Brian P. Andersen, 37, of McHenry, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

### Oct. 11

Dane Street at Oak Street: Sasha A. Fletcher-Borg, 19, of McHenry, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

700 block of Seminary Avenue: Lizandra Chacon-Tellez, 36, of Woodstock, was arrested for no valid driver's license and speeding.

### Oct. 13

200 block of Verbena Lane: Shelly L. Meehan, 53, of McHenry, was arrested for DUI, fail to report accident to police, failure to

reduce speed, obstructing justice (destroy evidence), resisting a peace officer, uninsured and fail to give information to owner.

### Oct. 14

300 block of Lake Avenue: Trention J. Mayfield, 19, of Huntley, was arrested for possession of cannabis in a vehicle (passenger) and resisting/obstructing a peace officer.

300 block of Lake Avenue: Jaia E.Q. Finch, 20, was arrested for two counts of resisting/obstructing peace officer.

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

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# LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MCHENRY COUNTY - WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC; Plaintiff, vs. GARY M. BILLINGS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

19 CH 394 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, November 18, 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:

ALL THAT PART OF LOT 167 OF THE ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF SECTION 8 (AND OTHER SECTIONS) IN TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 1 OF PLATS, ON PAGE 1 AND RE-RECORDED IN BOOK 3 OF PLATS ON PAGES 17-21 INCLUSIVE, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF FREMONT STREET, WHICH IS SOUTH 51 DEGREES EAST, 50 FEET FROM THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 12 OF OWNER'S SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF BLOCK 1 OF E. I. SMITH'S ADDITION

TO WOODSTOCK AND LAND ADJOINING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN SAID RECORDER'S OFFICE IN BOOK 5 OF PLATS, ON PAGE 50, AND RE-RECORDED IN BOOK 8 OF PLATS, ON PAGE 45; THENCE, SOUTH, 51 DEGREES EAST ALONG THE SAID NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF FREMONT STREET, 50 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF THAT PART OF SAID LOT 167 CONVEYED BY EDWIN L. HANAFORD AND OTHERS, TO HANAFORD SHEPARD BY DEED DATED APRIL 20, 1936 AND RECORDED IN THE SAID RECORDER'S

OFFICE IN BOOK 226 OF DEEDS, PAGE 245; THENCE NORTH, 45 DEGREES AND 51 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE PIECE SO CONVEYED TO HANAFORD SHEPARD, 116 FEET; THENCE NORTH 51 DEGREES, WEST, 13.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 27 MINUTES WEST, 7.9 FEET; THENCE NORTH 36 DEGREES 27 MINUTES WEST, 33.9; THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES AND 51 MINUTES WEST; 117.5 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 13-08-253-012.

Commonly known as 541 Fremont Street, Woodstock, IL 60098.

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. W19-0613 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3177964

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff,

-v.- TANYA OLVERA A/K/A TANYA STORY et al Defendant

19 CH 104 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 17, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November 24, 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 SEVEN (7) IN BLOCK SIX (6) OF HIGHLAND, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN BOOK ONE OF PLATS, AT PAGE TWO; SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BELVIDERE IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1422 WHITNEY BOULEVARD, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-36-307-004

The real estate is improved with a white vinyl siding, two story single family home, detached one car garage.

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.

MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.

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. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago IL, 60602 312-346-9088 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 20-04799IL\_613984 Attorney ARDC No. 61256 Case Number: 19 CH 104 TJSC#: 41-1591 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 # 19 CH 104 I3177896

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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 RAUL MONTEAGUDO GARZA, Deceased. Case No. 21 P 121 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE is given of the death of Raul Monteagudo Garza. Letters of Office were issued on February 5, 2021, to Nidia C. Monteagudo, 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 April 14, 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: 10/8/21 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 (Published in the Belvidere Republican Oct. 14, 21 & 28, 2021) 405618

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 RONALD F. ROMANEK, Deceased. Case No. 21 P 55 CLAIM NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ALL IT MAY CONCERN NOTICE is given of the death of Ronald F. Romanek. Letters of Office were issued on October 12, 2021, to Nathan J. Noble, Independent 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. Within forty-two (42) days after the effective date of the original order of admission, Heirs and Legatees may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975. (755 ILCS 5/6-21). Heirs and Legatees also have the right under section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within six (6) months after admission of the will to probate. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before April 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: 10/15/21 Nathan J. Noble Attorney for Administrator Nathan J. Noble, P.C. 504 North State Street Belvidere, IL 61008 815.547.7700 (Published in the Belvidere Republican Oct. 21, 28 & Nov. 4, 2021) 406140

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# State Senator Dave Syverson announces he will be running for re-election in the 35th District

Republican businessman and Illinois State Senator Dave Syverson (R-Cherry Valley) announced his campaign for re-election in the 35th District so he may continue to be a consistent voice for families, taxpayers, seniors, and job creators here in Northern Illinois.

“When I first ran for Senate, I had no government or political background, and was just a frustrated parent, a small business owner, and

a taxpayer who felt there needed to be a voice that represented families and the common person - not special interest groups,” Sen. Syverson said.

Since being elected as a citizen legislator and reformer, Sen. Syverson has focused on introducing and passing reforms to reduce the power of politicians and political insiders and to increase transparency and accountability for Illinois taxpayers.

He also believes in leading by example, and with that in mind, he has never accepted a pay raise or cost of living increase, instead donating his pay increases to local charities.

To maintain his people-centered focus, Sen. Syverson has made constituent services the cornerstone of his work as a legislator. Each year he helps hundreds of people that come to his office for help when the state

fails to do their job. He believes his job is to advocate for those the state has failed by fighting the bureaucracy in Springfield to get resolutions for his constituents.

“Today, as crime, over taxation and corruption ravage our state, the governor and his ruling party seem to be going after the people’s freedoms, tying the hands of law enforcement, and spending at a rate that is mortgaging our children’s future,”

Sen. Syverson said. “The path they are leading us on will not support the kind of prosperous state our families once knew and deserve. I am sure there is a better path Illinois can take. I believe that, in many cases, government is the problem - not the solution. As a state you cannot tax your way into prosperity, but you can grow your way. We need to create an environment where the ingenuity and

hard work of Illinoisans can flourish. When this happens, so many pieces will then fall in place.

The final chapter on Illinois has not been written. I owe it to my family and all Illinois families to do everything I can to make our state a better place to live, work, and raise our children.”

You can learn more about Sen. Syverson and his campaign at: <https://www.syversonforsenate.com/>

## LEGAL NOTICES

City of Belvidere TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2021							
FUNDS GROUPS	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	ENDING FUND BALANCE		
<b>GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</b>							
GENERAL FUND	11,040,593	21,704,273	17,634,957	(642,990)	14,466,919		
MOTOR FUEL TAX	633,719	1,830,530	807,244	0	1,657,005		
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	1,590,981	398,335	1,489,480	551,729	1,051,565		
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL PROPRIETARY FUND	394,627	192,993	112,447	0	475,173		
ENTERPRISE FUND	42,658,073	5,348,973	5,690,194	0	42,316,852		
FIDUCIARY FUND							
PENSION TRUST FUNDS	39,740,347	13,865,152	3,219,469	0	50,386,030		
COMPONENT UNIT							
LIBRARY	891,257	1,017,368	645,308	0	1,263,317		
TOTALS	96,949,597	44,357,624	29,599,099	(91,261)	111,616,861		
<b>COMPENSATION SUMMARY UNDER \$25,000</b>							
Grant Anderson, Samuel Arco, Daniel Arevalo, Jill Bertolasi, Erica Bluege, Edward Bogielski, Elizabeth Bratter, Ric Brereton, George Crawford, Kaylee Crosby, Elizabeth Dealba Bookman, Mathew Fleury, Wendy Frank, Marsha Freeman, Leah Hotchkiss, Donna Kurtenbach, Beatriz Marquez, Michael McGee, Rebecca Mundell, Kristina O'Brien, Alexandra Omiotek, Amanda Pagani, Thomas Porter, Thomas Ratcliffe, Michael Scarpetta, Daniel Snow, Daniel Sommerfield, Sydney Stensland, Clayton Stevens, Cory Thornton, Michele Whisenhunt, Brett White, Craig Wilcox							
<b>\$25,000 to \$49,999.99</b>							
Maria Casas, Catherine Crawford, Denise Delaney, Rolando Flores, Christine Gilman, Robert Gunsteen, Jonathan Lerch, Melinda Long, Shannon Metzger, Abigail Meyers, Jennifer Mullin, Elizabeth Nitch, Austin Revolinski, Kim Richardson, Judith Taromina, Cara Whetsel, Kaitlin Woodard, Cameron Worley							
<b>\$50,000 to \$74,999.99</b>							
Kelly Ahlberg, Coby Bottcher, Michael Chamberlain, Jason Charlesworth, Louis Carlile, Sandra Daniels, Gina DelRose, Susie Embry, Joseph Erber, Michael Fast, Bret Fiddler, Jacob Hendrickson, Ronald Herman, Keith Hildebrand, Andrew Johnson, Anthony Jones, Edward Kasperovich, Katelyn Lopez, Stephen Mead, Adam Mears, Danny Roush, Cindy Tiner, Adrian Trujillo, Sarah Turnipseed, Mark Weiland, Glenn Williams, Todd Winnie							
<b>\$75,000 to \$99,999.99</b>							
Daniel Anderson, Mark Beck, Jeremy Bell, Ethan Berillo, Christopher Blatchford, Michelle Bogdonas, KC Brox, Jack Butenschoen, Jeffrey Carlson, Klippan Countryman, Christopher Cox, Ryan Culvey, Joseph Danielak, Ryan Davenport, Anthony Delmore, Nicholas Ekberg, David Ellingson, Adam Ellwanger, Kenneth Fisk, Kevin Fox, Christopher Garcia, Jesse Gonzalez, Bradley Heiser, Thomas Jones, Jonathan Kaplan, Jeremy Klinefelter, Matthew Korn, Robert Kozlowski, James Kriebs, Cory Lane, Steve Leonard, Raymond Lindberg, Matthew Loudenbeck, Joseph McDermott, Christopher McElhinney, Todd Moore, Joshua Oates, Gregory Pavlatos, Aaron Pihl, Scott Przybyla, Zachary Reese, Jimmy Roman, Charles Rotolo, Julie Schutz, Michelle Schwartz, Matthew Shook, Patrick Staples, Nicholas Steiner, Travis Tangye, Nicholas Thornton, Catherine Tobin, Derrick Vail, Jeffery Vaughan, Caleb Wares, Richard Zapf							
<b>\$100,000 to \$124,999.99</b>							
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<b>REVENUES</b>							
Property Tax-5,200,516 Hotel/Motel Tax-977, Auto Rental Tax-3,755, Muni Infrastructure Maint-90,137, State Income Tax-2,932,995, Sales Tax-3,647,388, Home Rule Sale Tax-1,054,484, Local Use Tax-1,143,891, Local Motor Fuel Tax-472,415, Cannabis Tax-20,912, Replacement Tax-559,961, Repl Tax Dist to Pensions-(264,297), Grants-1,456,866, Business License-8,810, Liquor License & Fines-189,150, Amusement Machine-64,329, Court Fines-151,431, Parking Fines-4,670, Seized Vehicle-31,400, Engr Fees-0, Video Gambling-236,293, Franchise Fees-264,362, Death/Birth Certificates-21,692, Accident/Fire Reports-3,470, Tipping Fee-52,265, Fuel Charges-283,632, Interest Income-220,033, Misc Revenues-37,021, Heritage Days-21,392, Historic Preservation (fundraising)-600, Historic Preservation (grant reimb)-0, Sale of Assets-398,607, Expense Reimbursement-319,292, Library Expense Reimbursement-27,411, Grants-1,759,504, Building Permits-154,366, Electric Permits-10,607, Electrician Certification-3,100, Plumbing Permits-695, HVAC Permits-6,124, Plan Review Fees-10,469, Insulation Permits-815, Code Enforcement-2,075, Other Permits-4,872, Zoning Review Fee-3,867, Sidewalk/Lot Grading Fees-7,425, Sale of Assets-398,607, Planning Fees-2,175, Water Consumption-1,928,469, Meters Sold-178,528, Other Services-54,358, Sewer Consumption-2,830,273, Deposit on Agr Westhills-3,334, Deposit on Agreement-10,055, Connection Fees-61,983, MFT Tax-1,854,384, Utility Tax-2,402,009							
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
Abbott Rubber Company, Inc.	3,904.23	Centrisys Corporation	2,581.66	Heritage Days Fund	5,000.00		
AC Pavement Striping Co.	12,985.90	Ceroni Piping Company	25,591.96	HolmstromKennedy, P.C.	4,410.00		
Ace Heating and Air, Inc.	4,040.00	Changes Salon	10,000.00	I.M.L. Risk Management	242,574.26		
Advanced Disposal Services	146,225.36	Cintas Corporation	39,748.18	Ida Public Library Operating Fund	39,562.00		
AEP Energy	5,185.31	Cintas First Aid & Safety	2,766.62	iFiber	8,100.00		
AFLAC	4,434.11	City of Rockford	35,540.49	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	160,957.99		
Air One Equipment	14,057.46	Civil Engineering Services, Inc.	85,632.32	Illinois Department of Public Health	11,132.00		
Alexander Chemical Corporation	41,861.09	Clarke Environmental Mosquito	8,125.00	Illinois Fraternal Order of Police	23,390.40		
Alexis Fire Equipment Company	145,592.47	College of DuPage	3,884.60	IML - RMA	452,495.04		
Allegra Printing & Imaging	8,491.84	Comcast Business	14,429.92	Innovative Underground, LLC	4,200.00		
Altorfer Industries Inc.	3,857.28	Commonwealth Edison	259,924.96	Interstate Batteries/Rock	4,217.51		
American Hydraulics, Inc.	5,852.00	Concordia Lanes	20,000.00	IP Communications	3,872.32		
Andco Kitchens & Baths, Inc.	5,804.42	Constellation New Energy, Inc.	46,193.55	Ironwood Environmental	5,500.00		
Anni's Salon	5,000.00	Cordray Brothers, Inc.	76,066.72	IUOE Local 150 Admin. Dues	56,898.72		
Apollo AC, Inc.	25,000.00	Core & Main	118,916.58	IWORQ	32,000.00		
Applied Concepts, Inc.	2,514.00	Corporate Payment Systems	46,647.68	J&D Oil Co.	306,776.12		
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# Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety

Everyone is encouraged to take time to learn or refresh their knowledge about ways to prevent fires and how to stay safe during an emergency.

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarm sounds

It's important to know what to do when a noise is coming from a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm. This knowledge will keep your family safe. When an alarm makes a noise – you must take action.

\*A loud beeping sound means smoke or carbon monoxide is present. Get out, call 911, and stay out.

\*A chirping sound coming from a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm means the battery or entire alarm needs to be replaced as soon as possible so test alarms every month.

\*Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms need to be tested every month to ensure they're still working properly. Testing an alarm takes less than 15 seconds and is done by pressing and holding the test button to make sure it makes three or four loud beep sounds. If no sounds are made or the alarm is over 10 years old, it's time for a new one.

A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery needs to be replaced.

If your alarm chirps continuously after the battery has been replaced, it means that the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit needs to be replaced.

\*Prepare a home fire escape plan

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, to alert you to danger. In case of fire, you are likely to have less than two minutes to escape safely. That is why alarms need to be near sleeping areas and on each level – including the basement. They should be placed high on the wall (smoke rises) and, for extra safety, interconnect the alarms – if one sounds, they all sound. This will give you more time to escape.

\*Having a home fire escape plan ready saves time when it matters most and helps keep loved ones safe. Multiple escape routes for each area of the home are a key component of this plan as a fire may block access. \*Here are tips to help develop a home fire escape plan:

\*Draw a map of each level

of the home, including doors and windows, and identify two ways out of each room.

Pick a meeting place outside, preferably in front of the home.

\*Practice home fire drills twice a year.

\*Be alert in the kitchen

One of the leading causes of household fires is unattended cooking. Anyone cooking should be in the kitchen the entire time and turn the stove off if leaving the room, even for a short period of time.

## What is carbon monoxide?

The Consumer Product Safety Commission says that carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is called the "Invisible Killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. More than 150 people in the United States die every year from accidental non-fire-related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly used or incorrectly vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and fireplaces.

\*Know the symptoms of

CO poisoning

Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed. The initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). They include: headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, and dizziness.

\*High level CO poisoning results in progressively more severe symptoms, including: mental confusion, vomiting, loss of muscular coordination, loss of consciousness, and ultimately, death

CO alarms detect the presence of carbon monoxide and alert you so you get out and call 9-1-1, and allow the professionals to check your home.

Smoke alarms save lives. But those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing cannot depend on the sound of the regular alarm to alert them to a fire. People who are deaf or hard-of-hearing should use alarms with strobe (flashing) lights that have been tested by an independent testing laboratory.

# REAL ESTATE LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MCHENRY COUNTY - WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC; Plaintiff, vs. GARY M. BILLINGS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

19 CH 394

## 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, November 18, 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. 13-08-253-012.

Commonly known as 541 Fremont Street, Woodstock, IL 60098.

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. W19-0613 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3177964

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff,

-v.- TANYA OLVERA A/K/A TANYA STORY et al Defendant

19 CH 104

## NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 17, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November 24, 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 1422 WHITNEY BOULEVARD, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-36-307-004

The real estate is improved with a white vinyl siding, two story single family home, detached one car garage.

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).

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# Don't rake fall leaves, recycle them

By Nancy Kreith HORTICULTURE EDUCATOR, ILLINOIS EXTENSION

Every fall, an onslaught of leaves drop relentlessly into yards leaving homeowners to rake, bag, and haul them out on the curb. But what many don't know is that those golden-hued leaves are gold in the garden.

"After raking leaves this fall, think about recycling them on your property rather than bagging them for curbside pick-up," says Nancy Kreith, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator.

Fallen leaves are one of the most readily available forms of organic matter for home gardeners. Decomposing leaves increase organic matter in the soil, can be used as mulch for garden beds and lawns, and are a valuable addition to compost piles.

Break down leaves with a leaf shredder or mulcher. Or,

run over raked leaves with a lawnmower to cut them into smaller pieces. This initial breakdown allows for improved air circulation and more surface area leading to quicker decomposition.

"Be sure to separate diseased leaves from the leaves you plan to recycle or compost," says Kreith.

The rate of decomposition for leaves will depend on the leaf size, tree species, and moisture level. Brown leaves break down faster if they are shredded and moistened. If un-shredded leaves are applied as mulch, they tend to mat together and suffocate the soil or vegetation.

"However, having matted leaves in a vegetable or annual garden bed in the fall will help smother winter annual weeds," Kreith says. "In the spring, the leaves can be incorporated or tilled into the soil."

Another easy way to recycle leaves is by storing them

in garbage bags with small holes that allow leaves to break down naturally. Wetting the leaves and having holes in direct contact with the earth, where more microbes are present, will speed up the decomposition process. The end result is referred to as leaf mold or partially decomposed leaves.

"Leaf mold can then be used as mulch or saved as a carbon source for adding to your compost pile in the summer when there is less readily available 'brown' materials," Kreith says.

Brown or dry materials are typically high in carbon and will help to balance the "green" or wet nitrogen-rich materials in a compost pile.

Leaves serve as a wonderful soil conditioner and increase organic matter in the soil, which has a variety of benefits. More organic material will increase the amount of microbial activity, which includes bene-

ficial bacteria, fungi, and other microorganisms that aid in plant growth. Organic matter also coats finer clay particles in the soil providing more air space and binds sandy soils allowing for better water retention.

Ideal garden soils should test at 5 percent organic matter. A standard soil test will provide the percentage of organic matter in soil. For information on soil testing kits and labs, contact a University of Illinois Extension office at go.illinois.edu/ExtensionOffice.

"By recycling leaves on your property, not only will you be improving your garden soil, you will also be making an environmentally conscious choice to keep your yard waste on-site rather than having it hauled off as waste," Kreith says.

To learn more about the basics of composting, visit extension.illinois.edu/global/composting-resources.

# Illinois youth program offers a place where kids can belong, lead, learn

By Carissa Nelson, Media Communications Manager

4-H STATE OFFICE

4-H members in Illinois will join the six million youth across the country in celebrating National 4-H Week Oct. 3 through 9. Clubs around Illinois celebrate this week by highlighting the remarkable 4-H youth in their communities and showcasing the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people.

Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth program for the University of Illinois Extension and the largest out-of-school youth organization in Illinois. 4-H youth development programs are available in every Illinois county. The program challenges youth to "learn by doing" with fun, hands-on activities. Kids can learn, practice, and demonstrate new skills while exploring the interests that are important to them.

In 4-H, youth are brought together in clubs, led by caring adults, who welcome them as a part of the larger

4-H family.

"Our goal is that whatever your interests or talents, that 4-H is a program where you feel welcome and have a sense of belonging," says Lisa Diaz, assistant dean and director of 4-H. "4-H is a place where all kids can channel their gifts and achieve personal goals in a fun, welcoming setting."

In 4-H, members learn about topics that interest them through projects. That could be anything from learning how to cook, build a robot, or care for the environment. Members decide what they want to learn and do as they explore their project area.

"Letting youth guide and decide what they want to explore allows the project to be self-paced and gives children important skills in setting and working toward their goals," says Diaz. "We make learning fun by letting kids learn by doing with hands-on experiences."

While the program has its roots in agriculture, 4-H has expanded to cover many more

program interests.

"Our agricultural roots remain strong and that will always be a part of our program, but parents and kids alike may not realize there is more to 4-H," says Diaz. "We continually work to reflect the population demographics, diverse needs, and social conditions throughout the state and will continue to do so. At the end of the day, we want every kid in Illinois to feel that they have a home in 4-H."

Illinois 4-H members range in age from eight to 18. Youth who are five to seven years of age may join 4-H as a Cloverbud member. The cost to join 4-H for the year is \$20. New members can get more information by contacting the Boone County Extension Office at 815-544-3710.

## About Illinois 4-H:

Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth development program of University of Illinois Extension and administered through the College of Agriculture, Consumer, and En-

vironmental Sciences. 4-H grows true leaders, youth who are empowered for life today and prepared for a career tomorrow. The hands-on approach in 4-H gives young people guidance, tools, and encouragement, and then puts them in the driver's seat to make great things happen. Independent research confirms the unparalleled impact of the 4-H experience, demonstrating that young people are four times more likely to contribute to their communities; two times more likely to make healthier choices; two times more likely to be civically active; and two times more likely to participate in STEM programs.

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