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Get the most cooling for your dollar

As the temperatures soar, there are simple ways to save money on energy bills this summer.

According to the Department of Energy, a typical home uses a 48 percent of energy expenditures just on the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. "Although a lion's share of that percentage goes to heating homes, Americans still spend \$29 billion every year to power their air conditioners," says Erin Hollinshead, executive director of Safe Electricity.

Aside from replacing central air conditioners with a newer, higher-efficiency model, there are some things one can do to increase efficiency during the hottest part of the year, which can help reduce energy bills.

Hot temperatures are hard on people, pocketbooks and electrical systems. Increased demand for electricity during the summer strains a home's electrical system, increasing the likelihood of an electric shock or fire. This high demand for electricity also makes it more expensive in summer months. "Cooling your home efficiently this summer does not have to be difficult," says Hollinshead. "Major projects will boost your home's efficiency, but simple behaviors are also important in increasing efficiency and are not to be overlooked. By preparing your home, you can save money, stay comfortable, and decrease demands on the electrical system."

Safe Electricity provides the following tips to save money on cooling costs:

- Close curtains, blinds and shades during the hottest part of the day. Not only is about one-third of a home's energy lost around windows, but about 76 percent of sunlight that falls on standard double-pane windows enters the home to become heat, according to energy.gov.
- If you don't already have one, install a programmable or smart thermostat. One can save up to 10 percent a year on heating and cooling by adjusting the thermostat seven to 10 degrees from its normal setting for eight hours a day, Hollinshead says.
- Clean the air filter and get the unit inspected by an HVAC professional.
- Keep the outdoor condenser unit clean and free from debris. Ideally, the unit should be in the shade.
- Consider changes to your landscaping. Greenery that includes shade trees and those that insulate the foundation can reduce energy costs.
- Ventilate the attic and check insulation. Adequately sized vents and an attic fan can help remove hot air from buildings. If your attic has less than 6 to 8 inches of insulation, consider adding more. By addressing air leaks around your home and adding insulation, homeowners can save around 10 percent annually on energy bills (energystar.gov).
- Use clothes dryers and ovens during the cooler parts of the day.
- Consider a professional energy audit to reveal where the home is inefficient, including air leaks and exposed duct work.
- Use ceiling fans that circulate air and take heat from the body's surface to create a cooling effect.
- Keep cool air in and hot air out.



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There are many ways to keep your home cooler to lower electricity costs. An energy audit can uncover hidden sources of waste in heating and cooling.

Avoid unnecessary trips out the door, and do not leave the door open.

- Shade your home by installing awnings over windows in direct sunlight.
- Make sure your home has the insulation it needs. Energy.gov has information about the best insulation to use in different geographic areas.
- If you are building a new home or replacing your air conditioner, there are options to maximize efficiency. For starters, look for the Energy Star label for air conditioners that have met energy efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Increased summer electric demand not only affects the monthly budget, but it can also seriously strain your home's electrical system, which may create dangerous shock and fire hazards. Flickering or dimming lights or frequent circuit breaker trips are signs of an overloaded electrical system or faulty wiring that should be checked immediately by a qualified electrician, Hollinshead says.

Source: Erin Hollinshead, Executive Director, Safe Electricity.

News release: University of Illinois Extension.

Death investigation related to suspected overdose

The Woodstock Police Department provided the following news release on Tuesday, Aug. 25:

On Thursday, Aug. 20, during the late evening hours, Woodstock Police Department officers and Woodstock Fire & Rescue Department officials responded to a residence located in the 500 block of Calhoun Street, for a suspected drug overdose.

The victim was identified as 35-year-old Woodstock resident Jessica N. Decker. Evidence of Decker consuming suspected narcotics was located at the scene, at which time a Woodstock Police Department detective also responded. Decker was subsequently transported to an area hospital, where she later died.

The investigation led to the identification of two suspects who provided the suspected narcotics to Decker. The suspects were identified as Anier L. Rose-Stovall and Deshawn T. Ingram.

Upon conferring with the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office, a search warrant for their residence was obtained along with multiple felony charges were approved against Rose-Stovall and Ingram.

With the assistance of the McHenry County Sheriff's Department, the search warrant was executed on their residence and both suspects were taken into custody without incident. Various amounts and types of suspected narcotics were located during the execution of the search warrant.

This investigation remains open and ongoing.



Deshawn T. Ingram



Anier L. Rose-Stovall

'Adopt an Artwork' program

As the number of farmers in the Greenwood area swelled, it became apparent that their children needed a place to learn. In 1859, School District 64 completed construction of a 28-40-foot, two-story brick school at 4614 Greenwood Road.

Starting in 1917, high school classes occupied the top floor for a

few years with the first eight grades occupying the main level. However, the population continued to dwindle during the Depression and by 1943 enrollment had fallen to 23 students – about a third of the enrollment in 1860. The school operated for 37 years until it consolidated with Woodstock District 200.

Coincidentally, that also is where Ed LeCrone taught for 33 years. His wife, Darlene, also a District 200 teacher, said painting was an "inborn thing" for Ed. And he continued to paint, sometimes with daughter Mimi Book, also of Harvard, up until his death in 2017. Darlene and Ed were married near-

ly 37 years.

Darlene speculated Bill Schuette, the celebrated former principal of current Greenwood Elementary School, may well have asked Ed to paint this watercolor of its predecessor – located just down the road. It was donated to the McHenry County Historical Society in 2013 by Suanne Habbly of Woodstock. The society is launching an initiative to restore this and many of the 150 pieces of artwork in its collection. Whether due to age, damage, or improper display before it arrived, several pieces are in need of restoration. This is necessary before they can be put on display in a new exhibit titled "Art of the Past: Discovering History through McHenry County Artists," which is slated to open next May.

Those donating to the new Adopt an Artwork program directly support restoration efforts. Some pieces merely need archival materials

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Sarah Farley joins U of I Extension as educator

Farmers working on smaller farms, local growers and local food systems' participants have a new educational ally at the University of Illinois Extension serving Lake and McHenry counties.

Sarah Farley joined the University of Illinois McHenry and Lake County Extension on Aug. 17, serving as the Local Food Systems and Small Farms Extension educator. In her role, Farley works to develop and deliver research-based programs to growers, collaborate with community partners, and extend University resources to meet the needs of those involved in the local food system.

Farley comes to the University of Illinois Extension with a myriad of professional experiences including livestock and crop production, sales and marketing, agriculture entrepreneurship, risk management, positive youth development, and farm financial management.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Farley earned a Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences, Agribusiness



Sarah Farley

small farm enterprise or food system project. She can be reached

by email at sfarley@illinois.edu or by phone at 847-223-8627 (Lake County) and 815-338-3737 (McHenry County). Visit extension.illinois.edu/lm for more information about the Lake and McHenry County Extension.

Source: James Reaves, director, University of Illinois Extension serving Lake and McHenry Counties.

Writer: Michelle Byrne Walsh, office support associate, University of Illinois Extension in McHenry County.

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Lowest bid isn't always the best bet when buying equipment

By Bob Balgemann
REPORTER

Government officials typically will select the low bid when buying something. They usually base that decision on more than just getting the best deal for their constituents.

But sometimes factors will demand choosing the second lowest bid, as was the case in August, when the city did just that while buying a new snow blower.

First, however, Public Works Director Brent Anderson said it was “kind of a sad day” for the piece of equipment being retired. “That snow blower has been around longer than any employee in the Public Works Department,” he reported.

Later in the meeting Alderman Daniel Arevalo asked if there was going to be a retirement party for the winter worker?

Not at the moment, Director Anderson relied, but he added he was thinking about asking those at the downtown historical museum if they would be interesting in having the snow blower donated to them?

Back to the subject at hand, Anderson said the department had re-

built the machine several times “and we just can’t rebuild it anymore.” He explained the process of replacing it and why street department officials decided to move up one size from the one they have right now.

Personnel went out this past winter season and saw the Larue D50, most costly of the two, and the Fair 948D, second in price, in action, he reported. “We feel the Larue is our best option,” for the following reasons:

- The Larue is six-feet wider than the Fair. That extra six inches, he said, would allow for more efficient removal of snow, which would save on overtime costs and wear and tear on the equipment.

- The two-stage augers of the Larue unit would be better at feeding snow, especially wet, heavy, compacted snow, into a truck, than the single-stage Fair.

- The Larue has a straight-cutting edge; the Fair has an angled edge. He said the angled edge tends to leave windows, adding, “We have had to fabricate a straight cutting edge for our existing Fair snow blower.”

- Larue operating controls are better protected from the elements than

the Fair.

- The discharge chute on the Larue unit has 18 inches of vertical adjustment and includes a quick-attach coupling that allows for easy maintenance.

A question

Alderman Marsha Freeman asked Anderson to refresh her memory on how the snow blower fit into the current budget?

He answered that it had been included in last year’s budget, but the department only had enough money to replace it with the same size kind of unit. “We felt it was important to go the next size up to get those efficiencies, and economies of scale for us,” he said. “So we agreed to forego the snow blower last year and put it into this year’s budget with the higher amount.”

In addition: “We decided to put the leaf blowers off to a future time. There were the unknowns of COVID-19 and the company we were dealing with went out of business.”

There were four bids for the snow blower with the low quote coming from Bonnell Industries Inc. in Dixon, for \$153,502.60. Second-low

was for \$160,741 from Casper’s Truck Equipment in Butler, Wis., which was the one recommended by Anderson.

Other bids also came from companies in Wisconsin: \$190,120, from Wausau Equipment Co., in Wausau, and \$220,000 from M-B Companies in Chilton. Nether of those offered a Larue or Fair snow blower.

A recommendation to accept the bid from Casper’s Truck Equipment was approved by the committee, 10-0. One week later, at the Aug. 17 city council meeting, that purchase also was approved unanimously.

New snowplow

Also that night the committee voted 10-0 to recommend approval of spending \$6,176.48 for a new snowplow, to be put on the front of the recently purchased 2015 Ford F-250. Its recommendation was approved unanimously by city council on Aug. 17.

There were some questions at the committee level.

Alderman Wendy Frank asked what the new plow would be used for, like little areas and parking lots?

It will be used at the Sewage Treat-

ment Plant, Anderson replied, and at various lift stations around town.

“So, we replaced something with the Ford F-250,” Alderman Freeman said. “I’m assuming whatever we replaced had a snowplow on it. So would we not have taken that snowplow and put it on the F-250? What happened to the other plow?”

Anderson explained the vehicle the city replaced was a 1995 GMC. It was not feasible to put that plow on the new truck. So the plow on that truck is staying with it. The 1995 truck will wind up at the Street Dept. for the mechanics to drive, which will replace the old Dodge Dakota that they’ve been using as a parts truck for down there.

“So, did we sell the old plow?” Freeman asked.

“No, it’s still with the old truck,” Anderson answered. While that equipment remains with the city, he said ultimately it will be put up for sale to replace the old Dodge Dakota.

The new plow will be purchased from Bonnell Industries, Inc. The only other bid came from Monroe Truck Equipment in St. Louis, Mo., for \$7,197.

Differing fates for two initiatives proposed by Belvidere aldermen

By Bob Balgemann
REPORTER

Committee of the Whole agenda items come from a variety of sources. Most of them are staff proposals for all kinds of expenditures, from infrastructure improvements to buying a new piece of equipment.

But occasionally, there will be a discussion item for the way the city does business submitted by staff or one of the 10 aldermen.

Such was the case recently when there were two items: Changing the hours of city council meetings to be the same as Committee of the Whole meetings, and correcting traffic problems along Gray St. behind Logan Ave., between East Ave. and Helen St.

The Gray Street issue, presented by Alderman Wendy Frank, ultimately was resolved.

In providing background, she said she had been dealing with that issue for more than 10 years, but more so in the past four months than in all of those 10 years combined. Here is the problem as she described it:

Cars are permitted to “enter” Gray

St. from the East Ave. end, at the former Logan Elementary School, and “exit” on Helen. People can only see the One-Way street sign coming “in” from the Logan Ave. side. Those coming “in” from East Ave. do not see any sign.

“What happens nine times out of 10 is all the cars will enter Gray St. and turn around in a driveway, and head back out in the wrong direction,” Alderman Frank said.

Also, she said a lot of times cars will enter Gray St. from Helen, even though a Do Not Enter sign is clearly visible. “I think if it said ‘One Way’ they (motorists) may know why you are not to enter. (Public Works Director) Brent Anderson has told me they (motorists) do not know why it says Do Not Enter.”

She asked for discussion among her colleagues “to find a remedy once and for all. Once school starts in the fall for the young children at the former Logan Grade School, it is dangerous for parents and children to have cars entering and exiting at the same time.”

After discussion and a recommended approval at the committee level, city council unanimously approved a motion to add two One-Way signs and one Do Not Enter sign on Gray Street.

Didn't make it

The other alderman-led initiative, proposed by Daniel Arevalo, wound up getting two motions but each of them was defeated, 7-3.

City council currently meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month. Committee of the Whole meetings, with each discussing different subject areas, are held at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays. It was Alderman Arevalo’s request that council meetings be changed to 6 p.m.

Alderman Dan Snow opened discussion by saying he was “not a big fan, going to this (change). It can be a challenge, by the time I get off work and get dinner. I guess there’s a reason for having it (council meeting) at 7 p.m. Those meetings shouldn’t last a long time since most of the discussion is hashed out at these (committee) meetings.”

Alderman Marsha Freeman didn’t think it was a good idea, either.

“A lot of people that work in the city would have trouble coming to the (council) meeting if something was on the agenda,” she said. “Now if they can’t make it to the 6 o’clock one they can make it to the 7 o’clock one, if it’s something that’s important to them.”

Arevalo countered that he commutes from the farthest point - the Chicago suburbs - and he’s still back in Belvidere at 6 o’clock. “I’ve had my dinner, still mow the lawn. So if I have to leave work a little bit early I do, and then make it up afterwards.”

“It’s up to you guys,” Mayor Mike Chamberlain offered, after seeing there was no clear consensus in the offing.

Freeman had a question for Arevalo: “What is the purpose of wanting every meeting at 6?”

“To have it (times) more fluid with everything that we do,” he replied.

Alderman Matt Fleury suggested a compromise, making all four meetings at 6:30 p.m.

That was fine with Arevalo, who

said all he wanted to do was get some feedback from the other council members and “just have the (council) meetings start a little earlier than 7.”

Alderman Frank countered that she thought they were “meeting for our constituents, not for our own means. It’s not about us.” But she did prefer 6:30 p.m. over 6 p.m.

Since there already was a motion on the floor, City Attorney Mike Drel-la said a motion to amend would be appropriate.

Arevalo made such a motion, seconded by Alderman Clayton Stevens, making all four meetings at 6:30 p.m.

That motion failed, 7-3. Voting Yes were aldermen Arevalo, Fleury, and Stevens. Voting No were aldermen Freeman, Mike McGee, Tom Porter, Tom Ratcliffe, Snow, Ric Brereton, and Frank.

The original motion approving all four meetings being held at 6 p.m. also was defeated, 7-3, with the same breakdown of aldermen.

“So, we will leave the meetings where they are,” Mayor Chamberlain said.



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Growth Dimensions launches Entrepreneur Venture Program

Growth Dimensions – Economic Development for Belvidere and Boone County is pleased to announce a new, innovative initiative, named the Venture Program, which is designed to assist entrepreneurs in creating and sustaining their businesses.

“Whether an entrepreneur is just beginning their self-employment journey or they are an established business looking to hone their skills, the Venture Program is designed to support and foster them every step of the way” commented Heather Wick, Business Enterprise Manager at Growth Dimensions.

With support from the City of Belvidere and the Kauffman Foundation, Growth Dimensions was able to secure the Kauffman Foundation’s FastTrac Program, a world-renowned entrepreneurial education program, which provides Venture Program participants an immersive course packed with relevant information, tips, exercises, and tools to help entrepreneurs think about their business ideas. The Venture Program will incorporate a full line-up of course work and modules, over a 10-week period, creating a business plan from start to finish. Or, in the case of existing business owners, reviewing and fine-tuning an existing businesses plan.

Two cohorts of the Venture Program will take place in the Fall of 2020. One cohort will be comprised

of aspiring entrepreneurs and the other will be made up of existing business owners. These formats allow participants to follow a syllabus designed with their interests and experience in mind.

Cohorts will be facilitated and trained by two entrepreneur experts, who have ties to the Boone County community – Matt Branom and Harold “Bo” Boger.

A local entrepreneur, Matt Branom is a co-owner and Vice-President of the Boone County Shopper, a weekly publication that mails approximately 20,000 copies to 99 percent of Boone County. Branom oversees the operational and sales aspects of the Boone County Shopper.

Harold “Bo” Boger has had a successful career in business and industry, spanning over decades. Boger graduated from Virginia Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology/English. He also earned his Master of Science: Northwestern University focused on Enterprise Organizational Communication Graduate Matriculated.

The tuition amount per participant is a low \$250, which covers all costs for the 10-week course. Included with tuition is a full set of online resources, Venture materials, access to trainers and Growth Dimensions staff, along with additional benefits. You can find a full list of Venture Program benefits

outlined on Growth Dimensions’ website at www.growthdimensions.org/business-resources/venture-program. There are also scholarships available to cover the cost of tuition, sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

Growth Dimensions will be holding an in-person informational session on the Venture Program on Friday, Aug. 21 beginning at 3:30 p.m. This one-hour session will be held at the Boone County Museum of History, 314 South State Street, Belvidere. They ask that you please follow all recommended social distancing guidelines and face coverings are required. To register for this informational session or to receive more information on the Venture Program, contact Growth Dimensions at 815.547.4252 or email them at office@growthdimensions.org.

About Growth Dimensions

Established in 1979, Growth Dimensions, Inc. provides a progressive and cooperative environment, which improves the quality of life by fostering economic opportunity and personal growth. With economic development partners throughout Belvidere-Boone County, Growth Dimensions is advancing a coordinated economic development strategy to create jobs, promote community assets and stimulate capital investment through business retention and attraction efforts. For more information visit www.growthdimensions.org.

Boone County delinquent tax properties for sale

Boone County, as Trustee, has completed their tax deed proceedings on real estate properties that were delinquent for 2016 and prior real estate taxes. The County, as Trustee, will now offer for sale the real estate obtained to the public. They will offer approximately 133 items through a sealed bid auction sale. All sealed bids must be in the Boone County Treasurer’s Office, 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 104, Belvidere, Ill. 61008 no later than the close of business on Sept. 11, 2020.

The sale of these lots should be a major benefit to both the Taxing Districts and the neighboring property owners. This sale will place the prop-

erties into the hands of individuals who have an interest in owning them. The County, as Trustee, hopes that these new owners will both maintain the property and keep the real estate taxes paid. By eliminating abandoned properties, the appearance of the neighborhood should improve and the value of adjoining properties should increase.

The required minimum bid is just \$797 per item. All items will be sold to the highest sealed bid received on or before Sept. 11, 2020. Complete bidder’s packets and sale catalogs are now available at the Boone County Treasurer’s Office or online at www.iltaxsale.com.

Volunteer board vacancies

Boone County is looking to fill a number of vacant board positions. The following volunteer boards of the County of Boone have a vacancy:

Boone County Board of Review has one vacancy for the remainder of the term ending on Jan. 1, 2021

Commissioner’s of the Housing Authority has one vacancy (for a five-year term ending on Jan. 1, 2025).

Fire Protection District #3has two vacancies open for three-year terms ending on July 20, 2023.

Regional Planning Commission has one vacancy open for the remainder of the term ending on Dec. 31, 2020 and one vacancy open for the remainder of the term ending on Dec. 31, 2021.

Interested parties are asked to send a letter and/or resume expressing your interest and qualifications along with your contact information to Boone County Board Chairman Karl Johnson, Administration Campus, 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 102, Belvidere, Ill. 61008. Please respond by Sept. 11, 2020 to assure being considered.

Obituary

EDWARD “ED” GAHLBECK

Edward “Ed” Gahlbeck, 73, of Belvidere passed away on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. Ed was born on Oct. 23, 1946 to Richard and Marjorie (Luce) Gahlbeck in Belvidere. He married his high school sweetheart, Linda Koch, on Dec. 30, 1967 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Belvidere.

Ed graduated from Belvidere High School and later went on to work at Cassens Transport as a truck driver for over 30 years. He found his spiritual home at Immanuel Lutheran Church and was a faithful member for many years. Ed was a member of the Teamsters Local 325, for which he served as Union Steward for Cassens. He was also the former vice president of the union. Ed was a member of the original Belvidere Merchants Softball team. He played 1st base, was the cleanup hitter, and was known for his homeruns. Ed enjoyed fishing, playing softball, polka dancing, watching Nascar, and entertaining his friends and family at the cabin on Eagle Lake.



His grandchildren became the center of his universe, and he was always their biggest fan. Most importantly, he loved his family, and they cherished the time they had

with him.

Ed will be dearly missed by his wife of 52 years, Linda; his children, Sherry (Paul) Jacobsen and Scott (Dawn) Gahlbeck; his sisters, Shirley Ollman and Carol Powell; his grandchildren, Matthew, Bryce, and Allison Jacobsen, and Barrett Gahlbeck; and his many close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, John Gahlbeck.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Ed’s name may be gifted to the American Diabetes Association. To write a memory, please visit www.AndersonFCS.com.

Death notices

July 27
Melvin Taylor, 92
July 30
Joseph Bouback, 73
July 31
Judith Geissler, 76
Aug. 4
Richard Bartlett, 90
Aug. 6
Jimmie Henegar, 85; Margaret Brandon, 74
Aug. 7
Fred Craig, 92; Paul Bergman, 77
Aug. 8
Kimberly Bryan, 52
Aug. 11
Marilyn Stone, 80; Tony Diller, 62
Aug. 12
Paul Stott, 86
Aug. 13
Teresa Swanson, 58
Aug. 14
Robert Zwoell, 70; Carol Stanko,

80; Donald A. Fowler, 92
Aug. 15
Marilyn Christensen, 76
Aug. 16
Manuel Emilio Rodriguez Reyes, 51
Aug. 20
Helen Murach, 92
Aug. 21
Jackie Volk, 92
Aug. 22
Edward Gahlbeck, 73; Maxine Pohl, 90
Aug. 26
Bert Schallmoser, 84; Cynthia Whisenant, 82
Aug. 27
Paul Naward, 61
Aug. 28
Arlene Osterberg, 90
Aug. 29
Richard Rudey, 87; Jose Recinos,
Aug. 30
Donna McManis, 91

National Dairy Shrine announces Merton Sowerby Junior Scholarships

The National Dairy Shrine is pleased to announce the recipients of the Merton Sowerby Junior Merit Scholarships for 2020. These scholarships are designed to encourage qualified Junior status undergraduate students to pursue careers in the dairy industry or related occupations. This scholarship is named in honor of National Dairy Hall of Fame Pioneer and Klussendorf honoree Merton Sowerby.

Kathryn Bosley of Malone, New York, has been awarded the top scholarship of \$1500. Kathryn is majoring in Animal Science at SUNY Cobleskill.

Additionally, four other undergraduate students have been awarded \$1000 scholarships. They are:

-Sydney Jewell from Spencer, NY, a major in Animal Science at Penn State University.

-Todd Allen of Jefferson, Md. who is attending Virginia Tech majoring in Dairy Science.

-Lindsey Sarbacker of Edgerton, Wis., who is attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison double majoring in Dairy Science and Life Sciences Communication.

-Brock Irwin of Belvidere, who is attending the

University of Wisconsin-River Falls majoring in Dairy Science. Brock has served as the Illinois PAS state president, Kaskaskia College Ag Club President as well as being active in the UWRF dairy club, UWRF Collegiate Farm Bureau and the UWRF Collegiate Dairy Judging Team. Mr. Irwin has also been involved in dairy bowl, and junior dairy breed activities. Brock is planning on a career as a dairy herd management consultant and will always continue his passion for educating consumers on the benefits of dairy products and the humane treatment of dairy animals

For more information about the students being recognized by National Dairy Shrine or details about a future NDS Awards Banquet, contact the NDS office at info@dairyshrine.org. Additional information on National Dairy Shrine membership or other activities is also available at www.dairyshrine.org. Dairy enthusiasts are encouraged to become a part of the most important dairy organization helping to inspire future dairy leaders, honor current or past dairy leaders and preserve dairy industry history.

Belvidere Fire Dept. calls

The Belvidere Fire Dept. responded to 64 calls Aug. 24 to 30.

Monday, Aug. 24

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

1500 block of 14th Ave. – assist invalid

400 block of Douglas St. – call cancelled en route

800 block of N. Appleton Road – police matter

600 block of W. 8th St. – person in distress

N. Main St./E. Jackson St. – power line down

Tuesday, Aug. 25

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

1100 block of Ruby St. – electrical wiring/equipment

1400 block of Maryland Ct. – call cancelled en route

100 block of Kishwaukee St. – unauthorized burning

2100 block of Gateway Center Dr. – special outside fire

1300 block of 5th Ave. – assist invalid

700 block of Logan Ave. – motor vehicle accident

1500 block of Willowbrook Dr. – public service

Wednesday, Aug. 26

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

900 block of W. Jackson St. – call cancelled en route

900 block of S. Appleton Road – water/ice-related rescue

Thursday, Aug. 27

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

2200 block of Blossom Lane – person in distress

2200 block of Blossom Lane – public service

3000 block of W. Chrysler Dr. – call cancelled en route

E. Lincoln Ave./N. Main St. – service call

700 W. Chrysler Dr. – motor vehicle accident

Friday, Aug. 28

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

1600 block of N. State St. – call

cancelled en route

500 block of Pearl St. – false alarm

1200 block of Union Ave. – assist invalid

I-90/Irene – motor vehicle accident

Chrysler Dr./Pearl St. – motor vehicle accident

300 block of Knoll – smoke/odor removal

Saturday, Aug. 29

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

1500 block of 14th Ave. – public service

2200 block of Sunset Lane – public service

300 block of Warren Ave. – attempted, illegal burning

Sunday, Aug. 30

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

100 block of W. Harrison St. – malicious, mischievous false call

2100 block of Christi Lane – good intent call

Red Hawk Trail/Bow Trail – call cancelled en route

Backyard camping tips

If you’re like most families, you might not necessarily have time to pack up and get away for an entire weekend. Camping in your backyard is an easy and fun way for your family to spend time together doing something you might not normally get to do. Below are a few suggestions for your backyard camping adventure. Try it this weekend.

1. Pick a good night for your camp out.

If it’s a Friday morning and the night is going to be warm and dry, let your family know that the backyard camping adventure is on.

2. Get all your backyard camping supplies ready.

You don’t need to pack everything in your car and worry about forgetting anything. Pick up fun camping foods like hot dogs and s’more supplies to get the full effect.

3. Set up your tent whenever you feel like it.

There is no need to rush to get the tent up before it gets dark. If you prefer, set your tent up the night before the big camp out so that it can

air out from your last trip. For help picking out a family tent, check out our family tents buyer’s guide. Just remember, you can never go too big on the tent.

No tent? No problem. You can string a rope from two trees and drape a blanket or tarp over it. Keep the blanket secure with rocks on the corners. If the night is going be very warm, just sleep under the stars together. All you need are a few sleeping bags and pillows.

4. Pick up some fun backyard games and think of educational activities.

Bocce Ball, Ladder Golf, and Bean Bag Toss are great for kids and adults of all ages. And they’ll help everyone work up an appetite.

If your kids are younger and still learning about nature, let them explore the different types of trees, plants, and bugs that can be found a few feet from your home. Get a magnifying glass so they can really study things in detail. If you come across something they don’t recognize, look it up. Have them keep an adventure log of all the species of

plants and bugs they discover. You never know what you’ll find.

You can also show your kids the stars. It’s easy to pull out a book of constellations and point them out to your kids in the sky above. Teach them the stories you grew up with about each one you find. These make great bedtime stories to end your backyard camping adventure for the night.

5. Make sure you have enough lighting to keep the fun going.

Don’t let sunset cut your backyard fun short. Try citronella torches or solar lights to help illuminate the area.

6. Be sure to make plenty of delicious outdoor foods.

Pull out your grill or outdoor fireplace to have a backyard bonfire your whole family can safely enjoy. Cook up s’mores, pudgie pies, and hot dogs for a delicious backyard camping meal. You can also pack up the camping food in the morning, so you don’t have to go into the house to make dinner during your adventure.

- Blain’s Farm & Fleet

Boone County COVID-19 update

Boone is reporting two new cases of COVID-19. Illinois announced 2,149 new cases, including 20 additional confirmed deaths.

Due to continued significant community transmission in Illinois and the region, Boone County Health Dept. continues to recommend testing for asymptomatic contacts of COVID-19 cases. Testing should also be considered for individuals

with potential exposures such as those attending large gatherings and those traveling from high incidence areas. If asymptomatic individuals are being tested, specimens should be collected 5 – 9 days after the last potential exposure. Testing has played a key role in Boone County in identifying cases of COVID-19 and supporting contact tracing to prevent the transmission.

Testing is available at the Community Based Testing Site at the University of Illinois Health Sciences Campus - Rockford, 1601 Parkview Ave., daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Testing is also available at the Community Based Testing Site at Rockton Ave. (former Schnuck’s), 3120 North Rockton Ave., Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Slices of life

Piling it on in 2020

The year 2020: Wow, in hindsight who could have seen this coming?

I thought we'd been through it all. A pandemic. The lockdown. The economy suffering because of the lockdown and pandemic. Family members losing jobs. My youngest son missing out on his last semester of high school. Virtual graduation. What else could possibly happen? Ha! I had to ask.

I thought the first six months of 2020 were taxing – a challenge in flexibility and change. A challenge in faith and country and leadership. I thought there weren't any more possible challenges to tackle.

And then I lived out the last 12 days.

In less than two weeks time, here's the trifecta that's unfolded in my life:

1. I brought my 18-year-old son

1,300 miles across the country to college and left him there, only hoping he'll do well, go to class, and learn how to sort his own laundry. Oh, and of course wear his mask (or face covering, depending on your preference). Now he's coming up against the reality of his first hurricane, although to him "It's just a tropical storm, mom, no big deal."

2. I lost my dad to non-COVID-19 illness and advanced age. I hadn't been able to see him since the lockdown. He was in a nursing home. My sister was able to be with him in his last days and that brings me comfort.

Finally, I've saved the best for last (truly).

3. Upon returning home from bringing my son to college (all my tears were dry by this time) I was blessed with a grandson. He



By
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Contributor

was born during COVID-19 so we weren't able to see him right away. No visitors were allowed at the hospital.

I like to think I live a fairly boring life, but this latest trifecta has been anything but – in heart-tugging ways, in sad ways, and in the very best of ways. Life can be complicated. It often is.

My son was supposed to follow us across the country, not the other way around. We had a move planned, but because of COVID-19 everything about that has changed. Instead of

us being there to welcome him, he is bravely forging ahead on his own. It's what an 18-year-old is supposed to do. But still, I am his mom. I can't put that behind me – now or ever. His university has an all-you-can-eat food plan and free laundry. At least those are two things I don't have to worry about.

My dad. That's an entire column, but I believe I've already written a few about this hero in my life. It's a shame – a true shame – that he lived his last months without family or friends surrounding him with the love he so deserved. I'm mad at COVID-19 for that. I'm more than mad. Not quite enraged, but somewhere between mad and that. I'm mad-enraged for robbing my wonderful and loving dad of the last weeks or months that he was cognizant enough to know he was sitting

in a room that wasn't his home, alone. It wasn't fair. COVID-19 isn't fair. Life isn't fair. I understand this, but's hard not to be sad about those facts sometimes.

My grandson entered the world seeing people's faces covered by masks. It's not ideal and I hate it, but he has 10 fingers and 10 toes. He is beautiful. He doesn't see our faces but he feels our love and he hears our words of endearment in his perfect little ears. When I held him for the first time his tiny hand gripped my finger. He fell asleep in my arms and grinned in his sleep.

It was probably gas, but in this year of 2020, I'll take what I can get.

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Kopp disclosure

Scratching the surface of sonny-side-up living: A brief and incomplete guide to the Beatitudes

By Dr. Robert Kopp

CONTRIBUTOR

Healthy people want to be happy. Jesus said anyone can be happy and explained how in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12).

Robert Schuller referred to Matthew 5:1-12 as "The Be Happy Attitudes."

People who ingest, digest, and en flesh these belief/behavior divine directives into their lives will overcome the meanness, madness, misery, and miscreance of life in the modern world.

Matthew 5:1-12 is our Lord's guide to Sonny-Side-Up Living.

Jesus begins each Beatitude by saying, "Blessed are..." Then He spells out how to be blessed.

The Greek transliteration of 'blessed' is 'makarios' and the Latin is 'beatitudo.' Both mean "to be happy and fortunate." Hence, an accurate translation is, "How happy... how fortunate... how blessed are people who... [live like this]..."

1. "How happy... how fortunate... how blessed are the poor in spirit, knowing their poverty apart from God, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs" (5:3). When we acknowledge our complete emotional, intellectual, spiritual, and physical dependence upon God, we

are whole, happy, joyful, safe, and eternally secure. As David sang in Psalm 1, we are happy/fortunate/blessed when we wrap ourselves around God's Word. Or as Jesus said, "Seek God first and foremost and God will take care of everything else" (see Matthew 6:25-34). BTW, people who dispute this divine directive have never done it!

2. "How happy... how fortunate... how blessed are those who mourn their sins and don't make excuses for them; for they will be comforted" (5:4). When we admit we have sinned – insulted God's holiness and injured His people – we are comforted by the knowledge of being forgiven by God. Read Psalm 32 and 1 John 1.

3. "How happy... how fortunate... how blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth" (5:5). Meekness is not weakness. The Greek transliteration is 'praos' and it means 'a humble disposition before God.' John MacArthur wrote, "Meekness means to be finished with me for good. It is to say, 'Thy, not my, will be done.'" Luke 5:3, it is knowing we need God. It's Philippians 4:13 faith.

4. "How happy... how fortunate... how blessed are those who hunger and thirst to be right with God. They will be satisfied" (5:6). He is saying

we are happy/fortunate/blessed when we are desperate for Him, pray and labor to be close to Him, and take every opportunity to increase intimacy with Him; or as David taught us, "God inhabits the praises of His people" (Psalms 22). It's like the experience of an immigrant man writing to his wife in Europe as recorded by Oscar Handlin in "The Uprooted": "As a fish thirsts for water, so I thirst for you" (cf. Psalm 42). Jesus promised such hunger and thirst for God yields satisfaction. The Greek for "satisfied" means to feel like a contented cow grazing in the field and doing what cows do as designed by God. Or as Augustine confessed, "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You, O God."

5. "How happy... how fortunate... how blessed are the merciful. They will receive mercy" (5:7). Here's how RC Sproul commented on this Sonny-Side-Up-Be-Happy-Attitude: "Pray for mercy but don't pray for justice because you may get it!" In short, want slack? Cut some. Want grace? Give some. Want forgiveness? Forgive. Read Matthew 6:12, 14-15; 7:1-6. It's axiomatic. Forgiving = forgiven. Conversely, well, uh, we don't want to go there!

6. "How happy... how fortunate... how blessed are the pure in heart. They will see God" (5:8). How do you know God does not expect actual perfection from us? Because of Jesus. If we could be pure and perfect in every way on our own, Father God would not have come in Son Jesus to save/deliver us

from our actual imperfections. To be pure in heart means we want to be actually perfect as we labor and pray to get better and more conforming to God's will as personified in Jesus and prescribed in Holy Scripture. People who are attitudinally perfect see God. They feel like He "walks and talks" with them; and "the joy they share" is beyond compare. People who want to be close to God and pray and work on it are Sonny-Side-Up believers. God puts an irrepressible smile on their souls radiating from their faces. Lloyd comes to mind. Whenever we'd get together, he'd ask, "Bob, are you more in love with Jesus than the last time I saw you?" Whenever I answered yes, I felt closer to God. If not, not.

7. "How happy... how fortunate... how blessed are peacemakers. They are kin to God" (5:9). Whether it's the Hebrew 'shalom' or Greek 'eirene,' Biblical/real/lasting peace/harmony with others is the product of peace/harmony with God; or as the Imperials sang, "There will never be any peace until God is seated at the conference table." Unless we move toward each other through Jesus with His mercy, grace, forgiveness, and agape, polemics will exceed peace/harmony. Through Jesus, we have more than a "fighting" chance. People who get closer to Jesus and act like it/Him are considered part of His family. It's like we say on the corner of Lincoln and Main: "The answer to every question is Jesus!" Do you want peace/harmony in your world, country, community, church,

school, job, family, marriage, and all of the below? You can have it! Just approach everyone through Jesus!

8. "How happy... how fortunate... how blessed are people who get into trouble and suffer because they love God. They are saved for sure and will go to heaven and live confidently between now and then" (5:10-12). Jesus was clear about what will happen to people who behave like they believe in Him: "If you follow Me, you will have to deny yourself and take up your cross... You will suffer if you follow Me... Yet if you follow Me, you will live confidently because you will live forever with Me in heaven... Everyone who endures suffering for loving Me by loving like Me will be saved!" (see Matthew 10, 16:24-28). If everybody likes you, you can't be a Christian! Jesus said that. He said true believers are hated by the worldly and spiritually dark because true believers pray and work to bring mercy, grace, forgiveness, and agape into the world for everybody without respect to color, class, or culture. In other words, persecution is proof of being a Christian. So, if everybody is speaking well of you and you're not catching a little to lot of hell in your life, that means you may be no heaven good. It's a choice. Catch hell now and go to heaven; or forfeit heaven and go to...

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Back in the saddle

Falling into election season

By Ann Marie Cain, FBCM WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU

Fall is quickly approaching. I have started to see a few trees begin to change their color from green to red, orange, and yellow leaves. Election signs are starting to pop up across Boone and Winnebago counties. Political postcards and vote by mail applications are arriving in mailboxes. TV ads are ramping up.

There are three ways you can vote.

1. Vote by Mail between Sept. 24 - Nov. 2

Step 1: Apply June through October to receive your ballot by

mail.

Step 2: Receive your ballot in the mail and cast your vote.

Step 3: Send ballot back to local election authority in well-sealed envelope.

(Vote by mail applications can be found online at: elections.il.gov/VotingandRegistrationSystems/VotingByMailMove.aspx)

2. Vote early between Sept. 24 - Nov. 2.

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Weekends and Holidays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Permanent branch polling locations only. Check with your

local election authority for specific times/locations for your area.

3. Election Day – Nov.3

Time: 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Have questions? Contact your local County Clerks' office.

Lori Gummow, Winnebago County Clerk, 404 Elm St. Suite 104, Rockford, Ill. 61101, or call 815-319-4252.

Julie Staple, Boone County Clerk & Recording, 1212 Logan Ave. Suite 103, Belvidere Il. 61008, call 815-544-3103, or go online at www.boonecountyil.org/departments/clerk.

Your vote counts. Don't forget to get out and vote.

Concealed Carry is a viable option

By Anne Eickstadt
EDITOR

We are living in a time of unrest, when groups that politicians seem reluctant to name as ‘domestic terrorist organizations’ are embedding members into legitimate peaceful protest rallies and marches, causing destruction, death, chaos, and fear.

As a result, applications for FOID cards and Concealed Carry Licenses in Illinois are growing by leaps and bounds as the police are hamstrung by politicians and citizens feel the need to protect themselves. Guns can be found but ammunition is in short supply.

In the days following violent looting across Chicago and the suburbs, Illinois State Police saw a massive surge in applications from people who want to own guns, but the processing delays are growing as well. State police say staffing was an issue, and their staff works about 40 hours of overtime every month. Even so, they are still not able to process those cards in the 30 days required by law. Despite all efforts, it is currently taking 90 to 120 days to process applications. The state police are currently hiring more people to handle the backlog but all new hires must go through a training process to handle the applications correctly.

And the applications continue to pour in, increasing the backlog.

Carrying a gun has been a necessity, a tradition, and a right in this country from the first time Europeans founded a colony here. Guns were utilized to hunt for food and for protection from the wild. The Revolutionary War was fought by men and boys who had learned to shoot accurately at a very young age – if they were not accurate, they did not bring supper home for their families. Even the famous Annie Oakley, at the age of five, would take out a rifle in the morning and bring home dinner for that night.

Right up through the 1950s, shooting was considered to be an essential skill. Handling firearms was taught in school along with reading, writing, arithmetic, history, and the Constitution. Photos still exist showing high school age boys practicing with firearms during class.

It wasn’t until the 1960s that the peace movement, in opposition to U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, began to demand that firearms should be controlled. Politicians caved to the demands and decided that guns should be registered and gun owners should carry Firearm Owner Identification cards.

Interestingly enough, Hitler began gun control that way as well. “Say the words “gun registration” to many pro-gun Americans and you are likely to hear that one of the first things that Hitler did when he seized power was to impose strict gun registration requirements that enabled him to identify gun owners and then to confiscate all guns, effectively disarming his opponents and paving the way for the Holocaust.” - *On Gun Registration, the NRA, Adolf Hitler, and Nazi Gun Laws: Exploding the Gun Culture Wars*, by Bernard E. Harcourt, Columbia Law School.

That paragraph sounds disturbingly like current Democratic political ambitions.

Increasing governmental control of firearms only makes things more difficult for law-abiding citizens. It does nothing to disarm the law-breakers who don’t care about the rules and regulations anyway. So, calling for more gun control does absolutely nothing to make

anyone safer.

The only thing that the Peace rallies accomplished with their gun control demands, was to create generations of children who are ignorant of firearm safety. When guns were commonly used in households, children learned how to handle guns safely and firearm accidents were rare. In recent times, children who get their hands on a gun have no idea how to handle it properly and someone gets hurt. Then people call for more control of firearms.

Perhaps training youngsters in safe firearm practices at home and at school would work better. It is ignorance that causes more casualties than the habits of those who are properly trained. (Funny, that sounds like the same argument that was used to promote sex education into schools. Teach kids to practice safe sex to prevent unwanted pregnancies.)

Happily, there are many firearm instructors in Illinois to teach those who wish to learn how to protect themselves. For people who would like to carry a firearm as they go about their day, there are 14 concealed carry instructors in Boone County and 56 in Winnebago County.

Craig Wilcox and Aaron Marie of 430 Apex in Boone County are excellent concealed carry instructors and answered all my questions. In the state mandated 16-hours of instruction for a concealed carry class, they covered the legal ramifications of using your firearm in any situation, how to handle a firearm safely and how to avoid using it if you don’t have to. Your concealed carry gun is not to be used to intimidate or threaten someone, that person might take it away from you and use it to harm you. Your concealed carry gun is only to be used when you, or your family, are in imminent danger. ‘Imminent danger’ is a legal term that is used to describe situations that pose a direct and immediate danger to the individual affected by the action.

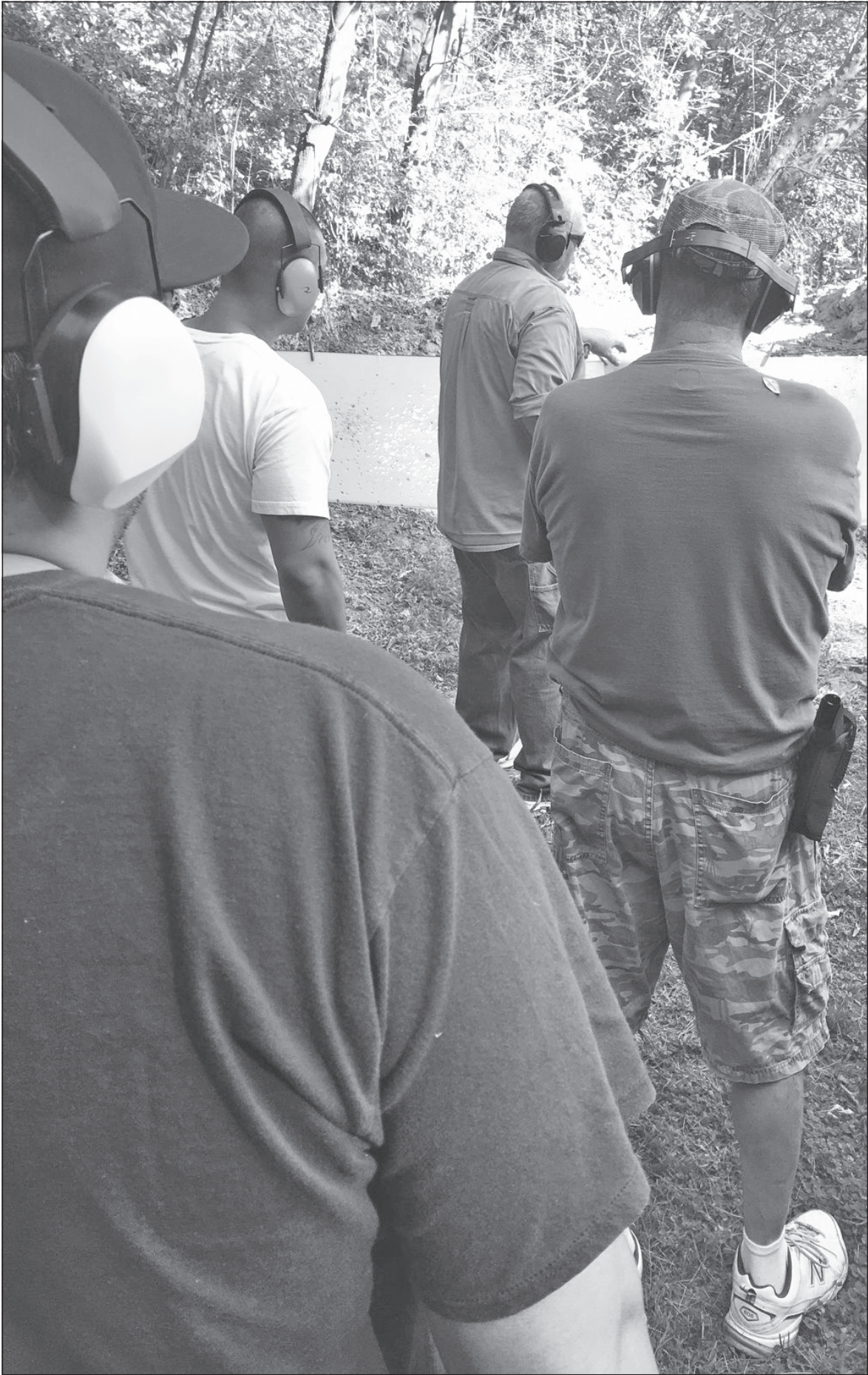
During class, you are informed of the legal ramifications of concealed carry, how to hold a gun correctly, how to stand, how to aim, and the results of a gun that malfunctions. You will also learn signs of someone else who is carrying and many other helpful tips.

Concealed carry is also something you do not boast about. What is the point of concealing a gun if you shout it to the world that you are carrying? The entire point is to keep an aggressor unaware of your ability to protect yourself. Let them underestimate you.

My advice? If you feel the need to have a concealed carry license for safety, you should take self-defense classes as well. Learn how to remove yourself from harm’s way if it is at all possible before you are required to shoot that gun to preserve your life. Firing that gun is a last resort, not the first, or the second, or....

Plus, knowledge is power. Learn how to handle firearms safely. It doesn’t have to be concealed carry, but take a class. Don’t allow ignorance to put you or your kids in harms way.

430 Apex provides Illinois Concealed Carry courses by Certified Conceal Carry Instructors, Certified NRA Pistol Instructors, and a Certified NRA Range Safety Officer. They also provide Women Only Concealed Carry courses. They can be reached on their Facebook page at 430 Apex Concealed Carry or via email at 430apex@gmail.com.



430 Apex instructor Craig Wilcox removes the targets for the current round of students and replaces them with a fresh set.

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•Movies

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for up to 150 cars. Tickets can be purchased only at the Park on the night of the movie. Credit card and cash accepted. Gates open at 6:45 p.m.; movie starts at 8 p.m.

Below is the complete list of films and running dates:

Sept. 4 - Cars
Sept. 11 - Lion King (2019 ver-

sion)
Sept. 18 - Frozen II
Sept. 25 - A Dogs Journey
Oct. 2 - Toy Story 4
Oct. 16 - Moana
Oct. 23 - Hocus Pocus
Oct. 30 - Addams Family (animated version)
Nov. 6 - Mighty Ducks

How youth organizations can find funding for programs

As cities and towns across the country assess their back-to-school plans, athletic teams and afterschool programs are looking at how fall sports and extra-curricular activities can move forward safely. Eight million students and 500,000 coaches participate in sports; 4 million students are in performing arts and 300 million-plus fans are involved in high school activities throughout the school year.

Funding for these activities is usually supplemented through in-person fundraising opportunities, such as selling candy bars, washing cars, or sell-

ing coupon books, but these methods may not be realistic in today's environment. U.S. Cellular's Community Connections program provides a virtual way for K-12 groups to raise up to \$1,000, whether they need face masks and cleaning supplies or equipment and uniforms. Organizers can register their group at uscellular.com/communityconnections to start earning sponsorship support online.

"Many academic and athletic groups and organizations have had to think differently about fundraising this year due to COVID-19, and this program

can be a great fundraising alternative for them," said Jared Blecha, director of sales in Wisconsin. "We know there are several groups in need of financial support, and by investing in them, we can help ensure that all kids get a fair shot to achieve their goals in a safe and responsible manner."

Once registered, local non-profit academic and athletic groups representing youth up to 12th grade have 14 days to rally their friends, families and supporters to complete online activities that include taking short surveys, watching videos, or following U.S.

Cellular on its social channels. Each completed activity earns money that goes directly to the organization – up to \$1,000 – and the website makes it easy to spread the word on social media.

Since launching the program in 2015, U.S. Cellular has awarded \$1.4 million to nearly 3,000 groups nationwide. For more information and to view the official rules, please go to uscellular.com/communityconnections.

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Organ/Tissue Donor Registry hits seven million

Secretary of State Jesse White announced on Aug. 26 that the state's organ/tissue donor registry reached a milestone of seven million registrants.

"I am so proud that Illinoisans continue to show their giving spirit and commitment to others by signing up for this lifesaving program," said White. "Our mission is to strengthen the Organ/Tissue Donor Program through outreach and registration initiatives. We want to end the waiting for the approximately 4,000 people statewide. Each year about 300 people die waiting for a transplant in Illinois."

There are 10,764,540 individuals in Illinois who qualify to become organ/tissue donors. Of those, 65 percent have registered as organ/tissue donors. There are more than 12.6 million people living in Illinois, according to the U.S. Census Bureau in 2019.

In addition, more than 100,000 16- and 17-year-olds have registered with the program since 2018 when Secretary White initiated a law allowing

them to register as organ and tissue donors.

"I believe our public awareness campaign, including television, radio and social media ads have helped encourage people to register," said White. "It takes less than a minute to register and one person can improve the quality of life for up to 25 people."

Secretary White heads the state's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry. The lifesaving program has been one of his top priorities during his 21-year administration. He has visited countless hospitals, schools, libraries, Driver Service facilities as well as other venues to promote and register Illinoisans for the donor program. Secretary White has a personal connection to organ donation because his sister, Doris Ivy, received a kidney transplant from an anonymous donor that extended her life for 27 years.

Illinoisans can register with the Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry at www.LifeGoesOn.com or by calling 800-210-2106.

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When ordering food face-to-face, masks required

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, an update on safety guidelines for restaurants and bar establishments was announced statewide to operate safely and help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Based on a recent increase in cases, these latest guidelines will require patrons to wear a mask during any interaction with wait staff, food service workers and other employees at bars and restaurants. Face coverings must be worn over the nose and mouth when patrons are approached and served by staff, including but not limited to when employees take patrons

orders, deliver food and beverages, and service tables. This guidance will also apply to other facilities with food services areas that are currently subject to the Restore Illinois guidance, such as indoor recreational facilities, museums and entertainment venues.

New guidelines went into effect Wednesday, Aug. 26, and require face coverings to be worn both in indoor and outdoor dining settings in all eleven regions in the state. Full guidelines may be found on the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) website.

Area students make Dean's List at Edgewood College

The following students have been named to the Dean's List at Edgewood College for the Spring 2020 semester:

Belvidere:

Tori Bedows of Belvidere
Renee Bryan of Belvidere
Located in Madison, Wis., Edgewood College is a liberal arts Catholic college in the Dominican tradition. We serve approximately 2,000 under-

graduate and graduate students. The College offers more than 40 academic and professional programs, including master's degrees in business, education, and nursing, and doctoral degrees in educational leadership and nursing practice. For more information about Edgewood College, please visit www.edgewood.edu, or call Ed Taylor in Marketing & Strategic Communications at 608-663-2333.



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• Artwork (Continued from front page)



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Above: Greenwood School (pictured in real life at right) as depicted in a painting by Ed LeCrone.

or framing, while others require more extensive repairs. The art, which ranges from paintings to drawings to etchings, includes a pen-and-ink drawing of house on the corner of Woodstock Street and Walkup Avenue in Crystal Lake and a 1964-era print of the Old Courthouse in Woodstock. For details, visit mchenrycountyhistory.org/adopt-an-artwork.

In the case of LeCrone’s watercolor, the use of archival-quality matte and backing, removal of suspected mold and an easel for displaying the

piece will cost \$175. Donors receive an Adopt an Artwork certificate, information packet about your selection, before and after images, formal acknowledgment of your tax-deductible contribution, recognition on the piece’s exhibit label and a personalized invitation to the May 2021 exhibit opening. You also may jointly adopt a piece with family, friends or an organization.

For more information about the Adopt an Artwork program, contact Exhibits Curator Kira Stell at kira@mchenrycountyhistory.org.



McHenry County Sheriff’s report

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

- Aug. 18**
Scott P. March, 58, Port Barrington, was cited for violation of an order of protection;
Michael J. Binek, 42, Cary, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm and domestic battery / physical contact;
Kate T. Lazansky, 57, McHenry, was cited for possession of a controlled substance;
Jennifer A. Cook, 33, Schaumburg, was cited for obstructing justice/destroying evidence;
Robert B. Hunter, 33, McHenry, was cited for violation of an order of protection;
Justin J. Pena, 36, Harvard, was

- cited for unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver 900+, and possession of 900+ grams of cocaine;
Austin H. Scarff, 21, Moline, was cited for receive/possess /sell a stolen vehicle, theft control know deprive person <\$500, and criminal trespass to vehicle;
Aug. 19
Wendy A. Koss, 48, Woodstock, was cited for aggravated DUI;
Marvin Andujar, 35, Montgomery, was cited for contempt of court;
Aug. 20
Mildred K. Lucas, 51, McHenry, was cited for domestic battery/ other prior, domestic battery/bodily harm /prior, obstructing identification, and possession of drug paraphernalia;
Aug. 21
Fabian J. Rodriguez, 27, Carpen-

- tersville, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm/prior, domestic battery/physical contact/prior, and 2 counts of violation of an order of protection/prior violation of order;
Elizabeth Camacho, 34, Clarendon Hills, was cited for contempt of court;
Heather M. Vought, 25, Rogers Park, was cited for violation of an order of protection;
Mary Sattersten, 57, Johnsburg, was cited for retail theft/disp merch/<\$300;
Aug. 22
Victor O. Diaz, 24, Woodstock, was cited for battery/make physical contact;
Ioan Dobrican, 50, Barrington, was cited for driving on a revoked driver’s license and improper traffic lane usage.

Woodstock Police report

- The Woodstock Police department reported the following arrests and citations. Persons charged with domestic battery and juveniles 17 or younger are not named.
- An arrest does not constitute a conviction, and suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.
- Aug. 21, 9:57 a.m., Church Street at Jefferson Street, Steven M. Haller, 22, of Johnsburg, was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis by driver, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and disobeyed stop sign.
- Aug. 22, 10:17 p.m., in the 500 block of Meadow Avenue, a 39-year-old Woodstock man was arrested on two counts of domestic battery.
- Aug. 23, 1:36 p.m., in the 1200 block of Lake Avenue, Krista D. Longerman, 42, of Woodstock, was arrested for retail theft.
- Aug. 23, 9:59 p.m., Route 14 at Route 47, Gregory J. Zeller, 22, of Carpentersville, was arrested for driving while license suspended and improper lighting.
- Aug. 24, 9:16 p.m., Route 14 near Route 120, Samantha I. Escobar, 22,

- of Lake in the Hills, was arrested for driving while license suspended and speeding.
- Aug. 25, 6:33 a.m., in the 500 block of Washington Street, Angel D. Holland, 23, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (FTA-DuPage County).
- Aug. 25, 9:46 p.m., in the 2400 block of Bridgewater Drive, Luis Quintero, 24, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (FTA-McHenry County).
- Aug. 26, 12:34 a.m., in the 1200 block of Lake Avenue, a 29-year-old Chicago man was arrested on two counts of domestic battery.
- Aug. 26, 1:46 a.m., in the 1700 block of West Halma Lane, a 20-year-old male was arrested for domestic battery.
- Aug. 26, 5:05 p.m., in the 100 block of West Calhoun Street, Enrique Cruz, 32, of Woodstock, was arrested for driving while license suspended and failure to signal when required.
- Aug. 22, 10:16 p.m., in the 300 block of North Madison Street, Karl F. Natschke, 32, of Lake Geneva,

- Wis., was arrested for no valid driver’s license and driving with one headlight.
- Aug. 27, 7:30 a.m., in the 300 block of West Calhoun Street, Isaiah R. Dunn-Vigo Gomes, 25, of Woodstock, was arrested on WOW (FTA-McHenry County), driving while license suspended and no front license plate.
- Aug. 27, 11:14 a.m., in the 600 block of North Sharon Drive, Victor Bernal, 30, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (FTA-McHenry County).
- Aug. 27, 8:08 p.m., in the 700 block of McHenry Avenue, Rydell M. Bryant, 32, of Woodstock, was arrested for criminal trespass to land.
- Aug. 27, 11:40 p.m., Route 14 approaching Dean Street, Sampson F. Jones, 20, of Richmond, was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis by driver and speeding.
- Aug. 28, 6:22 a.m., in the 100 block of South Eastwood Drive, Arthur E. Johnson, 65, no address given, was arrested for criminal trespass to land and retail theft.

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Learn how Illinois conservation professionals are working with local stakeholders to preserve our natural resources. Presenters: Jennifer Jones and Haley Haverback-Gruber.
Visit web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22418.
- Composting Do’s and Don’ts**
Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. Composting does not have to be rocket science, but following some basic rules will help make your compost the best it can be. Join Duane Friend for a discussion of the composting process, what works in compost and what should be left out, and basic management of air, moisture, and temperature. Presenter: Duane Friend.
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LEGALS

Legal Notice to Owners, occupants & interested parties:
TAKE DEED NOTICE
CASE # 2017 TX 19 (P4)
 County of BOONE, IL
 Date Premises Sold 10/26/2017
Certificate No. 2016-00160
Sold for General Taxes of 2016
THIS PROPERTY
HAS BEEN SOLD FOR
DELINQUENT TAXES
 Property located at 209 West Perry St., Belvidere, IL 61008-3145

Legal Description or Property
Index No. 05-26-263-005

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of extended redemption from the sale will expire on 11/30/2020.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at Six (6) month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/30/2020

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County in Belvidere, Illinois in Room number 4 at 9:00 am on Date 12/1/2020. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/30/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County, IL at the Boone County Government Center, 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008.

For further information contacts the County Clerk.

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 Purchaser or Assignee.
 (Published in the Belvidere Republican Aug. 20, 27 & Sept. 3, 2020)
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Legal Notice to Owners, occupants & interested parties:
TAKE DEED NOTICE
CASE # 2017 TX 19 (P5)
 County of BOONE, IL
 Date Premises Sold 10/26/2017
Certificate No. 2016-00243
Sold for General Taxes of 2016
THIS PROPERTY
HAS BEEN SOLD FOR
DELINQUENT TAXES
 Property located at 1633 Chrysler Dr., Belvidere, IL 61008

Legal Description or Property
Index No. 07-02-103-044

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of extended redemption from the sale will expire on 11/30/2020.

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Manoj Amin D/B/A RKNK INC.
 Purchaser or Assignee.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MC HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 Plaintiff,
 -v.-
 JAMES DEROSA, JR et al
 Defendant

19 CH 000002
 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 1:00 PM on September 28, 2020, 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 12 IN SPRING LAKE FARM UNIT 1, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 23, 1991 AS DOCUMENT NO. 91R18320, IN MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 4015 SPRING LAKE COURT, LAKE IN THE HILLS, IL

60156
 Property Index No. 18-24-327-002

The real estate is improved with a single famiy home with a two car attached garage.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CORPORATION
 One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
 You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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 Chicago IL, 60602
 312-346-9088

E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com
 Attorney File No. 268302
 Attorney ARDC No. 61256
 Case Number: 19 CH 000002
 TJSC#: 40-280

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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ASSUMED NAME
 CERTIFICATE OF
 INTENTION
 STATE OF ILLINOIS ss.
 County of Boone

This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a sewing and craft business in said County and State under the name of LLOYD'S SEWING AND CRAFTS at the following post office addresses: 722 East Lincoln Ave., Belvidere, IL that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each are as follows:

Lloyd E. Lykken, 722 East Lincoln Ave., Belvidere IL.

SIGNED:
 LLOYD E. LYKKEN
 Dated 8/26/20

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 26th day of August, A.D. 2020.

JULIE A. STAPLER
 COUNTY CLERK
 By SHERRY L. BLAUERT
 DEPUTY
 (OFFICIAL SEAL)

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 380360

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 OF THE 17TH
 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 COUNTY OF BOONE

In the Matter of the Estate of
 KAREN D. SEIBERT,
 deceased

No. 2020-P-54
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of KAREN D. SEIBERT, of Capron, Illinois on August 1, 2019. Letters of office were issued on August 24, 2020, to ELAINE E. MAAS, P.O. Box 257, Sharon, WI 53585, as independent executor, whose attorney is TOBIN & RAMON, 530 South State Street; Suite 200, Belvidere, IL 61008-3711.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4),

an interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 3, 2021, which date is not less than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated: August 27, 2020.

ELAINE E. MAAS
 Independent Executor

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 OF THE 17TH
 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 COUNTY OF BOONE

In the Matter of the Estate of
 DOROTHY A. FERRY,
 deceased

No. 2020-P-57
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DOROTHY A. FERRY, of Caledonia, Illinois on July 25, 2020. Letters of office were issued on August 25, 2020, to DOUGLAS J. FERRY and LAURA E. LEE, (address), as independent executor, whose attorney is TOBIN & RAMON, 530 South State Street; Suite 200, Belvidere, IL 61008-3711.

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

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Unemployment rates up, jobs down in all fourteen metro areas in July

The number of non-farm jobs decreased over-the-year in July in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas, with five metro areas at record low payrolls, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). The unemployment rate increased over-the-year in all metro areas and to record highs for the month of July in four metros. The official, BLS-approved sub-state unemployment rate and non-farm jobs series begins in 1990. Data reported prior to 1990 are not directly comparable due to updates in methodology.

“As the state continues to monitor the safety of economic reopening, IDES is committed to continuing to help those who need services,” said IDES Acting Director Kristin Richards. “With the support of the Pritzker administration, the Department is prepared to support working families who continue to be affected by this pandemic.”

The number of non-farm jobs decreased in all fourteen Illinois

metropolitan areas. Total non-farm jobs were down in Peoria (-12.0%, -20,700), Decatur (-11.2%, -5,700) and Elgin (-10.8%, -28,200). In Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, jobs were down -8.1% (-311,900). No industry sector saw job gains in a majority of metro areas.

Not seasonally adjusted data compares July 2020 with July 2019. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 11.3 percent in July 2020, was the highest unemployment rate the month of July since 1983, when it was 11.5 percent. The official, BLS approved, statewide unemployment rate series begins in 1976. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.5 percent in July 2020, was a record high for the month of July, dating back to 1948. The unemployment rate identifies those individuals who are out of work and seeking employment.

Rockford MSA

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 13.8 percent in July 2020 from 6.7 percent in July 2019. The last time the

July rate was equal to or higher was in 2010 when it was 14.1 percent.

Total non-farm employment decreased -12,100 compared to July 2019. Manufacturing (-3,600), Leisure-Hospitality (-2,500), Professional-Business Services (-2,000), and Educational-Health Services (-1,800) recorded the largest employment the declines over-the-year. Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+100) had payroll gains from a year ago.

Note: Monthly 2019 unemployment rates and total non-farm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2020, as required by the U.S. BLS. Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid. The official monthly unemployment rate series for metro areas, counties and most cities begins in 1990. The official monthly nonfarm jobs series for metro areas begins in 1990 and for non-metropolitan counties it begins in 1999.

Labor Market Area	Jul 2020	Jul 2019	Over the Year Change
Rockford MSA			
Boone County	13.8 %	7.0 %	6.8
Winnebago County	13.8 %	6.7 %	7.1
Cities			
Belvidere City	16.9 %	9.0 %	7.9
Freeport City	10.4 %	5.6 %	4.8
Rockford City	16.2 %	8.4 %	7.8
Counties			
Bureau County	7.8 %	4.1 %	3.7
Carroll County	6.8 %	3.5 %	3.3
DeKalb County	9.9 %	4.6 %	5.3
Henry County	8.5 %	4.3 %	4.2
Jo Daviess County	8.4 %	3.4 %	5.0
Kane County	10.3 %	4.2 %	6.1
Lee County	7.7 %	3.9 %	3.8
McHenry County	10.0 %	3.5 %	6.5
Ogle County	9.7 %	4.8 %	4.9
Stephenson County	8.3 %	4.4 %	3.9
Whiteside County	9.0 %	4.2 %	4.8

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LEGALS

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it has been filed.

Dated: August 27, 2020.

DOUGLAS J. FERRY and
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 17TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE

In the Matter of
the Estate of
LEROY C. WALTER,
deceased

No. 2020-P-56

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of LEROY C. WALTER, of Harvard, Illinois died on July 17, 2020. Letters of office were issued on August 25, 2020, to KERRY R. WALTER, 7216 Maxon Road, Harvard, IL 60033, as independent executor, whose attorney is TOBIN & RAMON, 530 South State Street; Suite 200, Belvidere, IL 61008-3711.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 5/28-4 of the Pro-

bate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), an interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

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Dated: August 27, 2020.

KERRY R. WALTER

Independent Executor

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Armed barricade subject complies with SWAT

On Sunday Aug. 23 a Belvidere man armed with a knife barricaded himself in his residence. The Belvidere Police Dept. SWAT team served a search warrant and arrested the man without incident.

Martin Campero, 37 years old of Belvidere was charged with two counts of Aggravated Assault (Class A Misdemeanor) and Aggravated Battery (Class 3 Felony).

Sunday Aug. 23 the Belvidere Police Department responded to the 100 block of N. State Street for a 911 call of a fight in progress. Witnesses reported that one of the people involved had a knife and was trying to stab people. The suspect fled on foot into his residence and refused to come out and threatened



Martin Campero

anyone who tried to come in.

Belvidere Police Detectives were able to secure a search warrant and arrest warrant for Campero. Belvidere SWAT, with the assistance of the Boone County Sheriffs Office and Belvidere Fire Dept. Tactical Medical Unit, served the warrants for Campero who complied with the SWAT teams' commands and was taken into custody without incident.

Campero was lodged into the Boone County Jail with no bond. A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in an adult correctional facility. A Class 3 Felony is punishable by two to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or any criminal offense is encouraged to contact the Belvidere Police Dept. at 815-544-2135. Anonymous reports can be made by contacting, 24 hours a day, Boone County Crimestoppers at 815-544-7867 (815-547-STOP) and boonecountycrimestoppers.com. Persons with information leading to an arrest can be awarded a cash reward of up to \$1000.

College news

Rockford University Spring 2020 Distinguished Scholars

The following students attending Rockford University were named Distinguished Scholars for the spring 2020 semester, earning at least a 3.75 GPA with no grades below "C" and having completed all requirements for the semester.

- **Belvidere:** Emily Ashens; Colleen Bleidorn; Hannah Caraotta; Madison Ernst; Logan Hokoth; James Kirane; Jessica Krause; Mac Manson; Rian McGraw; Giuseppina Ocello; Emily Ramboldt; Diana Resendiz Silva; Alyssa Reyes; Estefania Rodriguez; Hanah Sebek; Emily Teagardin; Brooke Tomman; Jacob Turner

- **Caledonia:** McCathran Andrew; Abigail Hopkins; Abigail Roderick
- **Capron:** Logan Streit

Rockford University is a private four-year, co-educational institution founded in 1847 offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in traditional liberal arts and professional fields. The University offers more than 80 majors, minors and concentrations, including the bachelor's degree completion program for a B.S. in Management Studies. Through its Graduate Studies department, degrees are extended to include the Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), and Master of Education in Urban Education, (M.Ed.). Rockford University is home to one of only 11 Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) chapters in Illinois, the most prestigious honor

society in the United States. Named by The Princeton Review as a Best Midwestern College and is a U.S. News & World Report Best Midwest Regional University, Rockford University currently serves approximately 1,250 full-and part-time students.

Area students named to Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

The following individuals from your area have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Spring

2020 semester.

- **Belvidere:** Kaitlyn Bruno, Peck School of the Arts

- **Michael Furst,** School of Information Studies

- **Caledonia:** Anthony Myers, Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business

- **Poplar Grove:** Miranda Gilmore, Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business

UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 24,000 associate, undergraduate, and graduate students.

LARGE PUBLIC AUCTION

SATURDAY, Sept. 5, 2020 • 9 A.M.

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Lunch by: Relish the Dog • Comfort Station Available

LOCATION: Boone Co. Fairgrounds, 8847 Rt. 76, 1 mi. north of Belvidere.

Located in the goat barn near south end. Plenty of parking!

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COLLECTIBLES, HOUSEHOLD, YARD, TOOLS & MISC.

OWNERS: D. Lambert, S. Ackerman, A. Reiss, R. Wrate, M. Walling, J. Matyes, K. Boling, G. Gessner, W. Kaschub & S. Jones.

TERMS: See website.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: We will be following Health Dept. guidelines. Please wear a mask!



LEE AUCTION SERVICE

Belvidere, IL 61008 - Cell # 815-988-0249

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Government impostor scams prey on fear during pandemic

One of the most common scams in the U.S. and Canada today involves callers pretending to be government officials. Some claim to be tax officials and representatives from the Social Security Administration; others claim to be law enforcement officers and threaten legal consequences. All of them use fear and intimidation to trick victims into turning over personal information or money, often in the form of gift cards.

A new investigative study by Better Business Bureau (BBB) finds that while the number of government scam reports has fluctuated, scams have become more diverse and more sophisticated. Also, many scammers have taken advantage of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic by posing as Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) officials, Internal Revenue Service representatives who can expedite economic impact payments or contact tracers employed with local government agencies.

The investigative study -- Government Impostor Scams: Reports Decrease, Scammers Pivot for New Opportunities, BBB Study Reveals -- highlights the risk of this common but costly fraud. Read the full study at bbb.org/fakegov.

"Government impostor scams are constantly evolving, and they prey on

people with threats of being arrested if money is not paid or personal information provided," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. "Consumers need to know how to recognize and avoid this upsetting and costly fraud."

In 2019, BBB reported about scammers impersonating tax officials dropped sharply while reports about Social Security Administration (SSA) impersonators quadrupled in the U.S.

"We, at IRS Criminal Investigation, are asking taxpayers to be alert to scam phone calls including those threatening arrest, deportation or license revocation regarding a bogus tax bill and to not open potential fake emails or websites looking to steal your personal information," states Special Agent in Charge Kathy A. Enstrom of the Chicago Field Office IRS Criminal Investigation. "The IRS will never demand immediate payment, threaten, ask for financial information over the phone or by email. These schemes are blasted to large numbers of people in an effort to get personal identifying information or financial account information, including account numbers and passwords. Please visit [IRS.gov](https://irs.gov) to learn more about phishing and online scams and how to protect yourself from scammers."

A recent AARP survey found that 44% of people in the U.S. have been contacted by one of these impersonators. Law enforcement officials have received hundreds of thousands of complaints. Complaints to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) report \$450 million in losses since 2015. Many of these scams involve robocalls and most commonly originate from India, where call center expertise is plentiful.

Terri Worman, Associate State Director, AARP of Illinois says, "Scammers look to capitalize on the news of the moment, especially if the headlines can instill fear and motivate people to act. The coronavirus pandemic is no exception. They are working just as hard to steal your money or sensitive information. AARP cautions everyone to be suspicious of phone calls, emails and texts claiming to be from experts with breaking news about the virus."

In many cases, scammers insist they are law enforcement officers and threaten to arrest people immediately if they do not pay money, usually with gift cards. They may tell consumers their Social Security number has been associated with a crime or may threaten to deport recent immigrants or arrest people for missing jury duty.

A caller to BBB in June 2019 says, she received two robocalls on the same day that both purported to be from

"Social Security." The second one connected her with a live person, who told the woman her Social Security number had been compromised and asked for her full name and the last four digits of her Social Security number. When she provided a fake name and number, the caller told her Social Security number had been linked to crime reports in El Paso, Texas, and told her she needed to pay nearly \$10,000. The woman made the caller aware that she knew it was a scam, and the caller hung up.

Other scam callers lure victims with the promise of a "free" government grant, which they claim will be awarded if the victim pays a fee with a gift card or prepaid debit card. In reality, there is no grant.

Impostor calls from India must first go through a "gateway carrier" in the U.S. These carriers often provide "spoofed" phone numbers. The Department of Justice recently sued two of these carriers while the FTC and Federal Communication Commission issued warning letters to others. As a result, robocalls and individual calls coming from India have declined drastically over the last several months.

Other law enforcement efforts in the U.S. have led to the arrest of dozens of Indian nationals for laundering money related to these scams. However, the study notes that cases are rarely prosecuted in India.

The report recommends:

- The government of India should do more to prosecute and extradite those operating frauds from that country.
- Law enforcement should continue to take action against scammers who are physically present in the U.S. and Canada.

• Efforts by many retailers and banks to question people buying gift cards have had limited success in stopping the purchase of gift cards to pay scammers. The gift card industry and retailers should explore additional ways to stem fraudulent use of their products.

How to complain about government impostor scams:

• IRS: The Internal Revenue Service advises people to fill out the "IRS Impersonation Scam" form on the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Impersonation's website, tigta.gov, or call TIGTA at 1-800-366-4484.

• Social Security: The Office of the Inspector General, Social Security Administration (SSA IG) has its own online form to take complaints about frauds impersonating the SSA.

• Federal Trade Commission: 877-FTC Help or ftc.gov.

• Internet Crime Complaint Center: www.ic3.gov/complaint/splash.aspx.

• Contact your cellphone carrier, which may offer free services such as scam call identification and blocking, ID monitoring, a second phone number to give out to businesses.

-File a report with BBB Scam Tracker.

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Rep. Keicher and NIU staff member appointed to Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security

To better inform policymakers on the root causes of poverty and economic insecurity, State Representative Jeff Keicher (R-Sycamore) has been appointed to the Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security. Keicher's appointment was made Aug. 21 by House Minority Leader Jim Durkin (R-Western Springs).

The commission consists of four members of the General Assembly, a member of the judicial branch and 20 members of the public, including people who have experienced deep poverty and advocates for youth, veterans, mental health, education equity, those experiencing homelessness, those differently abled and others. Jennifer Groce, Northern Illinois University's Director of Community Promotions, is one of the other community leaders who has been appointed to the commission.

"I am eager to get started on the important work we'll be doing through this commission, partnering with communities in need to engage in a collaborative effort with stake-



Jennifer Groce



State Rep. Jeff Keicher

holders throughout Illinois," Representative Keicher said. "Our work to develop solutions that can create generational change, eliminate poverty and reduce economic disparities across our state are perhaps some of the most impactful work we can be focused on. Being raised by a single mother waiting tables, I know firsthand that a helping hand up can make all the difference in our collective futures."

NIU's Jennifer Groce offered her perspective on being appointed to

serve alongside Keicher on the Commission: "I take the opportunity to contribute to our state's efforts to eliminate poverty and ensure economic security to heart. I look forward to engaging campus and community stakeholders to help connect lived experiences and valuable expertise to this critical statewide effort," Groce said

The commission is tasked with educating policymakers on the impact poverty has on other measures of economic stability and economic outcomes, including educational attainment, rates of incarceration, lifetime earnings, access to health care, health care outcomes, and access to housing. The Department of Human Services will provide support for the commission to complete its work to produce a strategic plan that addresses poverty and economic insecurity in Illinois by November 30, 2021.

The Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security was signed into law by Governor Pritzker in June as part of Public Act 101-636.

How to save money for your summer vacation

By Rachel Cruze
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Have you started planning your summer vacation yet? It'll be sipping-lemonade-by-the-pool season before you know it. I love vacations, but here's what I don't love: Nearly 40 percent of millennials are willing to go into debt for their trips.

Coming back home to credit card bills makes the end of a vacation miserable. I don't want that to be your story. If you start saving up now, you'll be in great shape when it's time to pack your bags.

Here are eight ways to save up and pay for your vacation with your own money:

Give your budget a refresh. If it's been a while since you looked at where your money is really going each month, I bet you'll find some areas where you can cut back in a matter of minutes. Then, you can put that cash toward your vacation sinking fund.

Brew your own coffee at home. I get it. Fancy coffee with a designer label makes me feel special, too. But if you put that \$25 a week into a vacation fund for a while, you'll add

a couple hundred bucks or more to your travel budget.

Pack your lunch. Peanut butter and jelly today means piña coladas all day on the beach this summer.

Order water at restaurants. If you go out to eat, give up extras like soda, appetizers, and alcohol.

Save on groceries by shopping generic or at Aldi. Everyone I know swears their grocery bill was slashed in half simply by switching to shopping at Aldi. If you don't have one near you, you can save money buying store brand or generic brand items.

Sell your kids' clothes at consignment stores. I'm a huge fan of this! I also love shopping consignment to save money.

Sell stuff online through places like Facebook Marketplace. You know there's stuff laying around the house, in the garage, or in your closet that you don't use anymore. Put it to good use by selling it, and put that money toward your vacation.

Cancel any unused subscriptions. When's the last time you really watched a show on HBO, or used any of the makeup samples from your Birchbox? I'm not hating on sub-

scription services, but if you don't use them, that's money leaving your bank account each month you could be saving.

Once you try these money-saving tips, you might just make them a habit. Then, you'll be ahead of the game when it's vacation time next year. My free Vacation Budget Worksheet makes it super easy to plan for all your expenses.

Things always cost more than you expect. But this worksheet will help you plan for everything—even the unexpected stuff!

About Rachel Cruze

As a #1 New York Times best-selling author, host of The Rachel Cruze Show, and The Rachel Cruze Show podcast, Rachel helps people learn the proper ways to handle money and stay out of debt. She's authored three best-selling books, including Love Your Life, Not Theirs and Smart Money Smart Kids, which she co-wrote with her father, Dave Ramsey. You can follow Cruze on Twitter and Instagram at @RachelCruze and online at rachelcruze.com, youtube.com/rachelcruze or facebook.com/rachelramseycruze.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY- SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MC HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiff, -v- JAMES DEROSA, JR et al Defendant

19 CH 000002

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