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Coaches gather for conference

Student athletes were the focus of the meeting

Strength and conditioning experts from throughout the state gathered at McHenry High School to learn from each other during a recent Illinois Family Day conference event for the National High School Strength and Conditioning Association.

More than 90 coaches from over 70 schools visited the McHenry Strength facility Oct. 29 to hear from experts in the field, including Katie Guillory, assistant strength and conditioning coach with the University of Illinois, and Drew Potthoff, executive director with the Illinois Coaches Association.

Other presenters were Matt Gifford, director of OAW Sport Performance; Adam Vogel, Illinois director of NHSSCA and coach/educator at Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School; Tommy Christian, owner and founder of TC-BOOST; and Kevin Benages, coach and educator from Naperville North High School.

Hosted and organized by Dr. John Beerbower, director of McHenry Strength at McHenry High School, the event was the first in-person gathering in quite a while.

"It really is good to be together," Beerbower said. "The whole concept is we're here to help each other."

Environmental Defenders receive a Mission Grant

The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County has announced that it is a recipient of a 2021 Mission Grant in the amount of \$24,600 from the Community Foundation for McHenry County.

The Mission Grant for Environmental Education and Outreach supports The Environmental Defenders' general operations, including its newly increased staff, and toward their role as home to and fiscal agent of the McHenry County Schools Environmental Education Program (MCSEEP).

The MCSEEP program, staffed by a director and three environmental educators, formerly housed with Planning and Development at the McHenry County Government Offices, moved their operations in summer 2020 to the Woodstock Square Mall where The Environmental Defenders has its office and book store, The Green Spot. With ample space on the sec-



McHenry High School's recent Illinois Family Day event included strength and conditioning coaches from throughout the state, who talked about student athletes, improving speed and athlete safety.

The day included presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and roundtable discussions. Topics included supporting student athletes, improving speed and avoiding injuries.

Presenters and those in attendance said they appreciated the opportunity to gather and share information. McHenry Strength students helped host and demonstrate

during presentations.

Chris Maxedon, Huntley High School teacher and coach of the boys track and field team, said he appreciates the opportunity to learn from other coaches. He's looking forward to putting the information to work when his sports season begins.

"All of us as educators are always looking for new ideas," Maxedon said.

ond floor of the building, The Environmental Defenders entered a contract that supports MCSEEP through payment of rent and utilities while the county continues to support the director's position. The Mission Grant also goes toward direct support of the environmental educators of MCSEEP.

The Environmental Defenders itself has an Education Action Team and with the MCSEEP director sitting on that team, a lasting bridge has been created between the two groups. MCSEEP was founded in 1987 by a Defenders' member and in many ways, has come full circle. The relationship allows for increased access to schools by The Defenders in order to share program opportunities, such as documentary films, volunteering, environmental club support and advocacy, and college scholarships.

While MCSEEP brings environmental curriculum programming directly to the

schools with in-class education, and also virtual due to the pandemic, The Environmental Defenders works toward environmental education and outreach with the general public in McHenry County. With education as a founding pillar of The Environmental Defenders, and with the growth in outreach toward formerly underrepresented communities in McHenry County, such as the Latino Community, The Environmental Defenders is grateful for the vital support from the Community Foundation for McHenry County toward its Mission: In order to protect all living things, The Environmental Defenders is dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the natural environment in McHenry County. As a grassroots organization, The Environmental Defenders is committed to building sound ecological relationships between people and the natural world that supports all life.

Cat, kitten adoption event Nov. 20

The McHenry County Animal Control (MCAC) will host "Thankful for a Home" adoption events on Saturday, Nov. 20, to help connect potential adopters with cats and kittens that are looking for homes before the holidays.

To celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, MCAC is having a "pick your price" special for adult cats and kittens 5 months and older. Adopters who draw their price from the cornucopia can receive up to 50 percent off on adoption fees.

The MCAC will be hosting meet and greets with its available kittens 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20. Meet and greets are by appointment only. Adopters must fill out an adoption form and be approved to schedule an appointment.

Young kittens that have not been spayed/neutered or vaccinated will be able to return to the shelter later for free spay/neuter and vaccination.

During this event, adopters will be able to meet all currently available cats and kittens. MCAC staff will be

available to help match adopters with the right kitten for them and answer questions about kitten care and pet ownership.

Adopters will get the first opportunity to meet and adopt young kittens that will not be ready for adoption until this event. All adopters will leave with a goodie bag to help them get started caring for their new furry friends.

View MCAC's available pets at Petfinder.com or on the MCAC's Facebook page. Adoptions are by appointment only, and MCAC will reach out to schedule an appointment after an application has been submitted and approved.

"Having a pet can bring smiles, laughter and joy into a home. Our staff wants you to find the right fit so you can build plenty of amazing memories with a new member of the family," said Maryellen Howell, director of McHenry County Animal Control.

For more information, visit MCDH's Animal Control. The MCAC is located at 100 N. Virginia St. in Crystal Lake.

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By Anne Eickstadt
EDITOR

VFW Post 1461 held a Veterans Day ceremony at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11, with VFW Commander Greg Kelm officiating as the master of ceremonies, members of the Belvidere High School and Belvidere North High School bands performing “The Star-Spangled Banner” and the “United States Armed Forces Medley,” and guest speaker former post Commander Marilyn Riske.

“Veterans Day is the day we set aside to say ‘Thank you’ to our veterans,” said Kelm. “Veterans Day is a day we remember all the people who fought for all the things we have. Many paid with their very young lives. I say this poem a lot:

“It is the Soldier, not the minister who has given us freedom of religion.
“It is the Soldier, not the reporter who has given us freedom of the press.
“It is the Soldier, not the poet who has given us freedom of speech.
“It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer who has given us freedom of protest.
“It is the Soldier, not the lawyer who has given us the right to a fair trial.
“It is the Soldier, not the politician who has given us the right to vote.
“It is the Soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag who allows the protester to burn the flag.”

“The price we have paid for freedom has been high. The price has been paid by military members who have died to give us the freedoms we have today,” the commander commented.

- American Revolutionary War, 1775-1783: 25,000
- War of 1812, 1812-1815: 20,000
- Mexican-American War, 1846-1848: 13,283
- American Civil War, 1861-1865: 620,000
- Spanish-American War, 1898: 2,446
- World War I, 1917-1918: 116,516
- World War II, 1939-1945: 405,399
- Korean War, 1950-1953: 36,516
- Vietnam War, 1965-1973: 58,209
- Gulf War, 1990-1991: 258
- War on Terror, 2001-Present: 7,057 and counting.

He recounted the story of Gold Star sister Anne Castro who was at school when she was called to immediately leave class and deliver a letter to her parents. She was to stop nowhere and tell no one what she was doing. Everyone knew anyway.

And she had to deliver the news to her parents that her brother had died during the Battle of the Rhine in Germany in 1945.

Kelm related another story of a Gold Star family and then introduced the guest speaker, former VFW Post 1461 Commander Marilyn Riske.

“Military service, by its nature, is temporary,” she said. “The legacy of that service, however, can benefit generations for centuries.

“Veterans Day can be traced to the armistice that ended World War I. Though the peace of that treaty did not survive the fascist tyrannies of Hitler and Mussolini, the freedom enjoyed by Europeans today is the result of the service and sacrifice made by millions of U.S. veterans.

“It is the legacy of those who have worn the uniform of the United States—a legacy of freedom. It is a legacy that has spread across the globe.

“First Lieutenant Ralph Puckett, Junior, was the commanding officer of the 8th Ranger Company, 8213th Army Unit, 8th U.S. Army. Outnumbered and seriously wounded twice by the enemy in Unsan, Korea, during a two-day battle in 1950, he continued to lead his company of Rangers through machine gun fire in order to capture objectives and direct artillery. When his wounds prevented him from moving, he told his soldiers to leave him behind so they could withdraw. Despite his objections, his soldiers dragged him from the hill to a position of safety.

“Lt. Puckett would survive the battle and eventually retire from the Army as a colonel in 1971. Even his lengthy military career was temporary when compared to the legacy that still continues in Korea.

“Without the sacrifice of veterans, including Col. Puckett ... the freedom and democracy we enjoy today couldn’t have blossomed in Korea,” South Korean President Moon Jae-in said earlier this year during a White House ceremony in which Col. Puckett received his well-deserved Medal of Honor from President Biden.

“Another distinguished hero, the late Admiral Jeremiah Denton, spoke of the long but temporary ordeal he experienced as a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

“‘If I had known when I was shot down that I would be there more than seven years, I would have died of despondency or despair. But I didn’t. It was one minute at a time, one hour, one week, one year, and so on...’

“That type of toughness, commitment, and perseverance is not unusual among veterans. Their exploits are legendary.

“After Harriett Tubman led hundreds of slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad, she served as a cook, nurse and spy for the Union Army during the Civil War.

“Frederick W. Smith served two tours as a Marine in Vietnam before launching the Federal Express network, a company that would grow into an \$84 billion global enterprise.

“Baseball great Jackie Robinson, surgeon Michael DeBakey and computer scientist Grace Hopper were other Americans whose contributions to culture and society reach far beyond their military service. Even so, can any CEO or cultural icon truly claim to have greater responsibility than a platoon commander leading a team in combat?

“For these young people, a bad day at work does not mean a blown account or lost business. It can mean watching a best friend die, losing a limb, or being immersed in the collateral suffering that is synonymous with war. Even veterans who have not experienced combat share a bond with those who have. They have all expressed a willingness to die for their country if called upon. They have all subjected themselves to a military justice system, which requires strict obedience and professionalism. And they have all pledged loyalty to the U.S. Constitution.

“In the book ‘Walk in My Combat Boots’ by James Patterson and Matt Eversmann, the authors interviewed veterans of various eras and published their accounts.

“Navy Reservist Ryan Leahy spoke of the rivalry as well as the bond. While on active duty, he felt a sense of dread in 2007 when he was approached by a Marine Vietnam War veteran in a bar. ‘He is going to give me crap about being a Navy guy,’ Leahy recalled in the book.

“Leahy, who had not seen combat, was surprised when the Vietnam vet thanked him instead.” When he asked why, the Vietnam vet said, ‘You guys saved my life more times than I can count. I can’t tell you the amount of times we would have been dead, but we were able to pick up the phone and you guys came in and got everyone out.’

“Leahy would later use that moment to mentor others. ‘Listen, you’re not pulling the trigger, you’re not doing what you see in the movies, but most people aren’t,’ he would tell his people. ‘What you’re doing by keeping a reactor up, getting that F-18 off the flight deck—you’re literally saving people’s lives. You’re only one or two degrees away from physically saving someone’s life, so have a bit more onus and understanding and pride in what you do.’

“We welcome and encourage conversations such as these among veterans. We



ANNE EICKSTADT PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing
VFW Commander Greg Kelm and the Honor Guard watch as guest of honor—former Commander Marilyn Riske—addresses the Veterans Day crowd.

call them Buddy Checks. We remind all veterans that their service matters. We remind them that their well-being matters—especially to us. Most importantly, we offer our friendship and assistance.

“Through that friendship, we all must make suicide prevention among veterans a top priority. Buddy Checks are one tool. But we must also do whatever it takes to encourage veterans to seek help from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs or other trained professionals. We must remove all stigmas associated with asking for help or being diagnosed with PTSD, depression, or any condition that could lead one to take his or her own life.

“For many veterans, our nation was important enough to endure long separations from their families, miss the births of their children, freeze in sub-zero temperatures, bake in wild jungles, lose limbs, and—far too often—lose their lives. Military spouses have had to endure career interruptions, frequent change of address, and a disproportionate share of parental responsibilities.

“Fewer than 10 percent of Americans can claim the title ‘veteran.’ Less than one half of one percent of our population currently serves. Yet some seem intent on trying to balance the federal budget by diminishing the quality of life programs designed for the families who have already disproportionately made these sacrifices.

“Veterans have given us freedom, security, and the greatest nation on earth. It is impossible to put a price on that.

“We must remember them. We must appreciate them. God bless our veterans and God bless America.”

Kelm then acknowledged the dignitaries in the audience, the Honor Guard offered a 21-gun salute and taps was played to end the ceremony.

Pure Encapsulations partners with TerraCycle to improve recycling options

Pure Encapsulations and its affiliated brands have partnered with international recycling leader TerraCycle to launch an innovative national program to increase the recycling of its nutritional supplement packaging.

“Pure Encapsulations is committed to a greener future, including leading the way in recyclable packaging design and reducing packaging waste. However, not all packaging components are curbside recyclable and not all consumers have access to community recycling services,” explained Dr. Barry Ritz, VP of Science, Regulatory and Innovation. “Through this partnership with TerraCycle, more of our customers will now have the opportunity to send in these packaging materials to be recycled.”

Consumers who wish to recycle their nutritional supplement packaging are invited to sign up for the Pure Encapsulations and Beyond Recycling Program on the program page at <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/pure-encapsulations>. Once enrolled in the program, consumers can begin collecting packaging components such as lids, desiccants, neck shrinks, seals, sachets or any other packaging materials from Pure Encapsulations, Douglas Laboratories, Klean Athlete, Genestra Brands, Pharmax, UNDA and Wobenzym. It is recommended to use the box your supplements arrived in as your collection box. When full, download a pre-paid shipping label and send it to TerraCycle for recycling.

What happens to the waste once received at TerraCycle? Once collected, all packaging is cleaned and melted into hard plastic that can be remolded to make new recycled products, such as park benches and picnic tables. As an added incentive, for every shipment of packaging sent to TerraCycle through the recycling program, consumers earn points that can be used for charity gifts or converted to cash to be donated to the non-profit, school or charitable organization of their choice.

“For many, nutritional health products are an important part of one’s daily routine, but few people consider what happens to the packaging once all the product is gone,” said TerraCycle CEO and founder Tom Szaky. “With the Pure Encapsulations and Beyond Recycling Program, Pure Encapsulations has considered the end-of-life options for their packaging and partnered with TerraCycle to help ensure that it never sees the landfill.”

The Pure Encapsulations and Beyond Recycling Program is open to any interested individual, school, office, or community organization. For more information on TerraCycle’s recycling programs, visit www.terracycle.com.

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By Anne Eickstadt
EDITOR

From 1917-1935 radium was all the rage. A glowing radium watch was a must-have item. In factories, young women painted face dials with radioactive material. Unaware that the paint was harmful, they would place the brush tip on their lips to achieve a fine point.

After suffering from radium poisoning, several young women sued their employers and brought national attention to the safety of workers. These young women helped create new laws to protect all workers.

These watches became popular with American soldiers, who used them to tell time in darkness. The soldiers made these watches fashionable when they returned to the United States.

“The method of pointing the brush with the lips was taught us, to give the brush an exceedingly fine point.” - Katherine Schaub, April 1928.

“Though we all feel that someone should have warned us, none of us knew that paint paste was dangerous We were only girls, 15, 17 and 19 years old.” -Katherine Schaub, May 1928.

“The Radium Girls saga holds an important place in the history of both the field of health physics and the labor rights movement. The right of individual workers to sue for

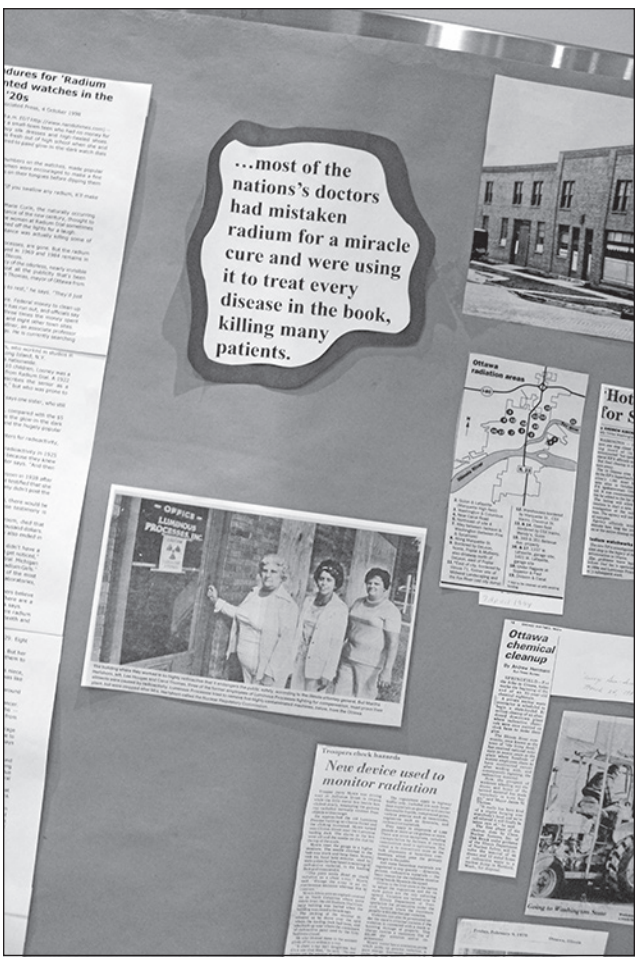
damages from corporations due to labor abuse was established as a result of the Radium Girls case. In the wake of the case, industrial safety standards were demonstrably enhanced for many decades,” says the website for the Radium Girls Memorial. The Radium Dial Memorial can be found on the corner of Clinton Street and Jefferson Street, Ottawa, Ill.

Seth Lambright is directing this play by the Main Street Players of Boone County. He recently visited the Radium Dial Memorial in person. The visit affected him deeply and he has attempted to bring that feeling into the performance.

He also returned with numerous items ranging from newspaper articles to radium-infused drink bottles, which were supposed to be the latest “miracle cure” of the day. These items are currently on display during the run of the play for theater-goers to appreciate.

Play synopsis: In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity and luminous watches the latest rage—until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, “Radium Girls” traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court.

Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roder, an idealistic man who



ANNE EICKSTADT PHOTOS *Rock Valley Publishing*

Historic photos, articles and exhibits from the Radium Dial Memorial are on display during the performance of Radium Girls this weekend.

cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses

among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just the U.S. Radium Corp. but with her own family and



Radithor was a Radium-infused drink that was consumed both medically and recreationally.

friends who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire. The final weekend of the run of the Radium Girls performances is Nov. 19-21, Fri-

day and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Community Building Complex, 111 West 1st St.. Belvidere.

Evidence, not emotion, key factor in special use cases: attorney

By Bob Balgemann
REPORTER

The city is at or about the maximum of 40 video gaming establishments that are allowed to be operating at any one time. Many of the past special use requests have been approved with little discussion and no opposition.

It was different with the most recent request that in October received a positive recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) for property at 1746 N. State St.

When it was considered by city council at its Nov. 1 meeting, Alderman Marsha Freeman referred to P&Z and how its membership is appointed, not elected.

“They make decisions that we apparently are not able to vote down,” she said. “We’re told we can vote against what they have approved, but then when we try to do that, we’re told these people could have a lawsuit. So we are not able to vote down what un-elected people have deemed they’re going to do.”

She continued: “This is not only my ward but my neighborhood. I live a block and a half from here (North State Street). I know this area very well. I have looked at other locations with video gaming and none of them are in the middle of strip malls, or close to a Dollar Tree and a neighborhood, and get a lot of foot traffic from children. “I am really quite upset about the whole process of this. And I guess there’s nothing I can do about it.”

City Attorney Mike Drella explained that the process was set forth by state statute. He said recommendations are made to the city council by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

“City council must make its decision based on evidence that came out of that public hearing (before P&Z).”

He referred to a P&Z meeting as “a mini trial,” with evidence being presented and cross-examinations being allowed.

“If 500 people stand up at a (P&Z) meeting and say, ‘We don’t like this,’ and there is no evidence to show that it (request) is not appropriate under the zoning codes, technically they (P&Z) should approve it,” he continued. “Their (P&Z) job is to make their recommendation not on what is proposed, but on what the law supports. The number of people in the room does matter, but ultimately the facts will determine the outcome.”

Alderman Tom Porter asked if council voted ‘no’ on Ordinance 550H, would that open council up to a lawsuit.

“You could be, maybe not,” Drella replied. “It all depends on the plaintiff.”

Alderman Matt Fleury said that with the exception of two new faces (aldermen Natalie Mulhall and Sheryl Prather), “this council did approve going from 30 to 40” gaming establishments. “So if we didn’t want gambling establishments, we shouldn’t have raised the limit from 30 to 40. Only Al-

derman (Ric) Brereton and I voted against that. They (tonight’s applicant) met all the requirements, so that fulfills my responsibility. So I will be voting ‘yes’ tonight.”

He added: “If we don’t want gambling establishments, maybe we should relook at having 40, as opposed to 30.”

With no further discussion Mayor Clint Morris called for a vote on the ordinance, which was approved 6-3 with one absent. Voting “yes” were aldermen Fleury, Mike McGee, Mulhall, Prather, Dan Snow and Clayton Stevens. Voting “no” were aldermen Wendy Frank, Freeman and Porter.

More discussion

The ordinance prompted discussion earlier, at the Oct. 25 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Porter opened by saying it was their duty as aldermen “to do what’s right for our citizens. I don’t think we should be rubber-stamping all these ordinances that come through. I think we should look at everything related to these ordinances, and judge each one by its own merit. Otherwise, we might make a mistake that’s detrimental to our citizens.”

Freeman said she read the minutes of the October P&Z meeting, when this special use request was made, and there was no mention of the safety concerns she raised. “No one attended the meeting to talk about the (special use) request,” she added.

But Snow countered, “Boat-

loads of people would have been notified about this (meeting) and nobody showed up to talk about it.”

He added he had never heard the police department, or the police chief, voice concerns about any of the gaming parlors being an issue for safety in the facilities or outside the facilities, including the parking lot. “It doesn’t appear that we have a DUI issue at gaming parlors,” he said.

“I understand your viewpoints,” Mulhall said in response to Porter and Freeman, “but I don’t think it’s our job to choose who we can allow to have these establishments, if they meet all the guidelines when it (request) goes through Planning and Zoning.”

Police Chief Shane Woody was asked by Prather if he could comment on the number of incidents officers responded to at the other gaming parlors in the city.

He answered that there had not been constant calls for service in terms of DUIs coming from those establishments. The gaming parlor would be replacing a cash store and he said his experience had been the department responded to more armed robberies at those types of business than at any gaming parlor.

Mulhall asked if it would be appropriate for her to ask a question of Gina DelRose, the city’s Community Development Planner who provides agenda items for P&Z meetings.

In response, Drella spoke

for the first time about council decisions being based on evidence presented before the P&Z commission. While council should not consider new evidence, he said it would be all right for DelRose, as the City Planner, to answer questions.

Findings of fact

DelRose explained that special uses had to be based on six findings of fact. But the commission could put conditions on the special use, so they met those criteria better.

Earlier, Freeman pointed out no one attended the October P&Z meeting to discuss the special use for 1746 N. State St.

DelRose addressed that point by saying, “When we do a special use, I do send out requests for questions to the neighbors and the police department, fire department, Building Department, Health Department, and Public Works, to see if anything raises a flag for them. There was no huge concern (with this request).

“Yes, the (nearby) Dollar

Store is very busy. But the Dollar Store could go out of business tomorrow. That is no guarantee. But the location of the building is a guarantee. The zoning is a guarantee. You don’t make your decisions based on something that could change overnight. You look at the more stable conditions out there.

“The special use is not for just video gaming” (at 1746 N. State). “It’s for indoor entertainment and there is a laundry list of (allowable) uses. That’s why where there is a strip mall, you condition it (special use) to a specific tenancy.”

Finally, referring to the P&Z meeting on the current special use request, she said two neighbors of the property were the only ones in the audience, and they didn’t say a single thing about it.

There was no further discussion with Stevens, presiding over the meeting in the absence of Morris, saying the ordinance would return to the Nov. 1 city council meeting for consideration.



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Monday, Nov. 8

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

1300 block of 5th Ave. - assist invalid

2100 block of Tobyne Dr. - call cancelled en route

600 block of Logan Ave. - smoke/odor removal

1700 block of Henry Luc-

kow Lane - call cancelled en route

2700 block of Francis St. - person in distress

S. State St./E. Locust St. - motor vehicle/pedestrian accident

500 block of Pearl St. - assist police

300 block of Greenview Road - call cancelled en route

Tuesday, Nov. 9

BFD responded to 4 med-

ical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

400 block of Gardener - HazMat release investigation

500 block of Park Ave. - call cancelled en route

3900 block of Greenspire Ct. - gas leak

1000 block of Fremont St. - false alarm

1100 block of Nettie St. - smoke scare

Wednesday, Nov. 10

BFD responded to 9 med-

ical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

500 block of Pearl ST 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route

1100 block of Nettie St. - removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator

900 block of W. Locust St. - false alarm

Thursday, Nov. 11

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

2100 block of Tobyne Dr. - carbon monoxide alarm

E. Perry St./Crosby St. - power line down

200 block of N. State St. - call cancelled en route

Friday, Nov. 12

BFD responded to 11 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

209 Grover St. Cherry Valley - building fire

Saturday, Nov. 13

BFD responded to 4 med-

ical calls and the following fire/rescue calls.

329 Elder Lane - public service

Newburg Road/Shaw Road - assist police

Sunday, Nov. 14

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

500 block of Pearl St. - false alarm

1300 block of 5th Ave. - public service

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY- SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MC HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, Plaintiff, -v.- JESSICA D. ADAMS et al Defendant

18CH000223 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 5, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on December 14, 2021, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 390 Congress Parkway, Suite D, Crystal Lake, IL, 60014, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 7 IN BLOCK 4 IN PARKER’S HIGHLANDS, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER, AND PART OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 10, 1954 AS DOCUMENT NO. 281648, IN BOOK 11 OF PLATS, PAGE 120, IN MC HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 7306 HICKORY GRV, WONDER LAKE, IL 60097

Property Index No. 09-18-405-010

The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall

be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in “AS IS” condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-18-03208 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 18CH000223 TJSC#: 41-2247

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 # 18CH000223 I3179708

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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 4 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 May 11, 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: 11/1/21
Nathan J. Noble
Attorney for Administrator
Nathan J. Noble, P.C.
Attorney Nathan J. Noble
504 North State Street
Belvidere, IL 61008
815.547.7700

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- CATHERINE J. BRODIN et al Defendant

2019-CH-0000382 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 12:30 PM on December 27, 2021, at the NLT TITLE, LLC., 6885 Vistagreen Way, ROCKFORD, IL, 61107, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT THIRTY-NINE (39) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF NORTH PINE WOODS, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF MACHESNEY PARK, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED IN BOOK 41 OF PLATS ON PAGE 123B IN THE RECORD-

ER’S OFFICE OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 9228 SEGUNDA LANE, MACHESNEY PARK, IL 61115

Property Index No. 08-19-476-018 (127D239)

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

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Rural Development wants rural areas disaster-ready

By Kay Shipman
FARMWEEK

When a tornado, flood or other disaster strikes, rural officials might not know Rural Development can help. Molly Hammond, acting state director for Illinois Rural Development, points out they don't have to wait for a disaster. In fact, it's better if they don't.

"There's programs to prepare. They can find ways to prepare for disaster, like an early warning siren, if they need a new one," Hammond told *FarmWeek*.

A recently released USDA resource guide compiles Rural Development programs and assistance in one place. "This guide is there to help them know what to look for," Hammond said of the Disaster Resiliency and Recovery Resources guide.

The guide outlines 40-some Rural Development programs and services for rural residents, businesses and communities to support disaster planning and recovery.

Hammond explained the guide's information grid gives an at-a-glance way to learn who is eligible to apply for different programs that are grouped by categories of assistance. Those categories are: economic development planning and housing, education and training, infrastructure and equipment, and industry and entrepreneurship support and business development.

The guide "breaks down categories to help applicants narrow it down," she added.

Applicants are not limited to

local units of governments, but include nonprofit organizations and cooperatives, such as electric and agriculture cooperatives; hospitals, libraries, faith-based organizations, community colleges, universities and eligible education institutions.

The resource guide also features examples of how USDA programs were used to support recovery efforts. Hammond said Illinois received \$1.7 million in assistance when 27 counties were designated federal disaster areas in 2019. Another time, five communities received \$618,000 for help with community water systems after a disaster.

Beyond Rural Development, the guide summarizes technical assistance available from federal agency partners, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that work with USDA to support rural communities in disaster planning and recovery.

Hammond said work on the new national resource guide stemmed from former state Rural Development Director Colleen Callahan's time in Washington, D.C., working on the 2012 drought. At that time, officials developed a national recovery website to compile federal assistance and information and align resources.

This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

Crime news

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

Criminal sexual assault and abuse charges

Joshua R. Kreger, 35, of Wonder Lake, was convicted of nine counts of predatory criminal sexual assault and two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse on Oct. 6, at the conclusion of a three-day jury trial.

From 2016 to 2018, Kreger repeatedly engaged in acts of sexual penetration with a child under the age of 13.

Kreger will be sentenced by Judge Michael Coppedge on Dec. 17.

This case was investigated by Amy Bucci of the Algonquin Police Department and Rich Svejcar of the McCullom Lake Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorneys Brian Miller, Jim Newman and Mary Ann Scholl of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office.

McHenry man gets nine years for assault on a child

Joseph Calbillo, 24, of McHenry, was sentenced on Oct. 8 to nine years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by Judge Robert Wilbrandt, pursuant to a negotiated plea, after pleading guilty to predatory criminal sexual assault of a child.

The defendant will be required to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act for life upon his release from prison.

This case was investigated by Detective Mike Quick of

Sexual assault charges bring 24-year sentence

Steven D. West, 38, of Prospect Heights, was sentenced to 24 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of predatory criminal sexual assault, a Class X felony. The defendant was sentenced on Nov. 1 by McHenry County Judge Coppedge following a plea of guilty.

This case was investigated by members of the Lake in the Hills Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Tyler Mikan of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office.



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New restaurant

Raising Cane's, a leading national fast-casual restaurant concept known for its southern-style food specializing in chicken fingers is opening its first McHenry County location in Crystal Lake at 5417 Northwest Highway, adjacent to Three Oaks Recreation Area. It features indoor and outdoor seating along with an online ordering system through a mobile app and a double drive-thru in order to meet all the customers' needs. "Crystal Lake is enthusiastic about welcoming this new fast-casual restaurant to the market," said Heather Maieritsch, Economic Development director. Founded in 1996 in Baton Rouge, La., Raising Cane's has more than 590 restaurants in 31 states and the Middle East, with 75 more restaurants in 20 new markets planned for 2021. Crystal Lake's new restaurant marks Raising Cane's 20th Illinois store, showcasing the company's unwavering commitment to continually investing in the brand.

McHenry County Sheriff's report

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

Nov. 3

Daniel D. Cotton, 32, Chicago, was cited for aggravated DUI;

Randy L. Podhorsky, 55, Crystal Lake, was cited for criminal trespass to vehicle;

Nov. 4

Donald F. Burnett, 45, McHenry, was cited for 5 counts of violation of an order of protection;

Jacob R. Ledbetter, 19, Arlington Heights, was cited for unlawful possession of a credit/debit card, theft unauthorized control = or

<\$500;

Marcus M. Wilson, 45, Chicago, was cited for manufacture/deliver controlled substances, and possession of a controlled substance;

Lanord D. Miles, 29, Chicago, was cited for delivery 1-15 gr cocaine/analog, manufacture/deliver controlled substances, meth delivery 15<100 grams, manufacture/deliver controlled substances, 4 counts of possession of a controlled substance, and possession of meth 15<100 grams;

Helena Markel, 69, McCullom Lake, was cited for fleeing/attempt to elude police, reckless driving, and resisting a peace officer/correctional employee;

Nov. 5

Cody T. Hooks, 22, Car-

pentersville, was cited for robbery, aggravated battery/public place, mob action/force 2+ persons, and theft/control intent <\$500;

Tonya M. Krich, 37, Woodstock, was cited for meth delivery 15<100 grams, possession of meth 15<100 grams, mfg 1-15 gr cocaine/analog, and 3 counts of possession of a controlled substance;

Cristobal Rosado, 32, Elgin, was cited for driving on a revoked/suspended license DUI/sss 2nd, speeding 15-20 mph above the

limit, and uninsured motor vehicle/bodily harm;

Nov. 6

Karol Mikulec, 28, Crystal Lake, was cited for domestic battery/physical contact, and domestic battery/bodily harm;

Nov. 8

James J. Zaranto, 37, Woodstock, was cited for telephone threat;

Jose R. Contreras DaSilva, 44, Elgin, was cited for driving/never issued license, no driver's license.

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