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## Health department looks to increase available vaccines

The McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) anticipates that COVID-19 vaccine availability will begin to increase as more vaccine comes into the county and state and federal supplies are distributed through local partnerships.

McHenry County is in the process of transitioning its vaccination efforts to administering first doses for Phase 1b recipients, including educators and school personnel, who will begin to be inoculated by the end of next week – ahead of schedule.

“With federal and state vaccine supplies going to retail pharmacies, in addition to a growing number of community partners, residents and those who work in McHenry County within the priority groups will have many more options of where they can receive the vaccine,” Public Health Administrator Melissa Adamson said.

First responders and those 65 and older are the first two groups prioritized in Phase 1b in McHenry County. More than 25,000 of the approximately 90,000 people who have enrolled through the MCDH website to receive the vaccine have identified themselves as being at least 65 years old.

The county has been working with local school districts to set up two points of dispensing, one at Huntley High School and the other at Woodstock North High School, in order to

vaccinate educators and school support personnel across the county. A total of 6,560 doses have been allocated for these appointment-only clinics scheduled for Feb. 11 and Feb. 12.

As of Jan. 29, the MCDH has received 20,275 doses of vaccine – the county received its first allotment of the Moderna vaccine on Dec. 28, while other counties received their initial shipments earlier in the month. Of those, 6,000 doses are allotted specifically for second doses. The MCDH began administering second doses to Phase 1a recipients – frontline health-care workers and residents of long-term care facilities – beginning the last week of January, when it also began transitioning to expand its vaccine efforts to first doses for Phase 1b.

Since January, MCDH has distributed 9,400 doses to local hospital systems, local pharmacies and community partners, expanding options for vaccine administration for Phase 1a and 1b priority populations.

As of Feb. 1, the Illinois Department of Public Health is reporting 16,239 McHenry County residents have received vaccine, and 1.32% of the population (4,067) has been fully vaccinated.

More information about enrolling for a COVID-19 vaccine is available at [www.mchenrycountyil.gov](http://www.mchenrycountyil.gov) on the COVID-19 Vaccine page.



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## Webby Wednesdays

**Join the McHenry County Conservation District for Webby Wednesdays for conservation related topics. Upcoming sessions will feature: Feb. 17, 7-8 p.m. - Urban Ecology; Feb. 24, 7-8 p.m. - Animal Legends and Lore; March 3 - Butterflies; March 10 - Sap Science; March 17 - Meet Dr. Seuss; March 24 - Wildflower ID and March 31 - Conservation Agriculture. Classes are for ages 14+ and access information will be sent to registrants via e-mail. Call 815-338-6223 or visit [www.MCCDistrict.org](http://www.MCCDistrict.org) for details.**

## Health department COVID-19 Call Center now available

In an effort to remove enrollment barriers and to streamline residents’ access to accurate information about COVID-19 vaccine, the McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) has launched a COVID-19 Call Center.

The call center will be used to connect McHenry County residents to vaccine resources and assist them in completing the online enrollment process. Residents who have general questions about the COVID-19 vaccine are also encouraged to call.

“We have put in place a resource to reduce barriers for residents in accessing accurate information about available COVID-19 vaccines,” said Public Health Administrator Melissa Adamson. “The COVID-19 Call Center is supported with translation services so anyone, regardless of the language they speak, can call for help with enrollment.”

Residents can call the COVID-19 Call Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (815) 334-4045.

MCDH is currently vaccinating Phase 1a and Phase 1b seniors at its clinics. Links to MCDH clinics are shared weekly and emails that receive the links are selected at random. If you have enrolled online and received a confirmation email, you are in our system. Due to limited vaccine supply, clinics are only scheduled one week in advance and based upon vaccine allotments received.

The health department has also launched a COVID-19 vaccine locator page to help residents become aware of vaccine opportunities in McHenry County. Please visit the page by going to <http://bit.ly/MCDHFindVaccine>. The page will be updated as new locations are added.

The State of Illinois is also partnering with retail pharmacies such

as Walgreens and Jewel-Osco to provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Information about where and how to schedule an appointment with these pharmacies is available at [coronavirus.Illinois.gov](http://coronavirus.Illinois.gov).

Regional hospitals are inviting patients who are 65 and older to receive the vaccine. MCDH is encouraging residents to look for these direct communications from their healthcare provider’s health system about the option to receive the vaccine at their clinics.

“As local, state, and federal partnerships and vaccine supply increase we anticipate more opportunities for residents to obtain a vaccination and encourage everyone 65 and older to take the first available appointment they can schedule,” Adamson said.

More information about enrolling for a COVID-19 vaccine is available at [bit.ly/MCDHCovidVaccine](http://bit.ly/MCDHCovidVaccine).



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## Ice safety tips

**This time of year, we are all craving some fresh air. Unfortunately, the cold temperatures and snowy weather can sometimes limit what we are able to do. If you plan on spending any time on the ice, please be aware of the dangers and follow the below tips to stay safe: Never go out on the ice alone. Make sure ice is at least 4 inches thick before stepping on it. Check multiple spots, as thickness may vary. Remember white ice or “snow ice” is only half as strong as new, clear ice. When out on ice, wear a life jacket and bright colored clothing. Also carry a rope, flotation device, and blankets in case someone falls through the ice. Sources: [www2.illinois.gov/dnr](http://www2.illinois.gov/dnr) and [www.dph.illinois.gov](http://www.dph.illinois.gov). Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department: 815-356-3640.**

## New law on odometer disclosure

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is alerting the automobile industry, along with private party vehicle sellers, of a new federal odometer disclosure rule that increases the amount of time odometer readings must be declared at the time of a vehicle sale. The new federal rule took effect Jan. 1, 2021.

The new federal rule, which was issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is intended to help combat odometer fraud as the nation’s fleet of vehicles ages. The average age of a vehicle in the United States is now almost 12 years, up from 7.6 years when the odometer rules were last changed in 1988.

Under this new federal rule, vehicles made in 2011 and newer will

be subject to odometer disclosure for 20 years rather than the current 10 years.

Under the old rule, a 2011 vehicle would have become exempt from disclosure in 2021. Now, the odometer reading must be disclosed at the sale of a 2011 vehicle until 2031. For example, 2012 vehicles will become exempt in 2032, and so on.

The immediate impact is that 2011 vehicles will not become odometer exempt on Jan. 1, 2021, as they would have under the old rule. The new rule applies even if the existing title says “Exempt - Model year over 9 years old.” This applies to automobile dealers and private party vehicle sellers.

Simple guidelines to help ensure

compliance include:

- If the vehicle is a 2011 model or newer, the seller must enter the current mileage in the Odometer Reading section of the title upon sale of the vehicle.

- If the vehicle is a 2010 model or older, the seller may check the “Exempt” box on the title.

Due to the new federal rule, the Secretary of State Vehicle Services Department must reject paperwork for sales of vehicles 2011 or newer unless the odometer disclosure is completed.

For used vehicle dealers and other businesses in the automobile industry, the new federal rule means they will be required to disclose the odometer reading on a greater number of vehicles.



# IHSA Board announces sports schedule for remainder of 2020-21

The IHSA Board of Directors met for a special board meeting on Jan. 27, 2021, where the board provided an updated sports schedule and other guidance for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

"We understood the high level of anticipation surrounding today's announcement, along with the scrutiny that will accompany it," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "Ultimately, the board adhered to its stated goals throughout the pandemic: providing an opportunity for every IHSA student-athlete to compete safely this year and maximizing opportunities for traditional IHSA spring sports after they lost their entire season a year ago. I recognize that many schools and coaches could likely offer a tweak here or there that would have, in their opinion, made it 'better' for their school or sport. Our Board faced an impossible task with a litany of factors. They were conscientious in considering every

possibility and I believe their decisions today are a positive step for the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of our students. We are excited to channel our energy into creating as many positive experiences for Illinois high school students as we can between now and the end of this extraordinary school year."

The board is considering State Series competition for traditional IHSA spring sports only. Dance and cheerleading will be allowed to conduct virtual sectional and state final meets, as they will record their performances and submit them to be judged.

"The board wants to do everything in their power to prevent spring sports from going two consecutive years with no postseason IHSA play," said Anderson. "There are obviously no guarantees, as risk levels by sport and local region mitigation statuses will factor significantly. Postseason could mean being limited to a regional or sectional level of competition,

but we have not ruled out the idea of playing a full state tournament in these traditional spring sports if possible. The overwhelming feedback we have heard from athletic directors and coaches was that returning to play in all sports should be the main goal."

With the exception of football, which requires individuals to participate in practice on 12 different days, all sports will be required to hold practice on seven different days prior to holding a contest. Holding multiple practices on a date does not impact that timeline. If student-athletes transition from basketball or boys swimming & diving into football, they will need to participate in practice on 10 different days prior to their first contest. Winter sport contests could begin as early as today, dependent on when a school's Region reached the appropriate mitigation status and when they began practices.

The IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) issued a statement reminding all student-athletes, coaches, and schools on the importance of acclimatization:

"The IHSA SMAC reminds mem-

ber schools that student-athletes may need additional conditioning in order to participate in a full schedule this season. In addition to season/practice requirements, care needs to be given to each student's individual acclimation as they return to play. When building schedules, attention needs to be given to academic pressure, changes from in-person to remote learning, changes between tiers of mitigation, time spent traveling to events, appropriate time to practice/learn the sport between games, etc. to ensure the student experience truly enhances the academic day."

IHSA guidelines require all student-athletes to participate in masks (with the exception of swimming & diving, gymnasts on an apparatus and outdoor events where social distancing can occur) and for all game personnel not participating in the contest to also wear masks and adhere to social distancing.

"We still have regions of the state that need to make strides in order to be able to play basketball this winter," said Anderson. "That underscores the importance of our schools following all the mitigations and precautions. We need to maintain a pos-

itive trajectory not only to get winter sports going, but to make sure we do not have any regions regress before spring and summer sports have their opportunity. We can all do our part by wearing a mask and socially distancing."

The board also agreed to consider other participation opportunities for a given sport, like basketball, if the sport is unable to be played in a specific region.

"We have said from day one that if and when we were allowed to play again this year, the situation would be fluid," said Anderson. "We don't feel great about the notion of some schools falling behind based on their region's status, but also recognize that we are running out of time and can't afford to hold back the Regions that can play."

In October, the board ruled that students who play sports (football, boys soccer, girls volleyball) that were displaced from their traditional season could participate on high school and non-school teams simultaneously. The board affirmed this position in Wednesday's meeting

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## Rep. Sosnowski on governor's reversal to give legislators priority

State Rep. Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford, responded Friday, Feb. 5, to Gov. JB Pritzker's decision to give members of the Illinois General Assembly priority access to the COVID-19 vaccine, reversing his previous position that Phase 1B of the state's vaccination plan be limited to seniors age 65+ and frontline essential workers:

"I am disgusted with the governor's decision to put legislators at the front of the line for the COVID-19 vaccine. As with many of his other decisions, there is definitely no science behind this decision. Legislators over age 65 should wait in line with other senior citizens to receive the vaccine during Phase 1B. That would be appropriate.

"No member of the legislature under the age of 65 should have priority access over the elderly, patients waiting for an organ transplant, or those with pre-existing conditions. The governor has buckled under pressure from politicians in his party who want to put themselves ahead of our seniors and the most vulnerable. It's a shame.

"I would expect my colleagues to do the right thing and save the vaccines for those who are most in need."

*Rep. Sosnowski serves the 69th District, which includes portions of Boone and Winnebago Counties.*

## Obituary

### TERESA ANN SNOW, 66

Teresa "Teri" Ann Snow, 66, of Belvidere, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021, at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

Daughter of the late Laverne and Margaret (Bennett) Nelson, she was born on Thursday, Aug. 26, 1954, in Rockford. She married the love of her life, Dan Snow, on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at St. James Catholic Church in Belvidere.

Teri attended St. James Catholic School and Belvidere High School, graduating with the class of 1972. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Belvidere. She was very active in her community and would attend public meetings with her husband. Teri is loved and will be deeply missed by her beloved husband, Dan; son, Sebastian Snow; brother, Larry (Carol) Nelson; sister,



Sandra Pease. She was preceded in death by her parents, Laverne and Margaret; and brothers, Greg Nelson and Ted Nelson.

There was a visitation from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, 2021, at Belvidere Funeral Home & Cremation Service. A funeral mass was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 at St. James Catholic Church in Belvidere. Interment took place in Highland Garden of Memories in Belvidere. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Vincent de Paul. Donations can be dropped off at St. James Catholic Church in Belvidere.

## Death notice

### KAREN SCHOFF

Karen Schoff, 79, of Rockford, formerly Cedarville, passed away

on Feb. 2, 2021. Arrangements are pending with Anderson Funeral and Cremation Services.



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### Thursday, Feb. 11

4 p.m. - Girls Bowling vs. Rockford East, at Home at Cherry Bowl

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4:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Guilford, Away at Guilford

4:30 p.m. - Boy Basketball, Freshman vs. Guilford, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

6 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Guilford, Away at Guilford

6 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Guilford, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

7:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Guilford, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

8:30 p.m. Girls Dance, Varsity vs. Oswego Dance Competition, Away (Virtual)

### Saturday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshmen vs. Boylan, Away at Boylan

10 a.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

11:30 a.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Boylan, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

11:30 a.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan, Away at Boylan

1 p.m. - Boys Basketball Varsity vs. Boylan, Away at Boylan

### Monday, Feb. 15

4 p.m. - Boys Bowling vs. Boylan, Home at Cherry Bowl

4 p.m. - Girls Bowling vs. Boylan, Home at Cherry Bowl

### Tuesday, Feb. 16

4:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshmen vs. Harlem, Away at Harlem

4:45 p.m. - Boys Swimming & Diving, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan & Auburn, Away at Boylan HS Pool

4:45 p.m. - Boys Swimming & Diving, Varsity vs. Boylan & Auburn, Away at Boylan HS Pool

5:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Harlem, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

6 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Harlem, Away at Harlem

7 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Harlem, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

7:30 p.m. Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Harlem, Away at Harlem

### Thursday, Feb. 18

4:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Jefferson, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

5:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Jefferson, Away at Jefferson

6:00 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity - vs. Jefferson, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

7 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Jefferson, Away at Jefferson

7:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Jefferson, Home at Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium

## Belvidere North High School athletics

### Thursday, Feb. 11

4 p.m. - Girls Bowling, Varsity vs. Boylan, Away at Park Lanes

4 p.m. - Girls Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan, Away at Park Lanes

4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan, Away at Park Lanes

4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, Varsity vs. Boylan, Away at Park Lanes

4:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Jefferson, Home at Main Gym

5:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Freshman vs. Jefferson, Away at Jefferson HS

6 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Jefferson, Home at Main Gym

6 - 8 p.m. - Boys Swimming & Diving, Varsity, Practice, Away at Jefferson HS Pool

7 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Jefferson, Away at Jefferson HS

7:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Jefferson, Home at Main Gym

### Friday, Feb. 12

6 p.m. - Boys Swimming & Diving, Varsity, Practice at Jefferson HS Pool

### Saturday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Hononegah, Home at the Main Gym

10 a.m. - Girls Basketball, Freshman vs. Hononegah, Away at Hononegah

11:30 a.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Hononegah, Away at Hononegah

1 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Hononegah, Away at Hononegah

1 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Hononegah, Home at Main Gym

### Sunday, Feb. 14

TBA - Competitive Cheerleading, Varsity vs. Lincolnway East, Virtual event

TBA - Competitive Cheerleading, Junior Varsity vs. Lincolnway East, Virtual event

### Monday, Feb. 15

6 p.m. - Boys Swimming & Diving, Varsity, Practice at Jefferson HS Pool

TBA - Boys Bowling, Varsity, Practice at Cherry Bowl Lanes

### Tuesday, Feb. 16

3:30 p.m. - Scholastic Bowl, Junior Varsity vs. Auburn, Home at BNHS Campus

3:30 p.m. - Scholastic Bowl, Varsity vs. Auburn, Home at BNHS Campus

4 p.m. - Girls Bowling, Varsity vs. Jefferson, Away at Cherry Bowl Lanes

4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, Varsity vs. Jefferson, Away at Cherry Bowl Lanes

4 p.m. - Girls Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Jefferson, Away at Cherry Bowl Lanes

4 p.m. - Boys Bowling, Junior Varsity vs. Jefferson, Away at Cherry Bowl Lanes

4:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Auburn, Away at Auburn

4:45 p.m. - Boys Swimming & Diving, Junior Varsity, vs. Triangular Boylan & Auburn, Away at Boylan HS Pool

4:45 p.m. - Boys Swimming & Diving, Varsity, vs. Triangular Boylan & Auburn, Away at Boylan HS Pool

5:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Freshman vs. Auburn, Home at Main

### Gym

6 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Auburn, Away at Auburn

7 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Auburn, Home at Main Gym

7:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Auburn, Away at Auburn

### Wednesday, Feb. 17

6 p.m. - Boys Swimming & Diving, Varsity, Practice away at Jefferson HS Pool

TBA - Boys Bowling, Varsity, Practice, Away at Cherry Bowl Lanes

### Thursday, Feb. 18

3:30 p.m. - Scholastic Bowl, Junior Varsity vs. Guilford HS, Home at BNHS Campus

3:30 p.m. - Scholastic Bowl, Varsity vs. Guilford HS, Home at BNHS Campus

4:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Freshman vs. Boylan Catholic, Away at Boylan Catholic

4:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Freshman vs. Boylan Catholic, Home at Main Gym

6 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan Catholic, Away at Boylan Catholic

6 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Junior Varsity vs. Boylan Catholic, Home at Main Gym

6 p.m. - Boys Swimming & Diving, Varsity Practice, Away at Jefferson HS Pool

7:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball, Varsity vs. Boylan Catholic, Away at Boylan Catholic

7:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball, Varsity vs. Boylan Catholic, Home at Main Gym

TBA - Boys Bowling, Varsity, Practice, Away at Cherry Bowl Lanes



# COVID-19 variant found in Region 1

The first case of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) variant B.1.1.7 has been identified in the Northern Illinois Rockford Region, Region 1. The case is a resident of Lee County with unknown travel history as the disease investigation is ongoing. The B.1.1.7 variant was first identified in the United Kingdom and has already been reported in other regions in Illinois including Chicago, Cook County and Lake County.

According to Cathy Ferguson-Allen, administrator of the Lee County Health Department, “The identification of this variant in the region was anticipated as the variant is known to spread more easily and had already been identified in Illinois in nearby regions. This case is a reminder that the community must be vigilant in practicing prevention measures to protect themselves and each other from COVID19. It also highlights the importance of following quarantine recommendations and to get tested if you’ve been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.”

Protect Yourself, Your Family, and Your Community:

- **WASH-UP:** Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds frequently.

- **MASK-UP:** Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover or mask.

- **BACK-UP:** Keep at least 6 feet apart from others.
- **VAX-UP:** When it is your turn, get vaccinated for COVID-19.

Early indications are that the vaccine offers protection against the B.1.1.7 variant, however, information is preliminary and evolving. Local health departments (LHDs) in the Northern Illinois Rockford Region (NIR-HDs) are working hard to get the community vaccinated with the resources that are available. The vaccine supply continues to be limited.

While those in Phase 1b, which includes frontline essential workers and those 65 and older, are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, there is not enough vaccine available to vaccinate everyone that is eligible.

Those in Phase 1b should know the following about vaccinations:

- Check your local health department’s website or social media page for instructions on how vaccines are being distributed in your county.
- While you may be eligible to get the vaccine, Phase 1b includes a large group of individuals, so it may take a while for your turn, but we will get to you.
- Your patience allows the NIR-HDs to focus limited resources on administering vaccinations.

For more information:

Go to IDPH and State of Illinois websites on COVID-19 here: [www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19) or [coronavirus.illinois.gov/s](http://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s).

For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline at 1-800-889-3931.

# County to have public hearing Feb. 17

By Bob Balgemann  
REPORTER

The Boone County Board will have a public hearing before the start of its 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, monthly meeting on a proposed two-year moratorium on impact fees. After that, the board will vote on whether to approve such a moratorium.

A motion was on the floor and the board was all set to vote on the matter Jan. 20 when board Chairman Karl Johnson said there had been “a little bit of a change on this.” He said he had talked with State’s Attorney Tricia Smith, who told him the way the county’s subdivision code was written there had to be a public hearing prior to changing the code.

“And the impact fee is listed in that subdivision code,” he said.

Given that, he added, “So I’m to ask that we change this motion to read: ‘moving to approve a public hearing for discussion purposes of a two-year moratorium of impact fees.’ If we get that approved, then we can have the public hearing at the next (board) meeting.”

Smith, who is legal counsel for the board, said she had a little bit different motion, but that it stated the same thing. Her proposal was a motion “to set a public hearing to amend the subdivision code to adopt a two-year moratorium on impact fees.”

Johnson asked board member Ryan Curry, who chairs the Committee of the Whole administration if that was the motion he intended to make?

“That is spot on,” Curry replied. “I appreciate that.” Board member Bill Robertson provided the needed second.

Johnson said having the public hearing prior to the Feb. 17 board meeting would provide plenty of time to let the public know about the hearing. Then the board would be able to vote on the matter the same night.

There was no further discussion and the new motion passed, 12-0.

Earlier that night Neeley Erickson, governmental affairs director for the Illinois Realtors organization, appeared during the public comments portion of the meeting. She said she also was representing the Belvidere Board of Realtors and Rockford Area Realtors, which recently had merged. Her purpose was to express the support of those organizations for a two-year moratorium on impact fees.

She said a moratorium would encourage new residential growth for platted lots within the county, which does not burden the infrastructure designed to support its residents. “We are in a housing recession,” she continued.

“Boone County growth is stagnant,” she said. “We have provided information and examples of how other communities have eliminated or placed a moratorium on impact fees to encourage housing development. Those communities are experiencing success. Our infrastructure is sound; we have room for smart growth.”

Impact fees were created many years ago by municipalities to help defray the cost of providing additional services, such as police, fire, and public works, brought about by residential growth.

Also Jan. 20 the board:

- Was updated on how the Boone County Council on Aging was waiting for the county to reach Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois program before reopening the Keen Age Center at 2141 Henry Lucklow Lane.

- Heard Johnson say he had talked with Growth Dimension officials about Chrysler merging with another company and where the Belvidere auto plant fit into that. “Another meeting is coming up to discuss that a little more,” he said. “Hopefully it’s good things for the future.”

- Was told Curry would be serving as a voting member of the Boone County Board of Health, representing the county board.

# Two newcomers seek Ward 3 seat in Belvidere City Council primary

By Bob Balgemann  
REPORTER

Daniel Hulina and Sheryl Prather have declared for the upcoming vacancy in the Ward 3 seat on city council, created when two-term incumbent Tom Ratcliffe chose not to seek re-election.

The winner of the Feb. 23 Republican primary election will claim the four-year term as no Democrat or Independent signed up to run in the April 6 consolidated election.

Each candidate was asked two questions: What prompted you to run for this seat? And, why should voters select you?

Here are their answers:

**Daniel Hulina**

To question No. 1, he said, “First and foremost, I am a concerned citizen that sees the potential for the city to thrive and give the residents what they need and want: communication, proper spending of tax dollars, clear transparency, and communication between the city and the taxpayers to make this a healthy city.

“I have witnessed multiple issues arise in the past decade within the Belvidere area from lack of communication, lack of fiscal responsibility, uncaring and unresponsive representation from members of the city, from aldermen to the mayor, and the list goes on.

“My main goals are strong communication, transparency, and building a bright future for our community to enjoy. We need to stop over-taxation, fix our roadways using government grants, have a balanced and understood budget, give

funding where it is needed, leave the ‘good-old boys’ behind and start fresh with this community.

“The community is losing faith in our leaders and I am one of those people. I have attempted to express my ideas with city officials over the years, which come from communication with my fellow citizens, but it has all fallen on deaf ears. It’s time for a change in our community.”

To question No. 2, he said, “Being an alderman is not an easy task, nor do I expect it to be. For the most part it is a behind the scenes job that is mostly thankless.

“To be a successful alderman, you will be taking on a large workload. It requires a ton of dedication, good communication, strong work ethics, tons of sacrifice in your personal life, and you need to work well on your own and with others that you might disagree with on multiple levels.

“My 16 years in law enforcement have taught me so much about personal sacrifice, negotiating, working with others and more. I am a trained and active hostage negotiator, our union vice president, a training officer, and so much more. These items alone have given me so many valuable skills that will lead to being a successful alderman for Belvidere.

“My time as a peer support officer and an ordained Christian minister have given me a more compassionate side and with all of these experiences, I have learned how to truly be an active listener, which is key to serving in public office. I am more than able and ready to take on this

task to represent all citizens of Belvidere in this fashion.

“If you want someone who has been showing they have a plan and great ideas to build a successful relationship with clear communication, transparency, and has the skills to make it happen, vote Daniel Hulina for alderman. I thank you all for your support and would be honored and humbled to serve as the next alderman.”

**Sheryl Prather**

Here are Prather’s answers to the two questions, first to No. 1, why is she a candidate:

“The events of 2020 really made me take notice and want to become even more involved. So many people are suffering with the ramifications of the pandemic on a social and economic level. I want to be an advocate not only for those affected and struggling from the pandemic, but also work cooperatively with community leaders to move forward.”

To the second question, Why should voters select her, she said:

“I have been self employed for 20 years, which allows me the flexibility to adjust my schedule to be available for needs that arise. My consistency, passion, and excellence shown in my efforts to serve our community through my volunteer service should speak for itself. I have the diplomacy that is needed to work with people with various socioeconomic backgrounds to find solutions ... not conflict.

“I am for our people. I am for our community. I want us all to succeed and build a strong Belvidere.”

# Take a stand against heart disease with Illinois Extension

Illinois Extension reveals a social media campaign for American Heart Month to raise awareness and educate local communities about heart disease.

Heart disease is a general term referring to several types of heart conditions. The most common form of heart disease in the United States is coronary artery disease (CAD). CAD occurs when the major blood vessels supplying blood to your heart become damaged or diseased. This is often associated with atherosclerosis.

When plaque is deposited on the arteries’ walls, the vessels become less flexible, and narrowing can occur, contributing to decreased blood flow. As a result, the heart cannot get enough blood, which supplies the necessary nutrients and oxygen, to work correctly. If this occurs, the heart muscle will weaken, increasing the risk of heart failure, chest pain, or a heart attack. In the United States, someone has a heart attack every 40 seconds, so knowing your risk and taking steps

to prevent this is more important than ever.

Although heart disease is the leading cause of death in America, each of us can take steps to reduce our risk of developing heart disease. Research shows, adopting a healthy lifestyle, especially if you have a high genetic risk, can reduce your relative risk of developing CAD by nearly 50 percent. Understanding how lifestyle can increase your risk of developing heart disease can help you make the necessary changes to reduce your risk.

This social media campaign will provide practical tips related to increasing your knowledge about heart disease and steps you can take to prevent and manage it. You can begin by eating healthy and moving more. Eating a healthy diet focused on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes, nuts, lean animal proteins, fish, and healthy fats has many health benefits, including reducing cholesterol and blood pressure. Limiting refined carbohydrates, processed meats, sodium, added

sugar, and saturated fats further reduce your risk. Engaging in at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity a week will also help decrease your risk of developing heart disease. Physical activity is truly one of the best things you can do for your health. It strengthens your heart, improves blood flow to the small vessels throughout the body, and increases your healthy HDL cholesterol.

In addition to this campaign, Illinois Extension is offering a four-week webinar series, Health at Home: Healthy Eats for a Healthy Beat, at no cost. Each 30-minute class will explore key nutrients for improving heart health and will be followed by a live food demonstration showing how to prepare a heart-healthy meal.

This series will occur on Thursdays from 11-11:30 a.m. starting Feb. 18 and running through March 11. Following each webinar, there will be a ten-minute Q & A session.

**See HEART DISEASE, Page 9**

# Explore, learn and grow with Wee Naturalists virtual program

Nature is a place for children to explore, learn and grow and the newly virtual Wee Naturalists program allows for just that.

University of Illinois Extension is once again offering nature loving children, families and educators the opportunity to explore a different nature themes monthly now until May 2021 through provided lessons and videos.

The Wee Naturalists program began in 2019 in Northern Illinois led by Peggy Doty, Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship educator. Now, the course is being offered virtually to families with children ages 4 to 7 and pre-K to second-grade educators around the state and beyond.

“Learning through nature-related

stories, a lesson and even virtual hikes will give children a view of nature they don’t always see or hear,” Doty says. “The lessons introduce science vocabulary, build knowledge, and help children understand relationships in our ecosystems.”

Register online at [go.illinois.edu/WeeNaturalist](http://go.illinois.edu/WeeNaturalist) for one or all of the sessions. The cost to participate is \$5 for a household or classroom per month. The pre-recorded hour-long program will be available the first Saturday of the month and can be accessed and viewed any time after.

Monthly topics are:

- March 6: Spring has Sprung
- April 3: Earth Gifts
- May 1: Roots Slurp

If you missed a topic you are inter-

ested in (Nov. 7: What is a Habitat? Dec. 5: Animal Tracks, Jan. 9: Animals and People in Winter, Feb. 6: Dirt is Misplaced Soil) you can register for past lessons and they will be emailed out to you.

For more information, email Program Coordinator Judy Hodge at [hodg@illinois.edu](mailto:hodg@illinois.edu) or call the Natural Resource Education Center at 815-784-2000.

*University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Judy Hodge at [hodg@illinois.edu](mailto:hodg@illinois.edu). Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.*



Slices of life

# The infinity of grief: a long, lonely process

I’ve written about grief before (recently). I know that. Thing is, there are infinite facets of grief to talk and write about. Just like the infinity of grief.

No one wants to go through grief. And for sure no one wants to go through it alone. But grief is a lonely process. You can be in a roomful of people and feel alone, because grief is a beast that isolates – in the cruelest of ways.

I’ve recently become somewhat of an expert at grief. I’m practically a grief M.D., although it’s a title I never would have chosen. I wish I could give it back. But there aren’t any do-overs with grief. I’m living that out the hard way.

I suck at grief. I’m terrible at it. I never know what to expect from myself from one moment to the next. I wake up and think I might be having an okay day and then,



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whoosh! That good thought flies out the window and the tears fall down like rain.

At first I couldn’t breathe. Literally. I was living breath-to-breath. Then, minute-to-minute, and task-to-task. Hours were too much to take on – still are sometimes. Evening seems incredibly distant at 10 a.m. How am I going to make it that far?

I don’t know the answer, so I breathe. Calm in. Fear out. Peace in. Anxiety out. Happiness in. Sadness out.

The days are long and the nights sometimes longer. Sleep is elusive, especially when everyone else who is normal is sleeping. There’s no one to call at 3:26 a.m.

Sometimes, on the best of days, my heart is calm and I feel like I can make it through the day. But not tomorrow. I can’t commit to tomorrow quite yet. It’s too far away. Too optimistic.

Some days are better than others. Some days start out good and turn bad. Some start bad and then turn good. There is no f\*\*\*ing (flipping) rhyme or reason to grief.

I consider it a win if I shower. So far I haven’t missed a one. Winner, winner chicken dinner. How great for me. Exclamation point.

I also pat myself on the back each morning for making half the bed. The other half doesn’t get messed up anymore so there’s only half of that

job to do. Sigh.

Mascara is a thing of the past—an implement for optimists who don’t worry about tears washing it away before breakfast. Sunglasses, however, are a wardrobe staple, no matter the number of clouds in the sky.

Between my sunglasses and COVID mask, I figure hardly anyone will recognize me when I go out in public. Because of grief, this is a good thing.

I think most people have difficulties with grief. I’m not the only one who sucks at it. No one wants to win an Olympic medal for grief. No one. We’d give up the gold to have one last day, one last discussion, one last warm hand to hold from the precious person who is no longer here to give us any of those things.

Grief is, in a word, sadness. It is

an overpowering, all-encompassing, horrific and terrible sadness. I want to make it through. I am trying, for myself and my kids. They still need me. But it is overwhelmingly difficult.

Even though I know my dear, sweet husband is now free and in a place where love is perfect and no one needs to experience pain, I miss him. He wanted us to remember the happy times so I attempt that. We had many.

And when I miss him terribly, so much so that my heart hurts, I take one breath at a time: Love in. Pain out. Right now it’s what I’ve got.

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## Liberty under fire

# On Jan. 20 we became a socialist country

Our Founding Fathers knew that we would face enemies of the Republic, foreign and domestic, who would seek to overthrow us—even from within. For over a hundred years America has had a second enemy as well—world government presently referred to as globalism. Neither socialism or globalism can coexist with a Constitutional Republic. World government cannot rule the world with ANY country being first before it, as in Trump’s “American First” philosophy. Socialism gives them centralized control of every human on earth.

Knowing that there would be enemies to freedom, thus treason, the Founders clearly defined it. “Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort” (Constitution, Article III, Section 3). Any assistance to their efforts is treason. Until recently socialism was aid and comfort.

So emphatic were they about loyalty to the Constitution that an oath of allegiance to it was required of all military personal and all taking state and federal office. “I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; ... So help me God” (5 U.S. Code § 3331).

So adamant about loyalty to the Constitution, which is the foundation



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of our Republic, were they that after the Civil War they required anyone having once made this covenant denied further service if they had previously broken it.

“No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislator, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof” (Constitution, 14th Amendment, Section 3).

Our Founding Fathers created a Republic with a Constitution that, in time, guaranteed freedom to all people under it. This Republic is the most rare, prosperous and free form of government in the history of the world. Their design was to prevent any other form of government from destroying it. For a governmental

officer to betray their oath to preserve the same for posterity was worthy of death.

Half of America view the Republic as under attack in the 2020 election by enemies both foreign and domestic. Now add known foreign intervention of at least six nations with one major American political party acting as principle accomplice, interfered with the 2020 presidential election to install a socialist government in the U.S. to replace our Republic.

We are at cyber war with Iran and China, whose election interference threatens our national security and

is an act of war. This is no longer just an election where some fraud occurred but an invasion from without and within to create a socialist government in the United States. All the laws on treason now apply to anyone past or present, including members of Congress, who knowingly participated in this effort to overthrow this government. The half that viewed the evidence will never go away or deny what they witnessed.

The other half of America refused to view or accept any of this, even the constitutional passages noted, and with their total control of all

three branches of government plus 90 percent of media outlets and Internet platforms, will sweep away all evidence or censor the rest. Their answer to the half who cannot deny what they have seen is censorship and reprogramming as it has always been for those who oppose socialism. Socialist call these reeducation camps, freedom fighters call them concentration camps.

On Jan. 20, the United States became a socialist country. If insurrection parts of the Constitution are ever used again, it is more likely to be used by socialists against patriots.

## Kopp disclosure

# Scratching the surface of a personal relationship with God

By Dr. Robert Kopp  
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I’m often asked what Christians mean by a personal relationship with God by grace through faith in Jesus.

Before talking about how to get it, let’s talk about what it means.

It feels something like this: “And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known.”

It includes “strong calm sanity” and irrepressible joy, happiness and overall well-being amid the meanness, madness, misery, and miscreance of life in the modern world.

Does that sound good to you?

If that’s something you’d like to have/experience/express, you can

have/experience/express it/Him.

It’s yours by grace through faith in Jesus.

Specifically, here’s how to have/experience/express a personal relationship with God.

Confess or admit you’re messed up a little or a lot but definitely messed up and need Him as Savior.

Repent or pledge right now that you’re going to change the direction of your life from egocentric to Christocentric according to the book.

Believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior; trusting Him for this life and after life so you have/experience/express confident living in the assurance of eternal life in paradise/heaven immediately after you exhale your last breath.

Receive His love! That’s right! He

loves you! Or as Eugene says, “The sooner we get the message, the better off we’ll be, for the message is good, incredibly good: God is here, and He’s on our side.”

Let’s pray:

Lord, I invite You for the first time ... [or really this time or to renew/recharge my relationship with You] ... into my heart as Lord and Savior. I am sorry for how I have hurt You and hurt others which is the same as hurting You. I need Your love, mercy, and forgiveness. I welcome You into my heart. I thank You for being in my heart now and forever. I ask You to help me to be Yours from now on in all things at all times in all places with all people for Christ’s sake; as I pray in His name. Amen!

Welcome home!

## Back in the saddle

# Lifesaving, eating for ag classes

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

It amazes me how far we have come over the last year in the virtual world due to the impacts of COVID-19. Things like going to school virtually and hosting video meetings is now a common practice. Like everything else, there are pros and cons to virtual meetings. While we are still limited on how we get together, we are now able to do some things face to face.

**Order online and Donate while you Dine**

Surprise the family and bring

home dinner from Culver’s in Winnebago on Wednesday, Feb. 24. Culver’s of Winnebago will give a percentage of all online orders between the hours of 4-8 p.m. to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation. Donations will help fund agriculture education efforts through the Winnebago-Boone Agriculture in the Classroom program and scholarships. Visit [orderonline.culvers.com/menu/winnebago](http://orderonline.culvers.com/menu/winnebago) to order your curbside pick-up from the parking lot or schedule a pick-up time and help our local youth learn about the importance of agriculture.

**Friday deadline for First Aid/CPR/AED Training for Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Members**

In this two-part training, the American Red Cross First Aid training will teach Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau members to identify and respond to common sudden illnesses such as fainting, seizures, strokes, allergic reactions, poisoning, bleeding, fractures, diabetes, and more. The CPR/AED training will include how to respond to cardiac and breathing

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# College news

## Rockford University news

The following students attending Rockford University were named Distinguished Scholars for the Fall 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, Alaina Coen, Madison Ernst, Logan Hokoth, Amanda Kozielec, Jessica Krause, Rian McGraw, Emily Ramboldt, Alyssa Reyes, Estefania Rodriguez, Sara Rosas, Emily Teagardin, Jacob Turner
- Caledonia: McCathran Andrew, Emmie Hansen, Aliceya Jerome, Abigail Roderick
- Capron: Amanda Ustich
- Cherry Valley: Bethany Beattie, Catherine Smith
- Poplar Grove: Haley Drew

The following students attending Rockford University were named to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2020 semester, earning at least a 3.5 GPA with no grades below “C” and having completed all requirements for the semester.

- Belvidere: Brandon Simmons, Luisa Santoyo
- Caledonia: Abigail Hopkins, Michael Doumen
- Cherry Valley: Jessica Arreguin, Trevor Griffis, Jennifer Gutierrez
- Garden Prairie: Neve Yerk

The following students in the Degree Completion program attending Rockford University were named Distinguished Scholars for the fall 2020 semester, earning at least a 3.75 GPA with no grades below “C” and having completed all requirements for the semester.

- Belvidere: Heira Alvarez, Teresa Zepeda

Rockford University is a private four-year, co-educational institution founded in 1847 offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in tradi-

tional 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.

## U of Iowa news

Despite the many unprecedented challenges of the past year, University of Iowa students continued to excel and perhaps the best example of that commitment is the more than 1,800 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who graduated at the conclusion of the 2020 fall semester.

Since March students at Iowa made sacrifices to maintain health and safety. Instruction for a majority of courses moved online, face-masks and hand sanitizer became the norm, internships and study abroad programs were largely suspended, stages remained dark. In fact, most events were held virtually or removed from the calendar. Even the Homecoming parade was dubbed the “Stay-at-Homecoming” parade.

Through it all, however, these Hawkeyes persisted.

They gained invaluable communication skills by accessing Iowa’s unmatched writing-related resources

and made positive contributions to the community and state by focusing on teamwork and collaboration. Their hard work paid off as graduates landed prestigious academic placements and notable jobs at SpaceX and pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co., Inc.

Coming together for the greater good, that’s the Hawkeye Way. As 2020 came to a close and our attention turned to 2021, we knew we could count on one thing: With this cohort of new graduates came a new dawn. As Hawkeyes entered the next stage of their lives, they left campus full of potential and promise.

## Some notes on the Fall 2020 Graduates

- 89 percent graduating seniors participated in an internship, undergraduate research, community-based service learning, or other experiential learning opportunity, according to recent Senior Exit Surveys
- 157 undergraduates with multiple majors
- 3.12 average undergraduate cumulative GPA
- 26 percent undergraduates who identify as first-generation
- 35 graduating students who identify as veterans
- 18 percent graduating students who identify as a member of a minority group
- 64 is the age of the oldest degree applicant
- 18 is the age of the youngest degree applicant
- 71 Iowa counties represented
- 35 U.S. states represented
- 37 countries represented, including the U.S.

The following University of Iowa fall 2020 graduates are from your area.

- Poplar Grove: Mackenzie Gaton, Degree: Bachelor of Arts; Major: Elementary Education; College:

College of Education

More than 7,400 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean’s list for the 2020 fall semester.

- Belvidere: Katie Luna, College: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Open Major
- Caledonia: Gianna Sagona, College: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Biomedical Sciences; Andrew Schmitt, College: College of Engineering; Mechanical Engineering
- Poplar Grove: Isabella Kazlowski, College: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Open Major

The University of Iowa is one of the nation’s premier public research universities, dedicated to academic excellence, groundbreaking discoveries and creations, commitment to Iowa and the world, and a culture that prizes community, diversity, and opportunity. Iowa is known around the world for its leadership in the arts, sciences, and humanities. It is home to the first and best creative writing program in the world, a world-class academic medical center and one of America’s top teaching hospitals, and a can-do culture that fosters a campus-wide dedication to student success.

## Local students graduate from University of Wisconsin-Stout

The following students from the area graduated in December 2020 from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis.

- Belvidere: Ryan Panzke, BS Construction

UW-Stout, Wisconsin’s Polytechnic University with a focus on applied learning, collaboration with business and industry and career outcomes, has 46 undergraduate majors and 24 graduate programs, including one doctoral degree. UW-Stout, established in 1891, prides itself on the success of its students in the workplace, with an employment rate at or above 98% for recent graduates. The university was

awarded the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality award in 2001.

Enrollment for the fall semester was 7,970. The university graduated more than 630 students in December.

UW-Stout is Wisconsin’s Polytechnic University, with a focus on applied learning, collaboration with business and industry, and career outcomes.

## St. Ambrose University students on Fall Dean’s List

The following full-time students, who achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, have been named to the St. Ambrose University Dean’s List for the fall term.

- Belvidere: Emily Flanary, Owen Hultman
- Caledonia: Dawson Laubenstein
- Garden Prairie: Jena Mogenis

Founded in 1882 by the Diocese of Davenport, St. Ambrose is a private, coeducational, comprehensive university with a firm grounding in the liberal arts, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association. For more information about St. Ambrose go to [www.sau.edu](http://www.sau.edu).

## Wheaton College Fall 2020 Dean’s List

The following Wheaton College students in your coverage area were named to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2020 semester:

- Belvidere: Lauren Buzzard, Jackson Foltz
- Caledonia: Jason Koehler

To earn Dean’s List honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Wheaton College is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country. For more information, visit [wheaton.edu](http://wheaton.edu).

# Bill aims to reshape health care delivery

## ‘Hospital transformation’ plan targets service gaps, disparities

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

During the early hours of the morning on one of the last days of the lame duck session, Illinois lawmakers passed a sweeping piece of legislation that seeks to revamp the way hospital services and health care generally are delivered in communities throughout the state.

The so-called “Hospital Transformation” bill, Senate Bill 1510, House Floor Amendment 3, was not part of the Legislative Black Caucus’ agenda, which was the focus of much of the activity during that session. But it did pass unanimously out of both chambers and will soon head to Gov. JB Pritzker for his signature.

In short, the bill makes about \$150 million a year available to local communities to form partnerships that will develop and implement plans that improve medical access, with a focus on the uninsured and Medicaid users. The funds are meant for “integrated” health care, such as community-based services, preventive care, obstetric care, chronic disease management and specialists.

The program specifically targets what are known as “safety net hospitals,” which serve large numbers of Medicaid and uninsured patients, as well as “critical access” hospitals,” which are small hospitals in sparsely-populated rural areas that offer acute care and emergency medical

services.

Funding for the grants will come from a statewide hospital assessment to earn federal dollars, which lawmakers renewed during the abbreviated regular session in May, combined with federal matching funds for Medicaid.

The bill was the result of a years-long effort by a group called the Medicaid Working Group, made up of lawmakers from both parties and both chambers as well as officials from the governor’s office and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. The group consults with hospitals, clinics and other stake-

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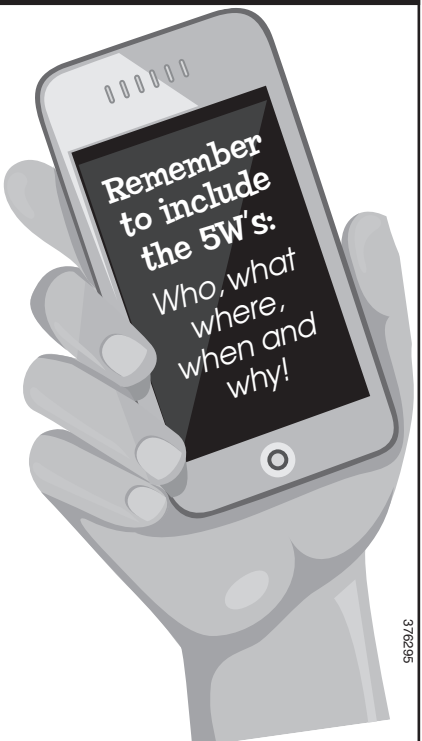
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# Welch seeks to set a new tone in Illinois House

*New speaker talks changes to House rules, path forward for General Assembly*

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The election of Rep. Emanuel “Chris” Welch as Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives marked the beginning of a new era in state politics. Not only is he the first Black speaker in state history, he is also the first speaker in 24 years whose name is not Michael Madigan.

But Welch assumes the gavel at a precarious time in state history, a time marked by a deadly pandemic that has resulted in an economic crisis and a steep drop in state revenues, as well as a time of social unrest over racial inequities, many of which have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

“Well, I definitely agree that I’m taking over at a challenging time,” Welch said during a podcast interview. “Any one of the things that you just mentioned makes for an interesting session by itself. And I’m inheriting a situation where we’re going to have to deal with all of that all at once. And so, I think that where you start is where have already started. And that’s by putting a diverse leadership team in place, a team that reflects the diversity of our state, which is our strength.”

Welch unveiled his new leadership team on Jan. 21. It includes a mix of old and new faces. Rep. Greg Harris, of Chicago, remains House Majority Leader and Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, of Peoria, remains deputy majority leader. But the team also includes some newer faces such as Chicago-area Reps. Mary Flowers, Jaime Andrade Jr., Robyn Gabel, Elizabeth Hernandez, Marcus Evans and Delia Ramirez, as well as Urbana Rep. Carol Ammons.

It will be some time, though, before the House is able to fully get back to work. Welch had announced that the House will come back into session on Feb. 10 for the sole purpose of adopting new rules, which are expected to allow for remote committee meetings that will then occur regularly over the next couple of months. But other substantial action at the Statehouse in Springfield is unlikely to occur until at least sometime in April.



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**Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch takes questions from members of the news media on Jan. 13, the day he was chosen as Speaker of the Illinois House.**

At that point, Welch said, he expects the General Assembly to move into high gear. “As we approach April and May, as we’re getting to crunch time, I anticipate being in Springfield a lot more than we have over the past year,” he said.

Welch, 49, of Hillside, said he was born and raised in the 7th District that he now represents. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and the John Marshall Law School.

While at Northwestern, Welch also played baseball. A left fielder who was known for

his speed, he wouldn’t disclose his batting average, saying only that it was below .300, but he described the experience as “one of the best times of my life.” But he did not play his senior year, saying he chose to focus on his grades that year “because I knew I wanted to go to law school.”

As speaker, Welch faces a challenge distinguishing himself from his predecessor. That’s because many members of the House were not even born yet the first time Madigan was elected speaker in 1983.

“I really speak very highly of Speaker

Madigan,” Welch said. “We wouldn’t have 73 Democrats and a super majority in our chamber without Speaker Madigan. But I will say that I still have to be Chris Welch.”

Madigan, through much of his tenure as speaker, was known for keeping a tight grip on the House. It was often said that no bill ever reached the floor of the House for a vote unless it had his blessing, including such issues as legislative ethics reform.

Welch, by contrast, has indicated he may try to govern with a softer hand by relaxing some of the House rules.

“We’re being sincere in taking a quick, hard examination on these rules,” he said. “But you know, we can’t do much until rules are approved. And so, our intent is to let this go on for the next couple of weeks. And Feb. 10, we will have a vote on the rules. I anticipate that there will be some changes to the rules from the past.”

Welch also said he hopes to repair the Democratic majority’s relationship with House Republicans, including Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, who led an effort last year to have Madigan removed from office over his role in a years-long bribery scheme involving utility giant Commonwealth Edison.

Welch, who chaired the special investigating committee that was formed to investigate Madigan’s role in that scheme, played a key role in preventing the filing of formal disciplinary charges. But now, as speaker, Welch said he hopes to rebuild a working relationship with Republicans.

“And I actually called him this past Saturday (Jan. 23) to talk to him about the intent about going back to session to improve the rules on February 10, find out who his point person is on the rules,” Welch said. “And he was pleasantly surprised to receive a call from me on a Saturday morning.”

“That’s my style,” he added. “And that’s what I intend to do going forward is to keep an open line of communication. We actually live less than five miles from each other. When things open back up, we’ll probably meet regularly for coffee.”

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# Agribusiness goes against the grain in 2020

## Many boons found among changes forced by pandemic

By Christopher Heimerman

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Apple orchard and pumpkin patch operators can pick out a number of surprise benefits from doing business during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During a recent afternoon session at the virtual Illinois Specialty Crop Conference, operators of two of the state's biggest such companies went over unforeseen boons—from a more productive relationship with government officials to more fruitful use of social media.

The biggest surprise, perhaps? Sales went up year-over-year, according to Chris Eckert, president of Eckert's Country Store and Farms in Belleville. "With everything we've learned, I expect [profits] to be even better this year, or at least to stay at those numbers," he said. "I certainly don't expect them to go back to where they were in 2019."

### 'Suddenly, we're on the front line'

Eckert and Randy Graham, chairman of the Illinois Specialty Growers Association and co-owner of Curtis Orchard & Pumpkin Patch in Champaign, helped form and lead a working group that wrote COVID-19 operating guidelines and protocols, as they pertain to agritourism, then presented them to legislators and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Eckert said it was refreshing to have not just a seat at the table, but officials' undivided attention.

"They'd never really listened to us like this," Eckert said. "I think it's very easy for the governor, the administration or the public health department to make rules without thinking about us. Suddenly, we're on the front line of what seems like a war. Twelve months ago, we didn't necessarily think of ourselves as essential workers."

Graham said working with the group to write the guidelines opened his eyes to the wide range of ideas, opinions and gripes.

"There was a lot of give and take, and you'd think it would be a little easier to come to an agreement on some topics, but we discovered a lot of diversity in opinion," he said. "That really helps us view the situation through different

eyes."

After the state health department issued its guidelines, businesses were at the mercy of their local health departments.

Things were more strict in Champaign than, say, St. Clair County.

"Very strict, I would say," in Champaign, Graham said.

For instance, those inflatable play areas that keep patrons on-site all day, after they've bought their children an all-day wristband? The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District took the air out of those structures.

But whereas some other health departments around the state required rigorous ticketing and appointment systems for orchards and pumpkin patches, the Champaign department didn't.

"Having the strength of numbers document maybe helped sway them to work a little more with us in some areas," Graham said.

### No one likes to stand in line

Eckert braced for blowback when his business instituted a picking appointment system in Belleville.

"It was a challenge," Eckert said. "We had been charging some field admission for years, but we'd never pushed for advance ticketing. We didn't know how much resistance we were going to get."

Eckert's started with 100 patrons per 30-minute timeframe, \$2 to \$5 apiece per slot, to gauge how many people they could safely put on a wagon, and determine how many wagons they could run without issues. They slowly increased the number until they reached 300 per half-hour.

"While there was a lot of fear of it, acceptance was very high," Eckert said. "Don't get me wrong. There's always complaints."

On the flip side, he said he and his staff got more compliments than in years past.

He and Graham said there were fewer cars in the parking lots during typical peak times. But there were cars in the lots all day, and sales went up. With no long lines to stand in, pumpkin sales "skyrocketed," Graham said.

"They were through the roof," Eckert said, admitting he didn't know exactly why.

Gail Devilbiss, an agriculture and natural resources program coordinator with the University of Illinois Extension, pointed out in the session's chat that decorating pumpkins is "a family tradition," and a more cherished one in 2020 "because everyone was home. Same with Christmas trees."

### Going against traditional grain

Graham admitted it was tough to make decisions that flew in the face of conventional, perceivably successful practices.

He winced when the decision was made to eliminate that play-all-day wristband.

"Usually, the longer they stay on the farm, the more money they'll spend," he said.

This year, the Champaign farm couldn't use its store as a sort of funnel, and a gateway into the pumpkin patch. But patrons spent more money in the store when they had elbow room, when the store wasn't packed to the gills. The plan going forward is to sell pumpkins at an outdoor structure, as well.

Some forced decisions were not only easier to carry out than expected, but saved a lot of time and resources. For instance, replacing the clunky, foot-pedal hand-washing stations with dozens of hand sanitizer stations cut down on maintenance, while making patrons feel more safe.

Eckert said industrywide, apple sales have been declining in recent years. Whereas a grain farmer can change up his planting patterns, apple trees are where they are.

So, in an effort to buoy sales and cut down on food waste, Eckert's partnered with grocery chain Schnucks to sell apples wholesale.

"It's the first time we've done wholesale in 30 years, in any meaningful way," he said.

### 'Video is going to be the real winner'

Graham said he and his staff saw a lot of new faces this past season. The trick now is bringing them back, especially when, as Eckert pointed out, other entertainment options, such as minor-league professional sports, are bound to return this fall.

"Video is going to be the real winner," Eckert said, before laughing a

little. "It's something we're not really good at yet."

It takes a real mindset shift to go from traditional marketing like billboards and broadcast advertisements to leveraging social media.

"I used to view social media as the free advertising medium where you'd get a little bonus," he said. "When we started focusing on it, I realized if you really want to do it well, you have to invest your promotional dollars into it. It takes a lot of effort to put together videos."

He said social media is the most measurable medium he's worked with, and its immediacy is invaluable when you're dealing with, say, the rapid changes of apple varieties in a season.

"You really see an immediate impact," he said. "If we announce honeycrisp apples are ready, in 5 minutes, you'll see people walking through the doors."

A major breakthrough for Curtis Orchard & Pumpkin Patch was using more video this past season. For instance, its Cooking with Kids videos, each just a few minutes, were an instant hit.

Graham said the kids were a joy to

work with—and surprisingly well-behaved. It drove home a reminder that agribusiness is about more than selling apples and pumpkins.

"We're this bastion of nostalgia—the way things used to be," Eckert said. **Emphasis on education, public trust**

In the mid-'90s, apple cider got a bad rap when unpasteurized batches caused three e coli outbreaks.

"We'd eroded the public trust, and we needed to get it back," Eckert said. "Being good stewards of the industry is an important part. We have an important role in connecting people with food, and them feeling good about that."

He and Graham agreed that in 2020, families were willing and eager to come to the farm and see how food is grown, and how the products they buy in the store are produced.

"Our guests really felt safe coming to us and seeing where food was produced," Eckert said. "There was some security that came with that."

Organic, locally grown food has been trendy in past years, but 2020 felt different, he said.

"Before, it was more of a luxury, and now I think people see us as critical."

## 4-H in the news

- Registration for the 2021 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit ends Friday, Feb. 19. High school students can develop skills and knowledge, and work with each other and experts in the agricultural community.

Visit [4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience](https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience) or email [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu) for information.

- 4-H volunteer café conversation Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. Topics will include "It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot?" and "Let's Play!"

Visit [webextension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728](https://webextension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728).

- 4-H Memorial Camp is currently

working on summer programming plans for 20210 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan.

Visit [4hextension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp](https://4hextension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp) for more information.

- 4-H families are reminded to monitor their next boxes weekly in March and April for the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge. Send the Nest-Watch data sheet to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) by June 1.

- Host families for Japanese youth are wanted for the summer, mid-July through mid-August. Recruitment is now through May or until all placements are made. Visit [www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host](https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host) for details.

## 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.

Jan. 15, 1:45 p.m., in the 800 block of Prairie View, Jacquelyn M. Maura, 29, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (Retail theft-McHenry County).

Jan. 16, in the 400 block of Center Street, Osvalvo Fierro, 36, of Elgin,

was arrested for no valid driver's license and driving with one headlight.

Jan. 17, West South Street and Serene Terrace, James E. Ramirez, 35, of Woodstock, was arrested for possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine 15,<100 grams, possession of methamphetamine 15<100 grams, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license revoked, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and failure to signal when turning.

Jan. 17, 7:5p p.m., in the 900 block of Carol Avenue, Robert J. Stakes, 45, of Woodstock, was arrested for

WOW (Civil contempt-McHenry County).

Jan. 17, 9:36 p.m., in the 200 block of Washington Street, Hailey L. Lewis, 20, of Marengo, was arrested for driving while license suspended and failure to signal when required.

Jan. 18, 8:35 p.m., in the 700 block of Irving Avenue, Anthony Garcia, 19, of Woodstock, was arrested for driving while license suspended and failure to yield turning left.

Jan. 21, 9:04 p.m., in the 1900 block of Sheila Street, Joseph F. Perry, 38, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

## Huntley Police report

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

Jan. 23-26: Ten cases of Illinois Department of Employment Security fraud were reported.

Jan. 3, 12100 block of White Tail Lane: Unauthorized credit card charges was reported.

Jan. 23: Sava Lucretia, 38, of Chicago, was cited for retail theft.

Jan. 24, 12400 block of Elliot Drive: Unauthorized credit card charges was reported.

Jan. 25, 9900 block of Route 47: A retail theft was reported.

Jan. 25, 11400 block of Bethel Avenue: A fraudulent loan request notification was received from the U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Disaster Relief.

Jan. 26, 9900 block of Williams Drive: A harassment by electronic means was reported.

Jan. 26, 12000 block of Princeton

Drive: a retail theft was reported.

Jan. 26, 11300 block of Bellflower Lane: Unauthorized credit card charges was reported.

Jan. 26, 10400 block of Bethel Avenue: Unauthorized credit card charges was reported.

Jan. 26, Main Street/Dundee Road: Farren R. James, 40, of Rockford, was arrested for no valid driver's license and driving without a registration light.

Jan. 27 to Feb. 2, Twenty-four cases of Illinois Department of Employment Security fraud were reported.

Jan. 27, 10911 Main St.: Justine A. Pellegrino, 18, of Lake in the Hills, was charged with DUI, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and improper lane usage. These charges stem from a traffic crash that occurred near the intersection of Jamestown Road/Stockton Lane on Jan. 26.

Jan. 29, Route 47/Del Webb Boulevard: Mario A. Miranda-Balderrama, 25, of Lake in the Hills, was arrested

for no valid driver's license, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and driving without a registration light.

Jan. 30, 13000 block of Route 47: A theft of construction materials was reported.

Jan. 30, Mill Street/Dean Street: Salvador Davalos, 52, of Huntley, was arrested for DUI, improper lane usage and obstructing justice.

Jan. 31, 12200 block of Princeton Drive: A battery was reported.

Feb. 1, 12100 block of Main Street: The victim reported an unauthorized cellular account was opened.

Feb. 1, 12500 block of Regency Parkway: A catalytic converter was reported to have been stolen from the victim's vehicle.

Feb. 2, 10911 Main Street: Joanna M. Dickey, 40, of Huntley, was charged with one count of failure to provide information, stemming from a traffic crash that occurred near the intersection of Main Street and Bonnie Brae Road on Dec. 13, 2020.

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COUNTY OF BOONE -  
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS  
ATHENE ANNUITY AND  
LIFE COMPANY  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
LARRY E. WILCOX,  
UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA:  
Defendants,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
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COUNTY OF BOONE  
IN THE MATTER  
OF THE ESTATE OF  
VELMA I. KNOX,  
deceased.  
Case No. 2021-P-1  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death  
of VELMA I. KNOX, of Bel-  
videre, Illinois, who died on  
November 22, 2020. Letters of  
Office were issued on January  
5, 2021 to BRENDA L. DOUG-  
LAS, 615 Wayne Street, Bel-  
videre, IL 61008; NICOLE  
WARREN, 13696 Dorr Road,  
South Beloit, IL 61080; and  
ASHLEY RUSZCZAK, 1317  
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61103; as co-executors, who  
are the legal representatives of  
the estate. The attorney for the  
co-executors is John H. Ma-  
ville, 600 South State Street,  
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61008.  
Claims against the estate may  
be filed in the office of the  
Boone County Circuit Clerk -  
Probate Division, at the Boone  
County Courthouse, 601 North  
Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois  
61008, or with the legal repre-  
sentatives, or both, on or before  
July 28, 2021, that date being  
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representatives and to the rep-  
resentatives' attorney within ten  
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Representatives

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COUNTY OF BOONE  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
LAURENE A. THOMPSON,  
deceased  
No. 2021-P-3  
CLAIM NOTICE  
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LAURENE A. THOMPSON,  
of Capron, Illinois on January  
13, 2021. Letters of office were  
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VALERIE R. ERNE, 62 Ma-  
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40162, as independent execu-  
tor, whose attorney is TOBIN  
& RAMON, 530 South State  
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61008-3711.  
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clerk.  
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Probate Division at the Boone  
County Courthouse, at 601  
North Main Street, Belvidere,  
IL 61008, or with the represen-  
tative, or both, on or before Au-  
gust 5, 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  
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before that date is barred. Cop-  
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Clerk must be mailed or deliv-  
ered to the representative and to  
the attorney within 10 days after  
it has been filed.  
DATED: January 26, 2021.  
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COMMUNITY LOAN  
SERVICING, LLC;  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CATHERINE KEARNS AKA  
CATHERINE A. KEARNS;  
BRAD BLOOM AKA  
BRAD T. BLOOM; BOAT  
AND SADDLE PROPERTY  
OWNERS ASSOCIATION,  
INC.; FIFTH THIRD BANK  
(CHICAGO); UNKNOWN  
OWNERS AND NON  
RECORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendants,  
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OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP  
45 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST  
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TO THE LAST DESCRIBED  
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A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET  
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DESCRIBED LINE, FOR A  
DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO  
ANOTHER ANGLE POINT  
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WEST ON THE LINE OF LOT  
B, A DISTANCE OF 100.00  
FEET TO A POINT; THENCE  
SOUTHEASTERLY IN A  
STRAIGHT AND DIRECT  
LINE, FOR A DISTANCE  
OF 125.00 TO THE PLACE  
OF BEGINNING, ACCORD-  
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residence. If the subject mort-  
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the Condominium Property Act.  
Sale terms: 10% down by cer-  
tified funds, balance, by certi-  
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refunds. The property will NOT  
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CIRCUIT  
MC HENRY COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
PENNYMAC LOAN  
SERVICES, LLC  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
JOHN M. YERKES et al  
Defendant  
20CH000303  
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Judgment of Foreclosure and  
Sale entered in the above cause  
on January 19, 2021, an agent  
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8, 2021, at the NLT Title L.L.C.,  
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THE SOUTHEAST QUAR-  
TER OF THE NORTHEAST  
QUARTER OF SECTION  
7, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH,  
RANGE 7 EAST OF THE  
THIRD PRINCIPAL MERID-  
IAN, ACCORDING TO THE  
PLAT THEREOF RECORD-  
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DOCUMENT NUMBER 2771  
IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS, PAGE  
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ILLINOIS.  
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STOCK, IL 60098  
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277-002  
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to The Judicial Sales Corpo-  
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will be accepted. The balance,  
including the Judicial Sale fee  
for the Abandoned Residen-  
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lief Fund, which is calculated  
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paid by the purchaser not to ex-  
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estate pursuant to its credit bid  
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or acquiring the residential real  
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as to quality or quantity of title  
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and in "AS IS" condition. The  
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# •Heart disease

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The University of Illinois Extension Nutrition & Wellness program encourages individuals, families, and communities to live healthier through online and in-person skill sharing. Learn about managing diabetes, safely preserving foods, food-safe in the home, and making healthier choices when shopping, cooking, and meal planning. Visit our website or connect with us on Facebook.

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# •Back in the saddle

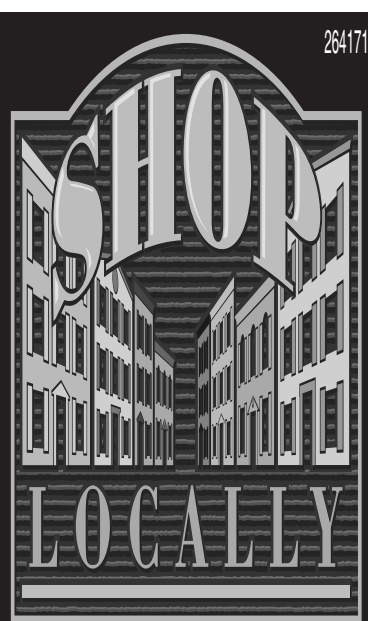
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emergencies. Participants who complete the course will receive a two-year certificate.

Farm Bureau members and family members (12 years and up) are eligible for the class. (Children 12-17 years old must be accompanied by an adult.) Cost is \$50 per person (\$50 savings). Information on how to access the online course (approximately two hours) will be emailed to participants once registration is received. Registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 12.

Participants will need to bring proof of completion of the online course to the classroom portion on Saturday, Feb. 27, to participate. Classroom size is limited to six people per hour (minimum of six people required). The first class will begin at 9 a.m. on Feb. 27. Additional classes will follow as needed.

The project is made possible in part by funding from the Farm Safety Grant provided by the Illinois Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial. Contact the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau office at 815-962-0653 if you have any questions.



# Private pesticide applicator testing

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University of Illinois Extension in Ogle County is offering a “Test Only” site in Oregon. Testing will take place on Tuesday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Ogle County Farm Bureau/University of Illinois Extension building, 421 W. Pines Road, Oregon, IL 61061. Advanced registration is required by calling the Ogle County Extension office at 815-732-2191 or online at [go.illinois.edu/PrivatePesticideApplicatorTestOREGON](http://go.illinois.edu/PrivatePesticideApplicatorTestOREGON). Walk-ins for testing will not be allowed. Space is limited, so register early.

This location will be following COVID-19 guidelines. Social distancing restrictions will be enforced and properly worn face coverings will be required at all times. Do not come to the testing session if you have a fever greater than 100.4 F, if you or a household member have tested positive for COVID-19, if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or if you are unable or unwilling to comply with the mask policy or other social distancing restrictions.

Calculators will not be provided. You will need to bring your own. Calculators must be simple function calculators. No smart phones or smart devices will be allowed.

If you need a reasonable accom-

modation to participate, contact the Ogle Extension office at 815-732-2191, or email Judy Hodge at [hodg@illinois.edu](mailto:hodg@illinois.edu). Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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mation 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.

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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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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 17TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF BOONE  
IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
JULIE ANN QUINNEY,  
deceased.

Case No. 2021-P-5  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JULIE ANN QUINNEY, of Caledonia, Illinois, who died on January 8, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on January 25, 2021 to CAROL J. LUCAS, 303 County Road 13, Myrtle, MN 56036, as independent administrator, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the independent administrator is JOHN H. MAVILLE, 600 South State Street, Suite #307, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under §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, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the legal representative, or both, on or before August 12, 2021, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the

representative and to the representative's attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: January 29, 2021

CAROL J. LUCAS,  
Independent Representative

LAW OFFICES OF  
JOHN H. MAVILLE  
JOHN H. MAVILLE, Attorney  
for Representative  
600 South State Street;  
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Belvidere, IL 61008  
(815) 544-3165

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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  
SCOTT ROBERT NEALE,  
deceased.

Case No. 2021-P-6  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of SCOTT ROBERT NEALE, of Poplar Grove, Illinois, who died on January 9, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on January 27, 2021 to CHRISTOPHER M. NEALE, 1632 Fox Point Drive, Chesterton, Indiana, as independent administrator, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the independent administrator is JOHN H. MAVILLE, 600 South State Street, Suite #307, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under §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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Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the

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Dated: February 1, 2021

CHRISTOPHER M. NEALE,  
Independent Representative

LAW OFFICES OF  
JOHN H. MAVILLE  
JOHN H. MAVILLE, Attorney  
for Representative  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF BOONE  
SHANA KARYN SULLIVAN  
and NICHOLAS KEITH  
ZEIGLER

Petitioners,  
vs.  
RONALD GILBERT  
SULLIVAN, a minor, and  
BYRON E. CHILDERS,  
Respondents.

CASE NO. 2021AD1  
ADOPTION NOTICE

**IN THE Matter of the Petition for Adoption of Ronald Gilbert Sullivan, a male child, Adoption No. 2021 AD 1.**

To: Byron E. Childers

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Ronald Gilbert Sullivan.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, BYRON E. CHILDERS, and all whom it may concern, file your Answer to the Petition in said suit or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main St., in the City of Belvidere, Illinois on or before the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

DATED at Belvidere, Illinois, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Attorney Nathan J. Noble, P.C.  
504 North State Street  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
815.547.7700  
ARDC 6290348  
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## • Reshape (Continued from page 5)

holders to design Medicaid policy. House Majority Leader Greg Harris, D-Chicago, who is part of that working group, said during an interview that for the last several years, it has been focused on trying to design a modern Medicaid system that reflects a very different health care environment than the one that existed decades ago. “When our system was designed, most healthcare was delivered in

hospital settings, in medical surgery settings,” he said. “Now, you know, huge amounts of that kind of work is being done in outpatient settings, whether it’s diagnostic imaging or specialty care, or same day surgery. Hospitals are not the central hub for a lot of services like they used to be.” The problem being faced in many parts of the state, he said, is that not all communities have access to the full array of medical services, result-

## • Schedule (Continued from page 2)

with additional sports moving out of their traditional seasons, and also ruled that girls and boys basketball players will need to cease non-school team participation within seven days of their first high school game.

All sports that are out-of-season can conduct contact days through June 4. Contact days are limited to three days per week per sport with a maximum of six hours of contact per week with no interscholastic competition.

The IHSA Board of Directors issued the following statement on the day’s events:

“Unprecedented circumstances create extraordinary decisions. The IHSA Board of Directors faced one of the most difficult decisions in the Association’s 100-plus year history today. Please know that we did so with great diligence, empathy, and understanding. There were an immense number of factors that went into today’s decisions. We knew

there would be obstacles no matter what we decided. Whether those hurdles included overlapping seasons for multi-sport athletes, equity between sports, preseason acclimatization guidelines, the prioritization of spring sports, facility conflicts for schools, officiating, and that is just naming a few. Please know that each potential roadblock was recognized and given consideration. The IHSA membership, like our state, is incredibly large and diverse. Each board member brought different concerns to the table that impacted their own school or region differently. There was never going to be a one-size fits all solution to playing 25 sports seasons in a little over four months. What did occur was collaboration and camaraderie. Each board member may not have been able to have all of their specific concerns addressed, but we worked together to produce a schedule and plan that we believe will work for our student-athletes.”

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ing in health care disparities that cut across racial and ethnic lines, income categories, and the divide between urban, suburban and rural communities.

“So, whether you’re living in a densely populated urban area with very low automobile ownership, some areas with high concentrations of poverty and environmental factors, how do you plan for the future of good health care deliveries in those communities, in suburban communities where, you know, the environmental factors are totally different,” Harris said. “And then in rural communities in central and southern Illinois, where you may be a couple of counties away from a hospital, how do you make sure that quality health care is accessible in all those areas?”

The bill calls on local communities to conduct a “community needs assessment” to identify the particular needs of that community and then form collaborations between hospitals, primary care, preventive care and specialty care providers, mental health and substance abuse providers and other local organizations to address those needs.

It also calls on them to submit proposals specifically designed to

improve health care outcomes and reduce health care disparities, including specific metrics that can be used to track whether or not the project is meeting its goals.

Beyond that, the bill puts few limitations on the types of proposals that will be considered. Evan Fazio, a spokesman for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, which will administer the grant program, said that was intentional.

“We want to cast a really wide net and we want this to be about what the community needs and what the community wants,” he said. “And since it is a community-first initiative, we want people to kind of come up with the partnerships and collaborations that they think could come together to meet the needs of their community.”

Rep. Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, who also serves on the Medicaid Working Group, said one of the biggest challenges in crafting the bill was getting all the various players to come to a shared understanding of what a health care “transformation” should look like and what kinds of local programs the state was looking for.

“It’s been years in the making. These discussions have literally been going on for years, trying to craft

some definitions and parameters for just what do we mean by this transformation idea,” he said.

The bill is what’s known in legislative jargon as an “agreed bill,” meaning lawmakers from both parties and both chambers, as well as all of the various interest groups affected by it, came to a general agreement on its provisions.

That’s a relatively rare occurrence in the Illinois General Assembly, but both Harris and Demmer said it has become common with Medicaid legislation, primarily because of the bipartisan nature of the Medicaid Working Group.

“Over the years, people have really learned to work together, and people put aside political differences and partisan differences in order to get really good policy outcomes,” Harris said. “And I think that has really helped us do good work, and it’s really nice to see.”

“I think this hospital transformation fund is a unique and innovative way to put additional money in communities that are struggling with health care today,” Demmer said. “The need has always been there, but it’s been highlighted by the impact we’ve seen with COVID in a lot of communities.”

## REAL ESTATE LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE,  
ILLINOIS  
ATHENE ANNUITY AND LIFE  
COMPANY  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
LARRY E. WILCOX, UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA:  
Defendants,

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NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in the office of inside the front entrance of the, Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 04-08-400-005.  
Commonly known as 7677 CENTERVILLE RD, CAPRON, IL 61012.

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

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff’s Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. File Number 19-04579

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL  
SALES CORPORATION  
[intercountyjudicialsales.com](http://intercountyjudicialsales.com)  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MCHENRY COUNTY - WOODSTOCK,  
ILLINOIS  
COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC;  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

CATHERINE KEARNS AKA  
CATHERINE A. KEARNS; BRAD  
BLOOM AKA BRAD T. BLOOM; BOAT  
AND SADDLE PROPERTY OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION, INC.; FIFTH THIRD  
BANK (CHICAGO); UNKNOWN  
OWNERS AND NON RECORD  
CLAIMANTS;  
Defendants,

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NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at the hour of 10:30 a.m. in the conference room, 970 McHenry Avenue, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, sell at public

auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 09-24-128-007.  
Commonly known as 2808 North Baycliff Drive, Mchenry, IL 60050.

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

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

For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff’s Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W19-0503  
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SALES CORPORATION  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
TWENTY- SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MC HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-

JOHN M. YERKES et al  
Defendant

20CH000303

NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 19, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 8, 2021, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 390 Congress Parkway, Suite D, Crystal Lake, IL, 60014, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 521 FORREST AVENUE, WOODSTOCK, IL 60098  
Property Index No. 13-07-277-002

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments,

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff’s Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876  
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](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.  
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100  
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527  
630-794-5300  
E-Mail: [pleadings@il.cslegal.com](mailto:pleadings@il.cslegal.com)  
Attorney File No. 14-20-05897  
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Case Number: 20CH000303  
TJSC#: 41-106

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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