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Art show with historical society

Enter by Dec. 31

The McHenry County Historical Society & Museum is marking the second year of its featured exhibit "Art of the Past: Discovering History through McHenry County Artists" with a juried art show titled "This Place

Matters: Historic Structures and Landscapes of McHenry County."

Artists are invited to use their creativity and ingenuity to paint or draw historically significant buildings, structures and landscapes in McHenry County. The McHenry County Historical Society hopes this art show will foster an appreciation for history and create an awareness to preserve these

historic structures for future generations. The contest rules are as follows:

- Registration is for artists 18 years old and older.
- Entries are due online at GotHistory.org by Dec. 31, 2021.
- Up to three works may be submitted digitally. Entry fee is \$35 for each artwork.
- Entries will be limited to two-dimensional paintings, drawings or watercolors.

• Entries must relate to McHenry County buildings, structures or landscapes.

- Maximum overall size is 24-by-36 inches, including mat or frame.
- Glassless or Plexiglass framing only, for safety.
- Submissions will be judged by Sandra Lang, retired MCC art gallery curator.
- Artists will be notified by letter regarding acceptance

by Jan. 31, 2022.

- Artwork must be dropped off at the museum in Union by March 4, 2022.
- Art will be displayed and sold during the 2022 May-October museum season.
- Exhibit opening spring 2022.
- Artists may specify a reserve (minimum) price.
- Half of the proceeds from the painting will be

paid to the artist, with the remaining half benefiting the McHenry County Historical Society, a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization.

• The Best in Show submission will not be sold or returned to the artist but will become a permanent addition to the McHenry County Historical Society's art collection.

Visit mchenrycountyhistory.org/place to enter.



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Happy Holiday Railway

Days for this event are Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19. Trips take place at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Rides at other times on all dates may be added later based on demand). Parking lot opens 30 minutes before the first trip and closes 30 minutes after the last trip returns. Plan to arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled trip. Ticket prices are \$20 per ticket. Everyone past their second birthday must have a ticket. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable; all ticket sales are

final. Many display buildings and portions of the museum grounds will not be open for this event. Parking is free. The train ride will leave from the historic 1851 East Union Depot. Santa will ride the train with you. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available. Display Barns 6, 7, and 9 will be open. Additionally, streetcars will be in operation on our Trolley Loop, and our brand new Model Railroad exhibit will be open in the heated Multi-Purpose Building. Visit www.irm.org for more details.

4-H events for adults

• 4-H Officer Training-McHenry Co. Saturday, Dec 4, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.; U of I Extension Office (Auditorium), 1102 McConnel Road, Woodstock. Those registered and attending will receive an "Officer's Handbook". Emphasis will be placed on president, vice president, secretary, treasurer. All other officers are encouraged to attend as the meeting will be reviewing

Parliamentary Procedure. Leaders are welcome. Registration and masks required to attend in person training. Visit web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24563. Those unable to attend or would prefer a virtual option should indicate on the registration if they would like to attend a Zoom training at a later date. I will consider adding an additional virtual training if enough requests

are received. The virtual option would be open to 4-H members, leaders, or parents. Please contact Michele Aavang for more information at maavang@illinois.edu or 815-338-3737. • "Speaking Up Against Bias Without Blame or Guilt: Ouch! That Stereotype Hurts" Virtual Volunteer Workshop: Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Presenter: Dr. Michelle

Cox, Educator 4-H Youth Development. Description of session: In a unique and powerful way, participants will experience the impact of stereotypical comments, explore why people do not speak up against stereotypes and other biased behaviors, and learn six techniques for speaking up without blame or guilt. Creating an inclusive workplace where everyone is treated with respect and

dignity involves all of us and is supported by how we communicate with each other. That means speaking up when we encounter disrespect. While we may never be completely free of all bias, we can work toward communicating in bias-free ways to cultivate an Inclusive Extension. Note: This workshop is intended for adult volunteers. For more information, contact Cox at mxc@illinois.edu.

You will receive a Zoom link to the meeting in your confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact either the Lake or McHenry County Extension office. Lake County Extension 847-223-8627. McHenry county Extension 815-338-3737. Visit web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24591.

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VIEWPOINT

Kopp disclosure

Scratching the surface of who really loves Jesus

A brief and incomplete guide to ultimate destinations

While continuing to reign with Father and Holy Spirit as one God known to us as Trinity, Jesus was the most loving man in history; praying, laboring, and selflessly sacrificing His body/life for our best in and beyond time.

I like how Eugene Peterson put it/Him: "The arrival of Jesus signaled the beginning of a new era. God entered history in a personal way, and made it unmistakably clear that He is on our side, doing everything possible to save us ... The sooner we get the message, the better off we'll be, for the message is good, incredibly good: God is here, and He's on our side ... God is passionate to save us."

Ultimately, Jesus is our Judge: "When He finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all His angels with Him, the Son of Man will take His place



By
DR. ROBERT KOPP
Columnist

on His glorious throne ... He will sort the people out ... Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you ... [or] ... Get out! You're good for nothing but the fires of hell ... And why? ... As you do/did it to/for others, you do/did it to/for Me."

While we cannot work our way into heaven (works righteousness), righteous works are indicative of being headed to heaven; or putting it another way, behavior expresses belief and belief determines ultimate destination.

As He said in many

different ways, it's/He's a choice: "You are either for Me or against Me."

His ultimate judgment is our ultimate destination—heaven or hell—the indescribably positive place of eternal life (heaven) or the indescribably pejorative place of eternal life (hell).

While only God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit has the authority to declare/determine ultimate destinations, He has revealed existential indications of where we're headed eternally; again, acknowledging hellish or heavenly behaviors may be indicative to us of destinations but only God declares/determines ultimate destinations.

I like how my friend Martha Young understood indications to us juxtaposed to His conclusions: "You love them and let God judge them; and love them enough to tell them that God's coming back to

judge them."

Simply, witness to human indications corresponding to His conclusions.

Deeds confirm/contradict creeds.
He said, "No pretending ... If you love Me, you will do what I say ... Grow up! ... Live out your God-created identity!"

Or as He observed in posers whose unfaithful deeds/behavior contradict faithful creeds/belief, "You do not have the love of God within you."

Paul noted people who are close to God show/demonstrate faith-filled proof/evidence/fruit like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, humility, and self-control.

James wrote extensively about good works proving faith in God.

Calvin concluded people

who are going to heaven show the "signs of salvation" or faithful assertions enfolded/confirmed by faithful actions.

Luther wrote, "Good works do not make a person good but a good person does good works."

With no apologies to the grammar police, people who really love Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are more better than more worse as they pray passionately to practice Christianity as exemplified in Jesus and explained in Holy Scripture.

We're not talking about perfection.

How do we know God does not expect us to be perfect? Jesus!

If we could be perfect, there would be no need for Jesus as Lord and Savior.

We're talking about praying and laboring, again, to become more better than more worse; and as we increase our

intimacy with Him through worship, Bible study, and other Biblical spiritual disciplines, we become more better than more worse and supernaturally transformed into the confirmation/concretizing of discipleship at His best: "It is no longer I who live but Jesus who lives in and through me."

I'm reminded of the fellow who asked a missionary, "How can I be saved?" The missionary responded, "Too late! He's already done that for you!"

Saved by grace through faith—living confidently in the assurance of living forever by the unmerited favor of God experienced by trusting in Jesus as Lord and Savior, we pray and labor to honor Him through our confession (what we say), conduct (what we do), and countenance (how we appear).

Who really loves Jesus shows.

Slices of life

What a difference a day makes

A year ago today I woke up being someone's wife and went to bed a widow. My life changed forever that day. And, I guess it's been changing ever since.

I honestly never contemplated being a widow. I don't think many of us do. We don't live life as though we are all potentially on the precipice of a fundamentally devastating change. We couldn't function if we did.

So we live life one day to the next, letting them link together, like the paper chain we used to make when we were kids at Christmas. We started somewhere around Thanksgiving, when the chain reached from the ceiling all



By
JILL PERTLER
Columnist

the way to the floor and then some. Each day we'd remove a link. Even so, it seemed like Christmas would never get there because the chain seemed infinitely long.

Most of us live life like that. Comfortably removing one day at a time, knowing the chain goes on forever, or nearly so, and the end is in the far distance. Until some of us realize, unexpectedly, that we

were given a short chain.

To those whom much is given, much can be taken away. I've learned this up close and personal.

It's been a year since my chain came up short. A year of grief and growth. A year of endings and beginnings. A year of pushing my comfort zone while finding a new comfort zone. A year of learning to live again—of learning I want to live again.

At first, life was a fog of obscurity. Looking back, I see that was a protective measure. I couldn't see into the future; my brain couldn't go there. I could see one step in front of me, no more. I was literally forced to live in the moment - in the here

and now. I've come to believe that's where we all should live: right here, right now. Not yesterday, not tomorrow. Only today.

I think if I were to go back I'd be shocked in the changes in myself from a year ago. This loss has made me stronger. It's pushed me to do things I never would have done and you know what? That feels pretty badass. I think my husband would be proud. He is proud. I am proud.

I've learned about some of the basics of life: car repairs and plumbing fixtures. I've learned to ask for directions and for help.

I've learned about the other basics of life: peace, joy, and calm come from within, faith and trust are powerful allies, love is the basis for everything that is and each of us truly does have the power to change our perspective on the moment, on the day, on life.

It's been a year of seeing the world through new eyes. They are eyes of sadness and loss, but also appreciation and gratitude. They are eyes that understand it is about perspective and perception. Honestly it's not so much about what happens to you in life; it's how you choose to see it.

Has life dealt you a

short chain? Change your perspective. See it from a different angle. It may be short, but it still can be sweet and beautiful and wonderful. It's all in how you look at it. Perspective—I get to choose mine, you get to choose yours.

A year ago today I woke up being a wife and went to bed a widow. What a difference a day makes.

What a difference a year makes.

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.

Fire calls

The Belvidere Fire Department responded to 54 calls Nov. 22 to 28.

Monday, Nov. 22

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

1700 block of Henry Luckow Lane - call cancelled en route

700 block of Allen St. - public service

500 block of Beloit Road - call cancelled en route

Tuesday, Nov. 23

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

1200 block of W. 9th St. - carbon monoxide incident

700 block of E. Marshall St. - false alarm

5000 block of Walnut Grove

- building fire

Wednesday, Nov. 24

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

200 block of W. Locust St. - call cancelled en route

1400 block of Maryland Ct. - no incident found on arrival

500 block of Pearl St. - false alarm

Thursday, Nov. 25

BFD responded to 8 medical calls.

Friday, Nov. 26

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

500 block of Park Ave. - good intent call

600 block of W. 6th St. - carbon monoxide incident

600 block of Garden Dr. - call cancelled en route

Saturday, Nov. 27

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

1600 block of 14th Ave. - unauthorized burning

300 block of W. Marshall St. - no incident found on arrival

500 block of Pearl St. - public service

Sunday, Nov. 28

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

500 block of Glenwood Dr. - assist invalid

Back in the saddle

The season of giving

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

Christmas is the season of giving. It is the time of year where we focus on giving loved ones gifts to show how much we care. For some, finding the right gift can be difficult. It is often the personal gifts that mean the most.

Gifts can be handmade like sweet treats, craft items, etc.; an item that someone really wants; or even the gift of spending time together (whether it is a phone call or zoom meeting or time with members of your household taking part in family traditions). It is the time of the year to give to others like neighbors, local foundations and charities, and those less fortunate.

As you look for the perfect gift, we wish you a happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season.

Help the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation with year-end giving

Thank you for your support during the past year. Your continued support is important. Year-end is our

most important time to raise funds, so here are some ways you can support us through gifts of assets.

- Gifts of appreciated securities—a donor can give appreciated securities they have owned for one year or more and get a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the securities. They also pay no capital gains tax. This gift is especially attractive with the steady increase in the market over the past year.

- Charitable IRA rollover—a donor who is at least 70 ½ can direct his IRA custodian to distribute from his IRA to a charitable organization. The distribution must go directly to the charity. Most charities qualify except for supporting organizations, donor advised funds and private foundations. The donor can give up to \$100,000. The donor will not report any income, will get no deduction, but can count the distribution toward his or her required minimum distribution for the year, which is where the real benefit comes in.

- The distribution must come from an IRA. If the donor doesn't have an IRA,

they will need to rollover a distribution from their existing plan, such a 401(k), to an IRA.

- This may not make sense for donors since minimum required distributions are not required for the balance of 2020. However, other charitable gifts may still be appropriate.

- Donor advised funds
- Gifts of life insurance: If you have an old paid-up whole life insurance policy, you can donate it to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation and get a tax deduction for the cash surrender value.

If you want to make a non-cash gift to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation, please contact us at 815-962-0653 or via email at wfbmanager@live.com as soon as possible.

We want to give you sufficient lead-time to complete the gift before year-end. (If you have questions, please consult your tax adviser.)

For more information about the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation visit www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org/foundation.html.

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Public library plans 'Terror Tuesdays' Zoom interviews with authors

By Bob Balmann
REPORTER

A new program for adults is in the works at the Ida Public Library in Belvidere.

"Terror Tuesdays" is beginning this month as the library embarks on its Winter 2021-22 program. There will be Zoom interviews with horror/thriller/terror authors, starting with Dan Kiefert, DeKalb radio host, who has written a vampire novel after 44 years of being in radio work.

Here is the scheduled lineup for the next two months:

- January, *New York Times* Best Seller and co-author of "The Shape of Water" and "Trollhunters," Daniel Kraus.

- February, a double feature with J.T. Patten, former military intelligence/special operations officer and author of several military thrillers including "Buried in Black," joined by True Crime poet and author of "Children of Chicago," Cynthia Pelayo. Both authors are members of the Chicago Horror Writers Association.

Library Director Mindy Long continued her most recent, monthly appearance at a November Belvidere City Council meeting by saying the library now had 9,100 active library cards. She called that "absolutely great" and added, "We're shooting for half our population. So when we get to 12,500, there's going to be a massive celebration."

The facility remains closed to in-person story time for youngsters because of the small meeting space in that building.

"So the youth and preschool programmers are going off-site once a week during winter," she said. "They will be at the Boone County Museum of History, Belvidere Park District, Boone County Conservation District, and, for the first time, the Poplar Grove Wings and Wheels Museum," at Poplar Grove Airport.

Story time is for preschoolers, home-schooled children, anyone who's not in school, she said.

Speaking of winter, programming for those months is being finalized and the 2021-22 program guide should be out soon.

Long said the new preschool programmer was starting the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, with the goal of getting all children at the 1,000-book reading level before they start school.

"They earn a certificate and a small prize for every 100

books they read," she said.

She provided an obituary of Robert Day to all at the meeting. He grew up in Belvidere and then moved away for college.

"His daughter, Nancy, sent me the obit and let me know that Robert told them wonderful tales of Ida Public Library and said it gave him the world," Long reported.

Other updates

During another November city meeting, Building Director Kip Countryman reported that in October that department issued 93 permits—17 commercial and 76 residential—for a value of just under \$2.6 million. Forty-nine single-family homes are under construction and Public Works Director Brent Anderson interjected that was creating a problem with water meters.

"With this sudden flurry of building activity, believe it or not our water meters suffer the same issues as new cars, with the crystals and new technology that are in those," he said. "It's been very hard to locate water meters. We've been scrambling as Kip tells me we keep getting more and more houses."

"When we were called this last week to get meter setters we were told it would be 18 weeks before we could see them. We've been talking to a couple of local fabricators to see if they can begin producing these, locally. I should know in the next couple of weeks if that is possible. Otherwise, we'll be making alternate plans to get water to those houses."

Anderson also provided an update of activities at the Public Works Department which included the status of buying a new bucket truck for the street department at a cost of \$155,000.

"We did locate a new bucket truck, a 2021 Dodge 5500 four-wheel drive chassis, total cost including delivery of \$152,878, which is under budget," he said.

Alderman Matt Fleury asked if that was the same truck they went to Oklahoma to check out?

"No," Anderson replied. "The one in Oklahoma was a demonstrator model and actually a 37-foot lift. The one we got was a 40-foot. That may not sound like a lot but the maximum of our streetlights is 40 feet, so it's quite handy. This one we found in Texas."

He had reported earlier at the committee level that the existing 2005 Ford F750 had a split in it and need-

ed to be replaced, at a cost of \$28,107.59. The current Street Department budget had \$155,000 in it to replace the 1988 Mack utility truck.

"Given the age of the bucket assembly and the cost to repair it, we would propose to replace the 1988 Mack with the 2005 cab and chassis from our current bucket truck, and purchase a replacement bucket truck," he explained. "We have been looking for new or like-new models and believe we can find a suitable replacement bucket truck for the \$155,000 budgeted."

The committee voted unanimously at its Oct. 11 meeting to recommend buying a new replacement bucket truck. City council agreed on Oct. 18, also in a unanimous vote and without discussion, with the update being provided at the Nov. 8 meeting.

About the bucket

There was some discussion on Oct. 11.

In response to a question from Mayor Clint Morris, Water, Street and Sewer Plant Superintendent Danny Anderson said bucket trucks were difficult to find.

"We found one in Oklahoma and I'm trying to find one a little closer, and take a look at it," he said. "That will come under our price range."

Alderman Tom Porter asked if the current truck could be repaired?

"No," Anderson replied. "That is absolutely a no-no, to do anything like that. You'd have to replace the assembly. We have this truck inspected yearly, for the electrical."

"What exactly is a bucket truck and how are we going to take the bucket off the old truck—the Mack—and put it on this other chassis?" asked Alderman Marsha Freeman.

Anderson answered, "The assembly on the Ford, a 16-year-old truck, would be scrapped. We would put a flatbed of some sort on that truck. We're just buying time by doing that."

"The bucket truck is what we do all of our elevated work on, street lights, tree trimming, tree removal, traffic signals, banners, you name it. Right now we are leasing on a monthly basis, a manual lift, that is really a pain to get around town with."

Morris chipped in, "So, basically, the bucket on the 2005 Ford is junk. So we'll get a new bucket truck for the \$155,000 budgeted. Then the 2005 Ford with the junk bucket will be replacing the 1988 Mack."

"That's part of being thrifty," Anderson replied.

Chief Woody presents Life-Saving Award to Sgt. Bird

By Anne Eickstadt
EDITOR

During the Monday, Nov. 22 meeting of the Committee of the Whole, Belvidere Police Chief Shane Woody presented Sgt. Bird with a Life-Saving award.

"Jessica Smith, 33, of Belvidere, had a severe asthma attack and her grandfather, Daniel Smith, was driving her to the hospital," her grandmother Joanne Smith said. "He noticed she stopped breathing, pulled to the side of Appleton Road, and called 9-1-1. Sgt. Bird responded to the call. Without hesitation, Sgt. Bird did CPR and kept her alive until the Belvidere Fire Department and ambulance arrived."

"The neurologist who did her MRI gave her a less than one percent chance of surviving. We chose to keep her on the ventilator and the next day she woke up."

When called upon at the Committee of the Whole meeting, Daniel Smith spoke of that night and about Bird's prompt response to Jessica's situation and thanked him and all the responders that night. Woody then spoke with the official report of the event:

"On Sept. 29, Daniel Smith contacted the Belvidere Police Department reporting that his granddaughter was unresponsive in his vehicle. Sgt. Bird responded to the 1200 block of S. Appleton and located a vehicle parked on the side of the road."

"Sgt. Bird observed a female slumped over in the front passenger seat. The female would not respond when Sgt. Bird tried talking to her and her grandfather, Daniel, said she needed help. Sgt. Bird noted the female was

cold and clammy to the touch.

"Sgt. Bird pulled her from the vehicle and laid her on her back and noticed her start to take short, shallow breaths every few seconds. Shortly after that, she stopped breathing completely. Sgt. Bird checked for a pulse and did not find one."

"Sgt. Bird immediately began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) chest compressions and, at one point, she did start to breath on her own but immediately stopped breathing again. Sgt. Bird noted her eyes were open but non-responsive and her pupils were dilated."

"Sgt. Bird continued CPR until Belvidere Fire and Lifeline Ambulance arrived on scene. Sgt. Bird, Belvidere Fire paramedics, and Lifeline Ambulance loaded her into the ambulance. Sgt. Bird learned later that, once in the ambulance, she started breathing once more."

"It wasn't until later that Sgt. Bird learned she had survived."

"Sgt. Bird, your dedication and commitment to the Belvidere community is recognized and greatly appreciated."

"On behalf of the City of Belvidere and the Belvidere Police Dept. you are hereby presented with a "Life-Saving" award."

Belvidere Fire Department Chief Al Hyser then took the microphone and acknowledged the Belvidere firefighters Capt. David Burdick, Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Fox, who were present, Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Erber and Firefighter/EMT Jake Hendrickson, who couldn't make it to the meeting,

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Chief Woody presents Life-Saving Award to Sgt. Bird.



Front row: Madilynn and Jessica Smith, Sgt. Bird and Mitchell Smith. Back row: Kevin Fox, Dale Steinhorst, David Hoffman, David Burdick.

Booster doses available for 18 years and older

The Boone County Health Dept. is following the Illinois Department of Public Health recent recommendation that anyone 18 years and older receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose six months after receiving their second Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, or two months after receiving the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Walk in options are avail-

able at the following locations:

Tuesday, Dec. 7: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Empower Boone Food Pantry, 200 S. 5th St., Capron.

Thursday, Dec. 9: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. YMCA of Belvidere, 220 W Locust St., Belvidere.

Tuesday, Dec. 14: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Empower Boone Food Pantry, 200 S. 5th St.,

Capron.

Thursday, Dec. 16: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. YMCA of Belvidere, 220 W Locust St.

Monday, Dec. 20: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. St. John's UCC, 401 N. Main St., Belvidere.

Individuals may also contact their health care provider or visit www.vaccines.gov to find a nearby location to receive a booster COVID-19 dose.

K9 Solo to get donation of body armor

Belvidere Police Department's K9 Solo will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Solo's vest is sponsored by The Mazaika Family Foundation and will be embroidered with the sentiment "In memory of Brian Mohl #283." Delivery is expected within eight to 10 weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of

law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 4,450 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests

are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$960 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1,744-\$2,283, weighs an average of 4-5 pounds and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

The Belvidere City Council voted unanimously to accept the donation at the recent Public Safety Committee of the Whole meeting. The city council will vote again at Dec. 6, city council meeting to officially accept the donation.

The Belvidere Police Department wants to thank Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., and the Mazaika Family Foundation for their charitable work and helping provide this donation to K9 Solo.



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K-9 Solo is the most recent canine to join the Belvidere Police Department. He joined the force following K-9 Frankie's retirement.

•Award (Continued from page 3)

and Lifeline ambulance Paramedic Dale Steinhorst and EMT David Hoffman.

"They must have stopped right after I passed by that spot on the road, Sgt. Bird told me. Since I was still close, I decided to I needed to respond. I turned around to see what I could do to help."

"When I opened the passenger door, I saw her take a couple of breaths and then she stopped breathing altogether. I got her out of the car and began CPR. I stayed with her and kept up the CPR until the BFD and ambulance arrived and took over."

Numerous members of Jessica's family were present for the award presentation, including Jessica's 6-year-old twins, Madilyn and Mitchell.



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Sgt. Bird with Jessica Smith, the patient he performed CPR on and kept alive until the BFD paramedics and Lifeline Ambulance arrived.

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Keith Brodhacker announces candidacy for Illinois State Representative 68th district

Good afternoon, let me first start by saying thank you to all of you for coming out today for this important announcement and showing your support. I want to also thank, Tim for that introduction. I have known Tim for around three years now and find him to be a man with the upmost integrity, and I am proud to call him a friend. Let me also give a special thank you to my lovely wife Kate. You are not just my wife, you are my inspiration and my reason for being.

In 1988 I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. Now 33yrs later, I am once again called upon, to accept that oath and announce my candidacy for the Illinois State House of Representatives in the 68th district. This is not a decision that I take lightly, but after praying to God and speaking to family, friends, and supporters, I am certain that this is the right decision. As a candidate for public office, I am not seeking fame nor fortune, but rather to improve the quality of life for our community today, and to ensure a better tomorrow for our children. Rather than becoming part of the typical

political machine, I want to ensure that every citizen of Illinois is able to enjoy the blessings that God and this great country has bestowed upon us. I stand before you today because Illinois needs to be a state that works for everyone, not just the Chicago elite, but for all Illinois small businesses and hardworking families.

As one of our nation's most distinguished leaders, Abraham Lincoln served our nation during one of our most controversial periods following the Civil War. The time has come where we again find ourselves in one of those controversial periods. As a constitution-based government, at this crucial moment in time, we need leaders who will stand up to protect our way of life, our freedom, and reclaim our self-governance from an overbearing, oppressive, democrat, socialistic, liberal party. If we are to safeguard the promise of the future, we must bring back the founding father's vision of a constitutionally conservative government. I am here today to say that as conservative Illinoisans we can band together and make that difference.

Today, too many of our

children do not have access to quality education. The purpose of schools is to educate. Students are expected to develop into young adults who are capable of reasoning, thinking, and becoming responsible citizens. Professors and teachers should serve as mentors, role models, and sources of insight and wisdom. However, far too many teachers today, have shown themselves to be invested in advancing their own ideological agendas, teaching from a left-wing socialistic form of ideology. They are trying to rewrite our history. It wasn't that long ago that our Founding Fathers were admired. Today, they're more likely to be under attack from the media and politicians. The founders are only one part of the story. There are also our founding documents, our institutions, our statues, and other aspects of our past that make up who we are that are under attack.

They are teaching our children subjects like critical race theory, and sex education, beginning as early as kindergarten. I for one believe that sex education is a moral issue, and therefor has no place being taught in our public schools and should only be taught at

home by the child's parents. A kindergartener needs to learn about 1,2,3 and A,B,C, not about gender identity. I believe that parents should have a say in the quality of education for their children and where they go to school.

The current Illinois budget is \$44.3 billion dollars with \$655 million dollars in new taxes. Our budget needs to be balanced by eliminating wasteful spending and cutting down on unnecessary expenses. Every year, taxpayers watch politicians create new agencies, programs, and spending projects rather than reorganizing what we already have. As a result, hundreds of programs are operating under low efficiencies or duplicating effort amongst multiple agencies due to divided responsibilities.

According to the latest census data from the U.S. Department of Commerce. State and local taxes in Illinois are among the highest in the nation. Too many Illinois taxpayers have seen their tax dollars wasted. Getting control of the state budget is the first step toward reducing taxes in Illinois. The misuse of tax dollars in Illinois is largely due to structural problems

in the way Illinois spends money. We must put a stop to wasteful spending and pork projects.

In order to grow our economy, we have to expand opportunity for all Illinoisans. For many, poverty is becoming an unbreakable barrier. It is estimated that nearly 15.7 percent of all Illinois' children and nearly 12.5 percent of all households in Illinois fall below the poverty line. Many of these families struggle to make ends meet. We need better-paying jobs in Illinois, and I am dedicated to making Illinois the perfect place for small businesses, entrepreneurs, and innovators. A booming economy is driven in large part by small businesses, which creates the majority of new jobs. In addition, I would like to improve accessibility to training and education ensuring students are prepared for today's jobs. As your state representative, I am committed to streamlining state interactions in order to help businesses operate more efficiently.

I believe that a better Illinois begins with this simple idea: During these difficult times, we all share in the struggles to make the most

of what is before us, that we need less criticism and more consideration, and that all of us must rise up to the challenges of moving Illinois forward. This is the moment to empower our citizens, to allow their voices to be heard within our government, and to work together to fix the problems that have plagued us for far too long. Ronald Reagan once said that government is supposed to be the people's servant, not its master. To create opportunity and prosperity for all, we need to put the government back in its place and allow the free market and free people to work together.

Let me close with this simple prayer, It's something I hope you'll remember with me in the upcoming weeks, months and years to come ... and that is: "Dear Lord, I pray that you may help us to be brave, even if only for the sake of others and as Peter built the church on the rock of our faith, so may we lay a careful foundation and plan to build the best Illinois that we can for a better tomorrow.

My name is Keith Brodhacker, I am your next state representative for the 68th district and I am a "Voice for the People."

Belvidere Police Department offers safe winter driving tips

The Belvidere Police Department offers this checklist from www.nhtsa.gov (formerly [safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov)) to keep you safe on the road this winter.

Get your car serviced now.

No one wants to break down in any season, but especially not in cold or snowy winter weather. Start the season off right by ensuring your vehicle is in optimal condition. Visit your mechanic for a tune-up and other routine maintenance. Have your entire vehicle checked thoroughly for leaks, bad worn hoses, or other needed parts, repairs, and replacements.

Check your battery.

When the temperature drops, so does battery power. For gasoline-powered engines, be aware that it takes more battery power to start your vehicle in cold weather than in warm. For electric and hybrid vehicles, the driving range is reduced and the battery systems work better after they warm up. Make sure your battery is up to the challenges of winter by:

- Having your mechanic check your battery for sufficient voltage.
- Having the charging system and belts inspected.
- Replacing the battery or making system repairs, including simple things like tightening the battery cable connections.
- Making sure to keep fresh gasoline in an electric vehicle, to support the gasoline system.

Check your cooling system.

When coolant freezes, it expands. This expansion can potentially damage your vehicle's engine block. Don't let this happen to your vehicle this winter. You should:

- Make sure you have enough coolant in your vehicle and that it is designed to withstand the winter tempera-

tures you might experience in your area.

- See your vehicle owner's manual for specific recommendations on coolant. A 50/50 mix of coolant to water is sufficient for most regions of the country.
- Thoroughly check the cooling system for leaks or have your mechanic do it for you.
- Check to see if your system has been flushed (draining the system and replacing the coolant). If it hasn't been flushed for several years, have it done now. Over time, the rust inhibitors in antifreeze break down and become ineffective. Coolant also needs to be refreshed periodically to remove dirt and rust particles that can clog the cooling system and cause it to fail.

Fill your windshield washer reservoir.

You can go through a lot of windshield wiper fluid fairly quickly in a single snowstorm, so be prepared for whatever Mother Nature might send your way.

- Completely fill your vehicle's reservoir before the first snow hits.
- Use high quality, 'no-freeze' fluid.
- Buy extra to keep on hand in your vehicle.

Check your windshield wipers and defrosters.

Safe winter driving depends on achieving and maintaining the best visibility possible.

- Make sure your windshield wipers work and replace worn blades.
- Consider installing heavy-duty winter wipers if you live in an area that gets a lot of snow and ice.
- Check to see that your window defrosters (front and rear) work properly.

Verify floor mat installation to prevent pedal interference.

Incorrect or improperly installed floor mats in your ve-

hicle may interfere with the operation of the accelerator or brake pedal, increasing the risk of a crash. Remember these tips when installing new floor mats to ensure safe operation of your vehicle.

- Remove old mats before the installation of new mats.
- Never stack mats, as that may increase the potential for pedal interference.
- Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for mat installation and use the available retention clips to secure the mat in the proper position. This will prevent the mat from sliding forward.
- Check that the mats are the correct size and fit for the vehicle and do not interfere with the full operation of the foot controls (accelerator, brake, and clutch pedals). Whenever the interior of the vehicle is cleaned or the mats have been removed for any reason, verify that the driver mat has been reinstalled correctly.

Inspect your tires.

If you plan to use snow tires, have them installed before the snow storms hit. Check out www.nhtsa.gov for tire ratings before buying new ones. For existing tires, check to insure they are properly inflated (as recommended by your vehicle manufacturer), the tread is sufficient with no uneven wear, and that the rubber is in good overall condition. Note that tire rubber starts to degrade after several years and older tires need to be replaced even if they have not seen much wear.

Regardless of season, you should inspect your tires at least once a month and always before setting out on a long road trip. It only takes about five minutes. If you find yourself driving in less-than-optimal road conditions this winter, you'll be glad you took the time.

- Check the pressure and make sure each tire is filled to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended inflation

pressure, which is listed in the owner's manual and on a placard located on the driver side doorjamb (called the "B-pillar"). If a vehicle does not have a B-pillar, then the placard is placed on the rear edge of the driver's door. Tire pressure drops as the temperature drops. Properly inflated tires ensure optimum tire performance and optimum vehicle driving range.

- Keep a tire pressure gauge in your vehicle at all times and check pressure when tires are 'cold'—meaning they haven't been driven on for at least three hours.
- Look closely at your tread and replace tires that have uneven wear or insufficient tread. Tread should be at least one-sixteenth of an inch or greater on all tires.
- Check the age of your tires.

The structural integrity of tires can degrade over time and, when that occurs, tires are more prone to failure. The effects of aging may not be visibly detectable.

- Check the age of your tires, including your spare tire. Look for the tire identification number on the sidewall of the tire, which begins with the letters 'DOT.' The last four digits represent the week and year the tire was manufactured.
- Check the owner's manual

for specific recommendations for when to replace a tire. Some vehicle manufacturers recommend that tires be replaced every six years regardless of use.

Know your car.

Every vehicle handles differently; this is particularly true when driving on wet, icy, or snowy roads. Take time now to learn how to best handle your vehicle under winter weather driving conditions.

- For electric vehicle, several things can be done to minimize the drain on the batteries. If the vehicle has a thermal heating pack for the batteries, make sure your vehicle is plugged in whenever it is not in use. If the vehicle has a pre-heat function to warm the car interior, set it to warm the passenger compartment before you unplug it in the morning.
- Practice cold weather driving when your area gets snow—but not on a main road. Until you've sharpened your winter weather driving skills and know how your vehicle handles in snowy conditions, it's best to practice in an empty driving lot in full daylight.
- Drive slowly. It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. On the road, increase your following distance enough so that you have plen-

ty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.

- A word of caution about braking: Know what kind of brakes your vehicle has and how to use them properly. In general, if you have antilock brakes, apply firm, continuous pressure. If you don't have antilock brakes, pump the brakes gently.
- Stay calm and ease your foot off the gas while carefully steering in the direction you want the front of the car to go if you find yourself in a skid. Stay off the pedals (gas and brake) until you are able to maintain control of your vehicle. This procedure, known as "steering into the skid," will bring the back end of your car in line with the front.
- When renting a car, you should become familiar with the vehicle before driving it off the lot. For instance, you should know the location of the hazard lights in case of emergency. Take a minute to review the owner's manual in the rental car so you are prepared.

Plan your travel and route.

Keep yourself and others safe by planning ahead before you venture out into bad weather.

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Health alerts

The CDC's most recent FluView reports increases in flu activity that could mark the beginning of the 2021-22 flu season. While flu activity is still low overall nationally and in Illinois, there has been an increase of influenza A (H3N2) viruses detected in recent weeks. The majority of these have been found in young adults and children, who are commonly the drivers of community spread of flu.

The CDC also has received anecdotal reports of flu outbreaks among young adults, possibly attending colleges and universities in several states including Illinois. This increase in flu activity as the holiday season is about to begin underscores the importance of flu vaccination.

1. Clinicians and caregivers should be aware of the possible beginning of influ-

enza season and co-circulation of COVID-19, influenza, and other respiratory viruses.

2. Clinicians should be aware of students returning home on holiday breaks from colleges or universities where influenza viruses may be widely circulating.

3. Clinicians should consider testing patients with respiratory illness for influenza viruses.

4. Flu vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread of flu and widespread flu illnesses.

Background information and situational awareness

During the 2020-21 flu season, flu activity was historically low likely due to strict COVID-19 prevention measures. Other respiratory viruses were similarly impacted by the COVID-19

pandemic but have since resumed normal circulation patterns. During the most recent three weeks (week ending Oct. 23 through the week ending Nov. 6), influenza A (H3N2) viruses have been reported by public health laboratories in seven of the 10 HHS regions, including the region Illinois is part of, indicating flu circulation is beginning to resume.

On college campuses, flu viruses are known to spread rapidly in close quarters like common living spaces, classrooms, shared restrooms and through social activities. However, young adults consistently have the lowest flu vaccination coverage every flu season in the United States. Also, early in-season CDC estimates suggest that flu vaccine uptake among other groups so far is lower this season than

last, including among children and pregnant people.

The occurrence or timing of these recent flu outbreaks is not particularly unusual. Flu activity often starts to increase in October and most commonly peaks in February. The recent outbreaks and associated increasing detection of H3N2 viruses are notable because they represent the first significant flu activity of the 2021-2022 season (and the first since March 2020). CDC has said that reduced population immunity due to lack of flu virus activity since March 2020 could result in an early and possibly severe flu season.

Transmission

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. The influenza viruses are spread from person to person primarily

through large-particle respiratory droplet transmission.

Transmission via large-particle droplets requires close contact between the source and recipient persons because droplets do not remain suspended in the air and generally travel only a short distance. Another possible source of transmission is contact with respiratory droplet-contaminated surfaces.

The typical incubation period for influenza is one to four days, with an average of two days. Infected adults shed influenza virus from the day before symptoms begin through five to seven days after illness onset. Young children and persons with weakened immune systems may be infectious for ten or more days after onset of symptoms.

Prevention

Flu vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread of flu and widespread flu illnesses. CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get an annual flu vaccine. Anyone who has not received a flu vaccine this season should get vaccinated now. A flu vaccine protects against four flu viruses, including an H3N2 virus that was updated for this season's flu vaccines. Each year flu vaccination reduces the burden of influenza significantly in the United States preventing millions of illness and thousands of hospitalizations and deaths.

Treatment

Flu antiviral drugs can be used to treat flu illness.

CDC recommends prompt treatment for people who have flu or suspected flu and especially for those who are at higher risk of serious flu complications. Antiviral drugs are not a substitute for getting a flu vaccine. While flu vaccine can vary in how well it works, a flu vaccine is the best way to help prevent seasonal flu and its potentially serious complications. Antiviral drugs are a second line of defense that can be used to treat flu if you get sick.

IDPH and LHD Response

Individual cases of influenza are not reportable unless they are associated with an intensive care unit (ICU) admission, pediatric death, or variant/novel virus.

Outbreaks of influenza or influenza-like illness are reportable in congregated settings such as long-term care facilities, correctional facilities or group homes when there are two or more cases of influenza-like illness among residents within 72 hours with at least one of the ill residents having laboratory-confirmed influenza.

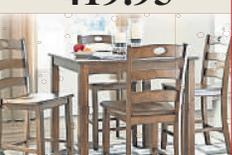
Outbreaks of influenza in schools are generally not reportable to IDPH, but local health departments may choose to monitor this in their jurisdiction. Please contact IDPH or your local health department if you have questions or unusual situations you need to discuss.

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Home fur the holidays?

Tips for pets and their owners traveling away from home this holiday season

By Gayla Kirshner
BLAIN'S FARM & FLEET

The holidays are quickly approaching and so are the many festive occasions and trips that come along with seasons. Whether it's your parents, siblings, or friends you've known forever, spending time in another person's space can cause some tension ... throw your pets into the mix and things can get downright hairy!

If you're packing up the pooch and getting ready to head out, the following tips from Blain's Farm & Fleet will make your stay a success and ensure you get invited back again next year!

1. Check to be sure your pet is welcome.

Bringing your pet along as a surprise for your hosts is never a good idea. Friends or relatives may not be comfortable having your pet as a guest. Confirm in advance that your pet is welcome and discuss any restricted areas or rules that will need to be followed during your stay.

2. Brush up on obedience.

Traveling with pets means introducing them to new

places, scents, and people – and helping them determine which behaviors are appropriate in a new environment is part of our responsibility. Spend some time refreshing your dog's basic obedience skills before you leave and give him the chance to dazzle your hosts with his manners. Simple commands like "Stay," "Down," and "Drop It" can keep a dog from bolting out an open door, making inappropriate greetings, or eating something harmful.

3. Give your pet a comfortable retreat.

Large groups overwhelm a lot of pets, so provide a quiet spot away from the activity. Having their dog bed or crate and favorite toy readily available creates a welcome refuge where they can relax.

4. Stick to the schedule.

As simple as it seems, feeding and exercising your pets on their normal schedule can reduce their anxiety. Set an alarm to remind yourself of your pet's feeding time and don't skip their daily walks – it's the perfect excuse for some one-on-one time!

5. Avoid digestive disaster.

It's very tempting to spoil your pet with food and treats while you're away from home. However, it's a risky proposition. Eating foods he's not used to can lead to gastrointestinal distress, so it's best to stick to his normal diet while you're traveling. Let your hosts and other guests know that your pet is well fed, and anyone offering unapproved treats may be cleaning up after him later.

6. Leave no trace.

The best way to ensure you'll receive another invitation is to clean up after yourself. Bring a spare sheet to cover the bedding if you know your pet will insist on sleeping with you; pack your lint roller to remove the fur your pup left on the sofa; and be sure to pick up and dispose of your dog's waste in the yard.

7. Play it cool.

Holiday gatherings can be an emotional time. Remember that your pet will pick up on your feelings, and over-excitement, anxiety, and stress are common emotions when we travel – so relax, stay calm, and have fun!



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Christmas tree walk

The custom of decorating a pine tree for Christmas began in Germany in the 1820s—but only for German families in Pennsylvania. Although decorating at Christmastime with green boughs had been done for centuries in various countries, it wasn't until the 1840s that the custom spread to all of America. All decorations then were either natural or homemade. It was not until the late 1880s that commercial decorations started to be used on trees. The annual Christmas Tree Walk at the Woodstock Opera House, 121 Van Buren St., Woodstock, is under way and continues through Jan. 2. A number of nonprofit organizations are participating.

Huntley Police report

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

Nov. 18

13900 block of Auto Mall Drive: An identity theft was reported.

Nov. 20

8400 block of Rte. 47: Cray Allen, 50, of Gilberts, was arrested for driving under the influence.

Nov. 21

10000 block of Main Street: Peyton Sav-

ino, 21, of Lake in the Hills, turned herself in on a failure to appear warrant.

11900 block of Rte. 47: A retail theft was reported.

Nov. 23

Rte. 47/Dean Street: Mauriyanna S. Taylor, 19, of Harvard, was arrested on a failure to appear warrant.

11900 block of Freeman Road: Adrian Sanchez, 25, of Volo, was arrested for driving with a suspended license

10700 block of Midwest Avenue: A telephone harassment was reported.

Crime news

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

24 years for sexual assault

James W. Seekings, 49, of Woodstock, 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. 5, by McHenry County Judge Coppedge following a plea of guilty.

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

16 years for sexual assault of a child

Korem Johanson, 39, of Fox River Grove, was sentenced on Nov. 5 to 16 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by Judge Michael Coppedge after being found guilty of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child at a bench trial. Defendant must serve his sentence at 85 percent and will be required to register for life

under the Sex Offender Registration Act upon release from custody.

This case was investigated by Detective David Mullen of the McHenry

County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Sharyl Eisenstein and Mary Ann Scholl of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office.



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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 RECORDER'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/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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Case Number: 2019-CH-0000382

TJSC#: 41-2754

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Case # 2019-CH-0000382 I3181103

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BLACKHAWK BANK Plaintiff,

-v.-
ARIEL ZMIJEWSKI et al Defendant

2019 CH 63
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 1, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on December 28, 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 Five (5) in William Coopers Subdivision of Fractional Block 17 in the Original Town of Belvidere, and of Block 1 of S.S. Whitman's Addition to Belvidere, as platted and recorded in Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois on October 5, 1887 in Book 47 of Deeds on page 444; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

Commonly known as 522 E. MADISON STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-25-154-006

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/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate tax-

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

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

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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Case # 2019 CH 63 I3182132

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BLACKHAWK BANK F/K/A BLACKHAWK STATE BANK Plaintiff,

-v.-
SHERRY ZACK, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR HOWARD M. COOK et al Defendant

2019CH99
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 28, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on December 30, 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 THREE (3) IN BLOCK FOUR (4) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF HOMEDALE AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS ON PAGE 40 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 517 KING STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-26-304-007

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/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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BBB Alert: Product shortages will increase holiday online shopping scams

BBB launches holiday "Shop Safe, Shop Smart" campaign

The BBB cautions that product shortages (even turkeys are in short supply), other supply chain issues, and the pandemic will increase online shopping scams this holiday season. The new sub-variant of the virus coupled with fewer retail workers are new factors impacting how consumers shop.

"As more consumers turn to online shopping, more scammers will be online trying to trick you," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau.

"The con artists hope you'll be too rushed looking for that perfect gift to pay attention to online shopping safety, Horton says, "It doesn't matter whether you are actively shopping or passively browsing; the scammers will be out in full force."

Taking advantage of the hard-to-find items, scammers will create fake websites and

Sub-standard products, offering them at "too good to be true" prices. Consumers will find that once the order is placed, the company doesn't exist, doesn't send the product, or it is not of good quality.

Scammers are very sneaky. "The time you take to guard against scammers is well worth the time, stress, and money you will save," says Horton. "And that means a more enjoyable holiday for all."

BBB is launching a holiday campaign, "Shop Safe, Shop Smart," to help consumers reduce their risk of online shopping scams.

BBB Holiday Tips to "Shop Safe, Shop Smart"

- Beware of fake websites: Check the URL (web address), watch for bad grammar, research the age of the domain, and search for contact information.
- Know the advertiser. Some of the best deals are only available online, but be careful. It's easy for a fake site to mimic a famous retailer's website, so make sure you are shopping with a legitimate site. If the site is missing contact information, that is a red flag.
- Make sure the website is secure. Look for the "https" in the URL (the extra "s" is for "secure") and a small lock icon on the address bar. Never enter payment or personal information into a website with only "http" – it is NOT secure.
- Beware of making quick purchases while scrolling through social media. Scammers have access to tools they need to learn about your buying behaviors, offering exactly what you want at enticingly low prices.
- Protect personal information. Read a site's privacy policy and understand what

personal information is being requested and how it will be used. If a site doesn't have a privacy policy, that's a big red flag that it may be a scam.

- If the deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. Don't shop on price alone. Offers on websites and in unsolicited emails may offer free or very low prices on hard-to-find items. There may be hidden costs, or your purchase may sign you up for a monthly charge. Look for and read the fine print.

- Research before you buy. Use BBB.org and shopper reviews to do your homework before paying.

- Look for the BBB seal. BBB Accredited Businesses pledge to uphold the BBB Standards for Trust and to deal fairly with consumers. If a business displays a BBB seal, verify it by going to BBB.org.

- Be a savvy shopper. When shopping online, be sure to take your time and read the fine print before submitting your order. Look for the return policy; although many online orders can be returned for a full refund, others have restocking fees. Some items cannot be returned; know before you buy.

- Professional photos do not mean it's a real offer. Website photos can entice shoppers to engage with scammers, especially for pets/pet supplies, clothing/accessories, and vehicles.

- Shop with a credit card. In case of a fraudulent transaction, a credit card provides additional protections; it's easier to dispute charges that you didn't approve or to get your money back if there is a problem. Debit cards, prepaid cards or gift cards don't have the same protections as a credit card. Be cautious when paying by digital wallet apps, prepaid money cards, or other non-traditional payment methods. Learn more about payment types and how to use each safely.

- Shipment tracking information can be faked. Look closely to make sure it is a legitimate business. Avoid clicking on the tracking link; go to the shipper's website and type in the code to see if it is real.

- Report unsatisfactory purchase experiences to BBB. If you are unhappy with a purchase, file a complaint at BBB.org/complaints. If you never got what you paid for, report it to BBB.org/ScamTracker to help other consumers avoid being scammed.

Horton says, "Install a firewall, anti-virus, and anti-spyware software for security. Also, be sure to check for and install the latest updates and run virus scans regularly on your computer, tablet, and smart phone."

Stay one step ahead of scammers by subscribing to BBB's weekly Scam Alert emails.

More tips are available at <https://www.bbb.org/all/spot-a-scam>.

Spruce, callery pear have no home in Illinois landscapes

By Ryan Pankau
HORTICULTURE EDUCATOR,
ILLINOIS EXTENSION

They are beautiful, tempting and frequently for sale in Illinois garden centers, but many nonnative trees are less than ideal for land of Lincoln landscapes.

"Some fall onto my 'do not plant' list," says Ryan Pankau, a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. "Many such ornamental plants make my list due to their invasive habit, but some are on there for generally poor performance as urban trees."

One such tree, the Colorado blue spruce, *Picea pungens*, is native to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and several surrounding western states. Adapted to the cool, dry climate of the Rockies, it does well in more sandy and well-drained soils; however, it is commonly sold in Illinois gardening centers.

"Despite its unique and beautiful, blue-green foliage, Colorado blue spruce tops my list of trees not to plant in Illinois," Pankau says. "When planted in the Midwest, blue spruce suffers from our hot humid summers and often poorly drained soils."

Unless the blue spruce is planted in near optimal conditions for Illinois, the stresses of the local climate and soils add up over time, reducing the plant's health and vigor. As these trees mature, it is a sure bet they will suffer from a variety of common diseases, issues and problems. For information about common issues with spruce trees, visit go.illinois.edu/SpruceProblems.

"Callery pear, *Pyrus calleryana*, is widely planted for its ornamental value, with more than 20 cultivars available at my last count," says Pankau. "The plant certainly has appeal, with nearly a month or more of flower display each year. But it definitely has its problems."

Native to East Asia, Callery pear has relatively few disease or insect issues in the U.S., but it is highly susceptible to storm damage.

"Callery pear's compact and pyramidal habit can be attributed to a propensity for narrow branch angles with weak attachment," says Pankau. "When it's mature, the ultimate fate for many of



RYAN PANKAU PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Colorado blue spruce is a non-native, commonly planted landscape tree that suffers from many issues here in Illinois.

these trees is to peel apart in a wind or ice storm, leaving an irregular and unattractive canopy."

On a more serious note, this species has shown to be increasingly invasive. While most cultivars are sterile, cross-pollination between the many commonly planted varieties has created fertile fruits. As birds eat and disseminate these fruits, new pear trees pop up all over the place.

"From fence rows to highway right of ways, to edges of yards or local natural areas, you can see Callery pears on nearly any drive around cen-

tral Illinois when it is in flower," Pankau says.

It is one of the only woody species to have white, abundant flowers during its bloom time in early spring, making it easily identifiable.

"Callery pear is yet another plant that I would argue has great ornamental value, like the blue spruce," Pankau says. "However, vulnerability to storm damage can limit its longevity in the landscape and when you combine that with the threat to natural areas it poses as an invasive species, it's just a tree that we all need to stop planting."



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• Tips (Continued from page 5)

- Check the weather, road conditions, and traffic. Plan to leave early if necessary.
- Don't rush. Allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely.
- Familiarize yourself with directions and maps before you go even if you use a GPS system, and let others know your route and anticipated arrival time.
- Keep your gas tank full, even with an electric vehicle. If you get stuck in a traffic jam or in snow, you might need more fuel to get home and keep warm.
- Note:** To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning when stuck in snow, be sure to keep your vehicle's exhaust pipe clear of snow and ice, run your vehicle only in the open with the windows partially down, and run it only long enough to keep warm.
- Wait until road and weather conditions improve before venturing out in your vehicle. If road conditions are hazardous, avoid driving if possible.
- Stock your vehicle.**
 - Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving tasks, such as cleaning off your windshield, as well as any supplies you might need in an emergency. Keep the following on hand:
 - Snow shovel, broom, and ice scraper
 - Abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter, in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow.
 - Jumper cables, flashlight, and warning devices such as

flares and markers.

- Blankets for protection from the cold.

- A cell phone with charger, water, food, and any necessary medicine (for longer trips or when driving in highly populated areas).

- Learn what to do in a winter emergency.

If you are stopped or stalled in wintry weather, follow these safety rules:

- Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself.

- Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light turned on.

- To avoid asphyxiation from carbon monoxide poisoning, don't run your car for long periods of time with the windows up or in an enclosed space. If you must run your

vehicle, clear the exhaust pipe of any snow and run it only sporadically – just long enough to stay warm.

Protect yourself and your loved ones.

- Remember to always wear your seat belt. Ensure that everyone in your vehicle is buckled up as well.

- Do not text or engage in any other activities that may distract you while driving.

- While thick outerwear will keep your children warm, it can also interfere with the proper harness fit of your child in their car seat. Place blankets around your child after the harness is snug and secure.

- Never leave your child unattended in or around your vehicle.

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 5:45 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Guilford, home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium
 6 p.m. - Boys Wrestling, Varsity vs. East, Geneseo, and Metamora, away at East
 6 p.m. - Boys Wrestling, All vs. East Quad East, Geneseo, Metamora, (TBA) - East HS
 7 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Guilford, home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium
 7 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Guilford, away at Guilford

Saturday, Dec. 4

8 a.m. - Girls Bowling, All vs. J-Hawk Invite, away at Cherry Bowl

8:30 a.m. - Girls Dance, Junior Varsity vs. Lake Zurich Dance Invite, away at Lake Zurich HS
 8:30 a.m. - Girls Dance, Varsity vs. Lake Zurich Dance Invite, away at Lake Zurich HS
 9 a.m. - Boys Wrestling, Varsity vs. East Invite, away at East Invite
 9 a.m. - Boys Swimming and Diving, Varsity vs. Harlem, away at Harlem
 9:30 a.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Freeport, away at Freeport
 4 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Freshman vs. Freeport, home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium
 5:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium
 7 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Freeport, home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

Monday, Dec. 6

4 p.m. Girls Bowling, All vs. Boylan, home at Cherry Bowl
 4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, All vs. Boylan, away at Boylan
 5:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Freshman vs. Boylan, home
 5:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Boylan, away at Boylan

Tuesday, Dec. 7

4:45 p.m. - Boys Swimming and Diving, Junior Varsity vs. Auburn and Hononegah, away at Auburn and Hononegah
 4:45 p.m. - Boys Swimming and Diving, Varsity vs. Auburn and Hononegah, away at Auburn and Hononegah
 5:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan, home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium
 7 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Boylan, home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

Wednesday, Dec. 8

5:30 p.m. - Cheerleading Competitive, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium
 5:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium
 7 p.m. - Cheerleading Competitive, Varsity vs. Freeport, home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

Thursday, Dec. 9

5:30 p.m. - Boys Wrestling, All vs. Hononegah and Boylan, away at Hononegah

Belvidere North High School athletic schedule

Thursday, Dec. 2

4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan, away at Park Lanes
 4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, Varsity vs. Boylan, away at Park Lanes
 5:30 p.m. - Boys Wrestling, Junior Varsity vs. Triangular Guilford and Freeport, away at Freeport HS
 5:30 p.m. - Boys Wrestling, Varsity vs. Triangular Guilford and Freeport, away at Freeport HS

Friday, Dec. 3

4:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Freshman vs. Freeport, home at Main Gym
 4:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Freeport, away at Freeport
 6 p.m. - Boys Wrestling, Varsity vs. Quad East, Geneseo, Meamora, away at East
 6 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, home at Main Gym
 6 p.m. - Girls Dance, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, home at Main Gym
 6 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Freeport, away at Freeport
 7:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Freeport, away at Freeport
 7:30 p.m. - Girls Dance, Varsity vs. Freeport, home at Main Gym
 7:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Freeport, home at Main Gym

Saturday, Dec. 4

8 a.m. - Girls Bowling, Varsity vs. Jefferson Invite, away at Cherry Bowl
 8 a.m. - Girls Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Jefferson Invite, away at Cherry Bowl

8:30 a.m. - Girls Dance, Junior Varsity vs. Crystal Lake Central - Canceled
 8:30 a.m. - Girls Dance, Varsity vs. Crystal Lake Central - Canceled
 9 a.m. - Boys Wrestling, Varsity vs. East High School East Invite, away at East HS
 9 a.m. - Boys Swimming and Diving, Varsity vs. Harlem Invite, away at Harlem HS Pool
 9:30 a.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Rockford East, away at Rockford East
 1:45 p.m. - Cheerleading Competitive, Varsity vs. Crystal Lake Central, away at Crystal Lake Central HS
 4:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Freshman vs. Rockford East, home at Main Gym
 6 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Rockford East, home at Main Gym
 7:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Rockford East, home at Main Gym

Monday, Dec. 6

5:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Freshman vs. Jefferson - Canceled
 5:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Jefferson, home at Jefferson
 4 p.m. - Girls Bowling, Varsity vs. Jefferson, away at Cherry Bowl Lanes
 4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, Varsity vs. Jefferson, away at Cherry Bowl Lanes
 4 p.m. - Girls Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Jefferson, away at Cherry Bowl Lanes
 4 p.m. Boys Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Jefferson, away at Cherry Bowl Lanes
 4:45 p.m. - Boys Swimming and Diving, Varsity vs. Triangular Auburn and Hononegah, away at Triangular, Auburn HS Pool

Tuesday, Dec. 7

4 p.m. - Girls Bowling, Varsity vs. Jefferson, away at Cherry Bowl Lanes
 4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, Varsity vs. Jefferson, away at Cherry Bowl Lanes
 4 p.m. - Girls Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Jefferson, away at Cherry Bowl Lanes
 4:45 p.m. - Boys Swimming and Diving, Varsity vs. Triangular Auburn and Hononegah, away at Triangular, Auburn HS Pool

4:45 p.m. - Boys Swimming and Diving, Junior Varsity vs. Triangular Auburn and Hononegah, away at Auburn HS Pool

Wednesday, Dec. 8

4:30 p.m. - Scholastic Bowl, Junior Varsity vs. Harlem, and Freeport, away at Hononegah HS
 4:30 p.m. - Scholastic Bowl, Varsity vs. Harlem and Freeport, away at Hononegah HS
 5:30 p.m. - Cheerleading Competitive, Junior Varsity vs. Rockford East, home at Main Gym
 5:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Rockford East, home at Main Gym
 7 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Rockford East, home at Main Gym
 7 p.m. - Cheerleading Competitive, Varsity vs. Rockford East, home at Main Gym
 7 p.m. - Girls Dance, Varsity vs. Rockford East, home at Main Gym

Thursday, Dec. 9

5:30 p.m. - Boys V - Wrestling, Varsity vs. Triangular Boylan and Hononegah, away at Hononegah HS
 5:30 p.m. - Boys Wrestling, Junior Varsity vs. Triangular Boylan and Hononegah, away at Hononegah HS

Harris sentenced on drug charges



Terrill Harris, Jr.

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, Terrill Harris Jr., 32, of Duluth, Minn., was sentenced to 15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by Judge C. Robert Tobin III.

Harris was convicted of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, a Class X felony, by a Boone County jury on Sept. 14.

The charges stemmed from a routine traffic stop of a vehicle that Harris was driving on Interstate 90 in Boone County in July of 2020. After smelling the odor of burnt cannabis in the vehicle, the trooper discovered 248 grams of cocaine during a search of the car.

REAL ESTATE LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS BLACKHAWK BANK Plaintiff, -v- ARIEL ZMIJEWSKI et al Defendant

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Commonly known as 522 E. MADISON STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-25-154-006

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.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS BLACKHAWK BANK F/K/A BLACKHAWK STATE BANK Plaintiff, -v- SHERRY ZACK, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR HOWARD M. COOK et al Defendant

2019CH99 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 28, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on December 30, 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 THREE (3) IN BLOCK FOUR (4) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF HOMEDALE AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS ON PAGE 40 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 517 KING STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-26-304-007

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

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