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Principal of the year from McHenry East

McHenry High School-East Campus since 2017, is the Illinois High School Principal of the Year for 2021 in recognition of the positive impact he's made on students, families and the community, particularly in light of a worldwide health pandemic.

Officials from the Horace Mann Educators Association and the Illinois Principals Association made the joint announcement on March 18 during a surprise and socially distanced ceremony for Prickett at East Campus in McHenry.

Officials from both organizations cited Prickett's work advocating for children, creating a positive school environment and working to improve student achievement as just some of the reasons that Prickett stood out as a principal. Next year, Prickett will become the principal overseeing the soon-to-be one McHenry High School with two campuses.

He was selected from a pool of nominees from the 21 regions of the Illinois Principals Association. Prickett will also be recognized at the IPA's Education Leaders Annual Conference in October 2021.

McHenry High School leaders said it wasn't at all surprising that Prickett would be selected, particularly in light of his extraordinary effort during this COVID-19 pandemic. They cite his effort to advocate on behalf of students, and his work to create an online presence as just some of the things Prickett has done to make a positive impact.

"First and foremost, Dr. Prickett is a strong student advocate," said of schools for McHenry Community



McHenry High School-East Campus Principal Dr. Jeff Prickett was named Illinois Principal of the Year 2021. Pictured here during the surprise announcement are (left to right) Jason Ivy from Horace Mann Educators Corporation; Frank Conroy from the Illinois Principals Association; Prickett; and Dr. Ryan McTague, District 156 superintendent.

High School District 156. "His extraordinary connection and relationship to our students, parents, and staff is reflected in the strong sense of community and culture he helped to create at East Campus over his tenure."

One initiative Prickett started this year was a new Warrior EDU podcast in which he and science instructor Dr. Ryan McTague, superintendent Leah Pelletier interview educators and staff members to shine a light on

Aleatha Moore

"He has brought a new brand of creativity and communication to MCHS," said Carl Vallianatos, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for McHenry District 156.

education happening in the schools Prickett's experience as an administrator and educator included 17 years as a principal, one year as an assistant principal and one year as a dean.

Prickett has been an active member of the Illinois Principals Association since 2002 when he first stepped into Counting his time in McHenry, school leadership as a dean. Prick- in 2017.

ett was named the IPA Kishwaukee Region Middle School Principal of the Year in 2016 during his time as principal at Richard F. Bernotas Middle School in Crystal Lake, and was named a Golden Apple Stanley C. Golder Leadership Award Finalist

Conservation district to receive \$50,000 grant

nounced Wednesday, March 17, that McHenry County Conservation District is one of seven state projects selected to receive a portion of the \$885,300 grants funds administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Bicycle Path Grant Program, that aims to help communities develop and improve bike path facilities throughout Illi-

path between Barnard Mill Road and the pedestrian bridge, just .25 miles south in Ringwood. The Prairie Trail has provided pedestrian and bicycle opportunities for over 21 years, and based on trail counters an estimated 27,000 users pass through that section alone each year.

Due to the increase in volume and duration of flooding in this area, this section of the trail is often closed. Improvements to the Prairie Trail Ringwood Renovations Project will offer a long-term solution to relieve the constant drainage issues by reestablishing the storm sewer outlet, re-grading the existing ditch, repairing trail erosion, restoring the turf shoulders to improve drainage, and resurfacing the 8-inch wide asphalt

trail section. The project costs are estimated to be \$100,000, where the conserva-McHenry County Conservation tion district's portion would be fif-District will receive \$50,000 for ty percent (50 percent) of the total renovations of the Prairie Trail bike costs, or estimated to be \$50,000. The funds will be provided through the district's capital development account. While the district has a Capital Asset Management Plan (CAMP) for preparing for longterm maintenance and improvement needs of its infrastructure, it is without a sustainable funding source; therefore, it is critically important for the conservation district to continually pursue local, state, and fed-

With a population of nearly 308,000, McHenry County has a vibrant bicycle community, with numerous businesses that cater to that bicycle community. The 26-mile Prairie Trail that travels through eight communities provides a safe and convenient route for cyclists to bike to work, run errands or grab

In addition, the Prairie Trail provides access to nearly 100 miles of trails, linking to the district's Ridgefield Trace (Crystal Lake to Woodstock) and Kane County's Fox River Trail, which also connects to DuPage County's Prairie Path. Nationally, this section of trail serves as a critical link in the Grand Illinois Trail, at 575 miles in length, the longest multipurpose recreational trail in the state of Illinois.

Learn more about biking in McHenry County at www.MCCDis

Woman charged with kidnapping, child abduction

On Sunday, March 14, at 10:07 p.m., it was reported to the Woodstock Police Department that an 11-year-old male child was kidnapped from a residence within the city limits of Woodstock.

Upon the arrival of responding officers, it was learned that the missing child was recently appointed by the courts to be placed in a Woodstock foster home and was under the care

of a foster family. The foster mother advised that the foster

child had been taken, without force, from her Woodstock residence by the child's biological mother. The biological mother of the child was identified as 29-yearold Chicago resident Aleatha Moore. The foster mother was made aware that the child

was missing when the child text messaged her and advised he was with Moore. Woodstock patrol officers made contact with Moore who was initially uncooperative in returning the child. As Moore was

suspected to be in the city limits of Chicago, the Chicago Police Department and the Department of Child and Family Service (DCFS) also assisted in trying to locate the child. On Monday evening, March 15, after negotiations with a Woodstock Police detective, Moore eventually became cooperative and agreed to relinquish custody of her child to a DCFS case worker in Chicago.

Upon conferring with the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office, felony charges were approved against Moore and an arrest warrant was issued for her. Moore turned herself in to the Woodstock Police Department on the morning of March 16. After being processed, Moore posted the required bond and was released from custody. Her next court date is March 30.

This investigation is ongoing. No further information will be released due to the victim being a juvenile, who was recovered uninjured.



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Viewpoint

Slices of life

Making good on grief; 'I will conquer you'

A few months ago I was attacked by something so powerful I didn't know if I'd survive. My husband of 33 years died much too soon, much too young. I was left here, alone. The lone survivor, except this was no reality show. It was the real deal.

And it sucked. Still does.

I was left in the throes of grief. Infinite, foreboding, unyieldingly cruel grief. I was literally drowning, fighting for each breath, not sure if I would ever live again. I felt caught between life and death. And that's exactly where I was. In between one world and another. It was, it is, an extraordinarily lonely place. I still spend much of my time there.

However, I'm trying to get out.

Almost immediately after grief encompassed my entire being, I knew what I wanted. I wanted to live again. To step beyond grief and feel again. To laugh. To breathe without effort. To remember fondly. To take sleep for granted. To find the things that made living worthwhile.



PERTLER Columnist

To be something more than that poor lady who lost her husband at much too young an age. To conquer not only the grief, but the pity.

And the thought of that flooded me with a realization.

Grief cut me off at the knees. It tried to control me. It tried to tell me who I am. Its grip has been relentless. But in the end, grief is not in control.

I am.

And despite its utterly cruel nature, grief has unwittingly given

Yeah, you read that right. Grief has made me a warrior. A fighter. A survivor. Grief has challenged me in ways no one wants to be challenged, but in the end, I am still breathing. I'm still alive. And that gives me a one up. By surviving, I am winning. I am beating grief. And I am determined not only to beat grief, but to learn from it and take from it and become someone better than I ever could have imagined before.

Take that, grief. I will have the last word, the last laugh, if you will. Irony fully intended.

Grief has made me stronger. And strong doesn't just involve muscles. It involves grit and the will to survive. It involves doing the undoable. Creating a new normal. Living it out in the same body with a completely revised attitude and outlook on life. Building a future you never would have imagined Before Grief.

By beating grief, I am overcoming

the insurmountable and that is empowering.

Grief has made me bolder than ever before. I know what loss is like – firsthand. From the front lines. After experiencing a loss so great, I have nothing left to lose. That makes me bold and strong and unapologetic.

If I want something, I will not be timid. I will be brave and fearless in my pursuit of life. I will laugh unabashedly, without caring what other people might think. I will dare to try new things, even when they are far outside my comfort zone because my comfort zone was crushed by grief. I will become someone I probably never would have imagined pre-grief.

I will grab grief by the tail and create something bigger and better than before. I will not take this lying down. I will not give up. Grief, you picked the wrong adversary when you decided to descend upon me. I may look weak and small but I am strong, and I don't give up easily. I don't give up period.

So take that, grief. Give it all you've got. Because, you know what? I've got more. And I'm going to live it out. Fully. Every day, in

It may come in small steps, but I will conquer you. And I think you know it. So take that.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

Letter to the editor

Mike Chamberlain is a good mayor. He deserves to be re-elected by the citizens of Belvidere.

As mayor, Mike, working with the city council, has assembled a group of department heads and city officials who deliver the good city services we all depend on. All city departments: fire, police, public works, legal and finance do a good

Belvidere is a really good place to

live because city government works well as guided by Mayor Mike to deliver the services we all depend on.

Citizens of Belvidere should vote for Mike. Our family, my wife, my granddaughter and I are all going to vote to re-elect Mike Chamberlain Mayor of Belvidere.

Remember: Mike is right for

Sincerely. Andy Racz, Belvidere



Kopp disclosure

Scratching the surface of spiritual warfare

By Dr. Robert Kopp CONTRIBUTOR

It's possible to distinguish the Lord's light from darkness.

It's possible to distinguish people living in the Lord's light from people living in darkness.

God and His accomplices build bridges, relationships, friendships and families; forgiving, reconciling, healing, helping, inviting, welcoming, including, elevating and encouraging.

God says, "Come to Me, all and everyone who are weary and burdened, and I will take care of you and give you..."

God's accomplices cooperate with His caring call.

Satan, the architect of darkness, and its accomplices tear down, pick apart, burn bridges, fracture families, separate, segregate, distance, degrade, denigrate, devastate and seek to destroy.

Satan says, "You're no good. You're bad. You're useless. You're not invited, welcomed, included, or loved. You don't belong."
Here's the good news: "Darkness

cannot overcome the Lord's light... My children, you have come from God and have conquered these spirits because the One who lives within you is greater than the one in this world... Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

Of course, as Luther cautioned, Satan is "a clever trickster" and its accomplices are sneaky, secretive, slimy, and slithering among the faithful like sleeper cells: "It/they come as angels of light." Jesus said,

'They are wolves in sheep's clothing." Denise Frangipane: "Satan is a

our weaknesses and exaggerates our problems." It/they come at our moments of vulnerability.

Certainly, victory is guaranteed for people who really believe in Jesus and are intimate with Him; or as Francis Frangipane wrote, "How do we defeat the enemy? Victory begins with the name of Jesus on our lips. It is consummated by the nature of Jesus in our hearts."

Moretheless, Paul used the metaphor of a Roman soldier preparing for battle to remind us of how/why we can live victoriously (read Ephesians 6:10-20).

Here's an example of how to pray with Paul's metaphor as a guide:

"Lord, I thank You for providing all I need to live victoriously. You are all I need to live victoriously. Aware of the dark influences conspiring to move my mind from You, I close the psychic door; barricading it with the cross of Christ and sealing it with His blood. Knowing You have granted volition to me, I only open this door for You.

"I wear the helmet of salvation which is lined with the promises of Your affection and protection. Making all thoughts captive to You and protecting my mind which is a battleground for spiritual warfare, this helmet covers my ears, eyes, and mouth so I do not hear, see or speak in unGodly ways. I will not entertain anyone/anything that distracts me from Your holiness.

"I place the breastplate of righteousness over my heart which is the wellspring of my life. This is not my goodness. It is Your great graciousness that protects me.

"I wear Your belt of truth. Your

"I wear Your gospel shoes of peace; therefore, I can stand firm, balanced, and always ready to follow You. Firmly footed, I look up, stand up, speak up and act up for You.

"I take the shield of faith, my trust and confidence in You as saving Lord, to protect me from the fiery darts, deceptions, lies, assaults, accusations and all other dark strategies. With the hinges of this shield, I am linked to all of the saints for protection of family, home, possessions and church.

"I wield the Sword of the Spirit which is the Bible. The Bible contains Your pure prescriptions for living victoriously. Defensively, I can distinguish Your light from darkness because of the Bible. Offensively, I can bring Your love, light, and salt into the world because of the Bible. I wrap myself in the mantle of praise because You "inhabit" the praises of Your people. As my praises go up, Your blessings come down.

"I place Your cross before me as a banner and guide. I have decided to follow You. No turning back. The cross before me. The world behind me. No turning back. Though none go with me, yet I will follow You No turning back.

"Thank You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for protecting and preserving me from here to eternity as I pray in Your holy, holy, holy name. Amen."

In short, as Luther taught us to sing victoriously, "One little word shall fell him! Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He! And He must win the battle!"

Or as many have done so victoriously when it/they come knocking at the door, "Jesus, please get that for me. Thank You!"



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CPA discusses dispatch and



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9-1-1 Coordinator Jeanine Kaplan explains to the Citizens Police Academy how the Boone County Dispatch Center works.

BNHS staff member needs help with failed roof

Michele Bennett is a paraprofessional working at Belvidere North High School. She is a single woman with an adult daughter who is a CAN and a grown son who is a stay-at-home dad. Bennett is going to college part-time to become an elementary school teacher. Neither she nor her children has significant incomes. She lives in a small house she inherited from her parents when they died.

The house has a single-car attached garage. The flat roof of the garage has collapsed and damaged the side walls. By the Rockford City Code, the garage must be torn down and replaced. The estimated cost of this project is \$6,000 for materials. Bennett does not have the money to replace the garage. Grace UMC Rockford is undertaking this mission project as a Habitat for Humanity-style project where Bennett will provide sweat equity to rebuild the garage. Two men with construction experience have volunteered to help with the project. Grace Church will raise the money for materials and use volunteer labor to construct the garage

If there is enough money, repainting the house will be done as well. Bennett ordered paint for the house but received the wrong color. When she tried to return it, the store would not return it. She used the undesirable paint color because she could not afford

Questions about volunteering or donations should directed to Grace United Methodist Church, 3555 McFarland Road, Rockford, IL 61107 or call 815-637-4561.

Obituary

GERALD (JERRY) HANSON

Gerald (Jerry) Hanson of Kingston, Ill., entered life eternal with the Lord and the love of his life Elizabeth on March 15, 2021. Jerry was born on July 20, 1929, as William Gerald Nelsen to Bertie and Nils Nelsen in Milwaukee, Wis. As an infant he was adopted and named Gerald William Hanson by Gerhardt O. and Clara Hanson in Madison, Wis., where he attended public schools and graduated from Madison East High School where he was active in football, track, wrestling, and boxing.

Jerry briefly attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa on a track scholarship before enlisting in the Air Force in 1949. He assisted in construction of the DEW radar system in the United States during the Korean Conflict. Previously he served in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

He married the love of his life, Elizabeth Morgan on Oct. 16, 1954 in Elgin at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. They raised their family there and Jerry worked at the Elgin

Post Office as a clerk till his retirement in 1989.

Jerry had many hobbies – an avid fisherman turned ice fisherman in later years (he did not need a boat) and his great love of woodcarving that he believes was a genetic gift from his



biological father. He carved birds, figurines, hundreds of crosses and gave them to pastors serving random people he met on the street or at Immanuel Luther-

an Church in Belvidere.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and wife of 64 years. He is survived by two sons, Gary (Lisa) Hanson of Belvidere, Eric (Paula) Hanson of Elgin, four grandchildren: Christian (Sara) Hanson of Rockford, Megan (Ted) Seele of Belvidere, Danielle (Rod) Hendrickson of Yorkville, and Adam (Patricia) Kendall of Genoa. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews from his birth family as well as from Eliza-

The visitation and memorial service took place on Saturday, March 20 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1045 Belvidere Road, Belvidere. Memorials may be made in his name to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Belvidere. To light a candle or share a condolence, please visit www. AndersonFCS.com.

By Anne Eickstadt **EDITOR**

First up was 9-1-1 Coordinator Jeanine Kaplan. "We are the first link to the Fire Deptartment, Belvidere Police Department, the Boone County Sheriff's Department and EMS. We have a complete CAD [Computer Assisted Dispatch] system. We are also connected to the Secretary of State's information base so we can check warrants, driver's licenses, vehicle registrations, and more for the patrol officers.

There are four women working in Dispatch right now. We don't have anything against men working in Dispatch; they just don't seem to multi-task as well as women do. The last man to complete the training and probation period in Dispatch left us and went on to become the Chief of the Belvidere Police Department - Chief Woody.

"Everyone working in Dispatch has to be certified for Total Response. They need a Law Enforcement certification, Fire Dispatch Certification, and Emergency Medical Dispatch Certification. They also need to re-certify every two years. They need to go through a one-year training program and undergo a one-year probationary period.

"We have extensive in-house training with a six-month side-byside period where the trainee works in tandem with a trainer. Then there is a six-month observation period. It takes a lot to learn 9-1-1, deal with calls, and the public. We do not have a high turnover rate - we do it because we love it. We are currently fully staffed.

Trainees have a 50 percent failure rate because they cannot multitask fast enough.

"Boone County has a small department. We dispatch for all emergency services: the Capron ambulance, Lifeline ambulance, Boone County Fire Districts 1, 2 and 3, the Belvidere Police Department and the Boone County Sheriff's Department. We also dispatch for Animal Control, the Coroner's Office, and the Township emergency systems severe weather sirens, flash floods,

'We monitor the courthouse the judges have alarms if they need them. We also input wanted warrants into the state system. We test the severe weather sirens at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, if the time is not exact, please forgive of street gangs and how to recognize us, we're busy. We have trained spotters watching for severe weather and the National Weather Service notifies us about severe storm warnings. We set off the tornado alarms in the county.

"When you call 9-1-1, we will ask 'Where is your emergency?' first, then 'What is your emergency?' We do this so that whatever your emergency is, we know where to find you. Then we find out which personnel to send to your location."

More questions will round out needed information for Dispatch. Whether you are at the scene or calling for someone else, how many people are there, is the injured person breathing and conscious, are there any animals at the scene who will try to protect their person from the people coming to help, and more.

If you accidentally call 9-1-1, or your toddler playing with the phone does, stay on the line. Dispatch is going to send someone anyway to make sure it is not a situation of someone being in danger or under

"We take about 40,000 calls per year. About half of them each day are medical calls.'

Kaplan was followed by Det. Steve Jones, returned from the previous class, who talked of gangs in the area, past and present. He told us that present day gangs originated in Chicago with early 20th century gangsters. There are over three million gang members around the world with over one million in the United States alone. They are operated like multimillion-dollar corporations. Each member pays dues and while they have various source of illegal income, drugs is their number one money maker. Gangs are making sure that members go to school and a number of them become lawvers. accountants, and businessmen.

Gangs, by definition, are an organized group with a recognized leader and three or more members whose acts are criminal or are a threat to the community.

294 gang members have been documented as being in the Belvidere area as of Sept. 23, 2014. Some of them have been passing through the county, some have been caught fighting, and others have been visiting family.

Jones spoke on the different types

them. The most recognizable sign of a gang in the area is graffiti being tagged in areas where they are not supposed to be i.e. on top of water tower, in train yards, within a fenced in and protected area, etc.

Graffiti is used to mark territory, send a warning to other gangs, indicate drug sales locations, and shows disrespect and danger, and retaliation and threats. Graffiti costs thousands of dollars each year. It is up to the homeowner or business owner to remove graffiti as soon as possible.

Each gang has its own symbols, letters, hand signs and colors. Custom designed clothing, sports apparel, hats, shoes, patches, in gang colors with gang symbols are readily available in stores such as Walmart and online. Gang jewelry, rings, necklaces and belt buckles also declare a member's affiliations.

Members are most proud of their tattoos and will willingly show them off. Many of their tattoos are inked at home while a professional tattoo artist might ink others after hours.

Where there are gangs, there are gang-related street crimes. These can be: drug use and sales, robbery, auto theft, violence, intimidation, extortion, and targeted drive by shootings.

The problem is that they have no family values or the wrong family values. Sometimes generations of the family have been gang members so family entrenchment continues to bring young gang members into the group. They have no education, no job skills, no role models, no job, no money, no future, and no hope.

family values, a good education, community involvement, job training - if they are willing, police action, counseling - again, if they are willing, court action, and prison. "People will fight a DUI tooth

The solution is provide strong

and nail to keep it off their record," Jones said. "But they will go to jail for drugs and violence without a fight. I don't understand it.

"The Lion Kings were the largest gang in this area until a new gang law was passed. We gathered evidence of gang involvement and took them to court. Most members left the area but about a dozen stayed to fight but it didn't go well because they acted as their own lawyers.

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Ward 4 Alderman Fleury has opposition in bid for full council term

Bv Bob Balgemann

Lifelong resident Matthew Fleury was appointed to city council last summer, replacing Ward 4 Alderman George Crawford, who resigned May

6 because of his moving to Arizona. Now Fleury, a Republican, is asking voters to put him in that seat for overseas and to a full, four-year term. He is being opposed by Democrat Mary Volkey in the April 6 consolidated election.

> Both candidates were asked by the Belvidere Republican to respond to two questions for this story. The questions were:

> 1. What prompted you to seek a full term in the Ward 4 seat on city

2. Why should voters select you? **Matt Fleury**

In responding to question No. 1, appointee Fleury stated, "I think Belvidere is better when we work together. In the past nine months, I have had the privilege of representing Ward 4. I like making a difference. That is why I enlisted in the Marine Corps and ultimately served 21 years. It is the reason I became a teacher and it's the reason why I want to continue serving as an alderman.

"I believe Belvidere is a wonderful community and I am proud to call it home. I want to continue serving on council in order to find solutions for want to be innovative in finding ways to increase our revenue and be fiscally responsible for maintaining a trim, balanced budget.

"I am open minded and believe I can find common ground with other council members in order to solve problems. We must focus on the future and find ways to make Belvidere even better."

On question No. 2, he replied, "I am committed to serving this community. I respect hearing a difference of opinions and ultimately working together to solve a problem. My years in the Marine Corps have made me a team player and a problem solver.

"My family moved to Boone County in 1978, when I was two vears old. Belvidere is the only home I know. I graduated from Belvidere High School in 1994, then spent 21 years serving in the United States Marine Corps. During my time in the Marines, my family has lived in multiple communities across this great

"However, when my time in the Marines came to an end there was no doubt that we wanted to move back to Belvidere, to put down our roots and raise our family. I completely understood the oath I took, to serve this community and would be honored to continue serving as Ward 4 issues my constituents are facing. I alderman. My commitment and loy-

alty is to the constituents of Ward 4.

Her response to question No. 1 was, "I decided to be a candidate for Ward 4 alderman because I wanted to know why my taxes keep going up every year. I also wanted to know what's going on in Belvidere. And how can I make a change? I feel there needs to be better communication. I didn't even know who my alderman was, to even ask a question.

"I want to get involved to make citizens aware of what's going on in our city. I care about the people that live in Belvidere, and I want the citizens to know that their concerns and ideas are important to me. The more we work together, we can make Belvidere the place we all want to live."

As to question No. 2, she replied, "I am your average citizen wanting to make things better, and I will work hard for the citizens of Belvidere. I will put taxpayers first when making a decision. I will talk to the people of my ward and listen to the city council members' opinions before voting.

"I will represent the citizens with open communication. I will listen to all ideas and concerns. I am willing to work diligently to master the fundamentals of Belvidere city government and I will seek to put my knowledge and common sense to good use. Making our city the place we all want to call home!"

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Belvidere High School spring sports



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Varsity Boys Basketball

Top row (left to right): Byron West, Gus Rios, Ryan Beaudet, Isaiah Dodson, Zach Johnson. Middle row: Dylan Schohn, Aaron Eucker – Manager, Coach Branwell, Coach Koehne, Coach Essex, Ryan Morris. Bottom row: Chris Boose, Kaleb Hayes, Juston Dennis, Gavin Gleason, Nik Rhode.



JV Boys Basketball

Top row (left to right): Coach Mauricio Branwell, Casey Andreasen, Carter Guerra, Coach Mark Zielinski. Middle row: Ryan Jensen, Attilio Goston, Riley Thornton, Kyle Jensen, Yasir Aldihaimawi. Bottom row: Maison Mulcahy, Xander Albano, David Guerrero, Jacob Koziol.



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JV Girls Basketball

Top row (left to right): Riley Rivas, Mallorie Jones. Middle row: Reem Aldihaimawi, Isabelle Cummings, Shelby Hansen, Bailey Burkholder. Bottom row: Stephmarie Baez, Sarah Hansen, Grace Reza, Tikaya Jones, Angelique Gonzalez.



Varsity Girls Basketball

Top row (left to right): Myle Rigsby-Ransom, Nickole Ryan, Riley Rivas. Middle row: Shelby Hansen, Paige Kitsemble, Kellie Onley, Brynn Kirkland, Grace Reza, Stephanie Anacleto. Bottom row: Tikaya Jones, Carolyn Salgado, Kiya Buffington, Bailey Burkholder, Reese Schoon.

Belvidere High School spring sports (cont.) -



Varsity Competitive Dance

Top row (left to right): Fatima Rosas, Tallory Wendell (Captain), Kylie Botts, Samantha Rojas. Middle row: Ashley Sanchez, Victoria Malaythong, Coach Carli, Alejandrina Sosa, Paige Clem. Bottom row: Casandra Salgado, A'Mariya Peterson, Ericka Flores, Desteny Martinez.



JV Competitive Dance

Top row (left to right): Cristina Herrejon, Leia Stapler, Heidi Rubendall, Clarita Sumano. Bottom row: Ashley Sanchez, Kendall Hook, Cassandra Salgado, Ericka Florez.



BHS Boys Bowling

Top row (left to right): Coach Marc Felix, Johnny Carter, Jonah Mundy, Trevor Inmon, Garrett Miner, Coach Chris Carter. Middle row: Matt Turnipseed, Tanner Dittbenner, Alex Wooten, Ryan Schoon, Cru Lungstrom. Bottom row: Parker Morris, Branndon Fowler, Nathan LaScola, Chad Morgan, Logan Gehrke,



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Varsity Competitive Cheerleading

Top row (left to right): Zoey Proper, Makenzie Hendrickson, Shaylee Dahl. Middle row: Karina Valdez, Alicia Rosales, Jadyn Vail, Alexis Lukac. Bottom row: Jadeyn Ward, Kaia Stachnik, Chloe Konieczki.



JV Competitive Cheerleading

Top row (left to right): Brianna Fowler, Jesse Moyer, Angelique Hicke. Bottom row: Jessica LaPore, Hayden Freeman. Not pictured: Emma Kerchner.

Belvidere High School athletic events

For a list of upcoming sporting events at Belvidere High School, visit bhs.district100.com and follow the links, or il.8to18.com/belviderehs and click on "Calendar."



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Judy Schabacker, Rachel Vinciquerra, Steve Schabacker, Mayor Mike Chamberlain, Michelle Stack, and Kay Davis worked at the front door of the Keen Age Center, greeting everyone who came in for a vaccination on Tuesday, March 9.

Mayor volunteers to help vaccination efforts

By Anne Eickstadt

As vaccinations for COVID-19 began, the Boone County Health Deptartment was receiving only 200 to 600 doses each week. After much conferring, and while obeying the state's directives as to priorities, each and every dose available was injected into somebody's arm. When the amount of vaccine available to Boone County rose to 1,500 doses each week, it was distributed to more

partners and sites for distribution.

Doctors, nurses, pharmacists and student nurses began injecting many more arms as volunteers directed the flow of people as efficiently as possible. The Keen Age Center was one of the sites that opened their doors to the vaccine distribution and on Tuesday, March 9, Mayor Mike Chamberlain was one of the volunteers who came out to assist in the work.

"We have a stout group of volunteers

who are assisting here, in Poplar Grove, and around the county. The real challenge is to actually get the vaccine, but we have a great group of volunteers to get it distributed.

"The process gets batter and more efficient each time we do this. Our objective is to get vaccine to everyone who wants it. I am happy to have a morning that I can devote to this. I am happy to volunteer and help the "I'm happy to help out," he said. Health Department and the commu-

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James Marter building grassroots to unseat Kinzinger Illinois Republicans rejecting

RINOS and Unicorns

James Marter says he has unfinished business with Adam Kinzinger and his grassroots support has been building since he first primaried Kinzinger in 2018.

"Talking with people throughout Illinois, they no longer look at politics as a sporting event. The left's radical agenda threatens everything from their freedom of speech to the viability of their businesses," said Marter. "It's a life and death struggle, literally for some, as politicians like Kinzinger infringe on our 2nd Amendment rights, as he did in the last week, fund global abortions and basically spend away our children's future with out-of-control debt. He's been doing that ever since he went to Washington. This is what I warned

Now, another threat is looming, not just a RINO (Republican in Name Only) but a Unicorn has entered the race.

"It may sound funny but the grassroots are paying attention, and they're not laughing. By Unicorn, I mean a fictional Republican, created by money and media to win a race, but not to fight for the American people or conservative values.

Marter confidently points to the disparity between the actual voters on one side and the D.C. Consultant Class and "media echo chamber"

"Illinois is dead last in a lot of things, and it's not because of Republican policies. We don't want to export these things to the federal government any more than we have already, and we don't want to send someone who'll have little to no effect if they get there. Neither media hype nor "leftist lite" will accomplish great things for America," said Marter.

A Marter candidacy holds the promise of proactive work to advance conservative principles.

"I have more than a commercial; I have a record. I've spent years analyzing the issues. When I'm in Congress, Illinoisans will have one less politician to worry about drowning in the swamp or doing the other party's bidding. Instead, they'll have someone they can trust, who's principled, competent and a fighter. That's what continues to build my grassroots support, and if people want to join the fight, they should go to my website at Marter4Congress.US.

Marter, a Purdue University graduate, is a small business owner of a professional ERP software and consulting company with a national and international practice and 34 years of experience. He is a lifelong Republican and Chairman of the Kendall County GOP.



James Marter is campaigning to replace Adam Kinzinger as the Illinois representative in Congress.



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White warns of online schemes, scams

is urging investors to be wary of internet and social media schemes promoting precious metals, cryptocurrencies, promissory notes and foreign exchange markets. White reminds investors to contact the Securities Department to report investment fraud.

"We expect to see more complaints from investors who have been lured into schemes offering the promise of high tocurrency-related and

come due to the pandemic," said White.

The North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), which includes the Illinois Securities Department, conducted a nationwide survey, which found fraudulent internet or social media schemes as the top investor threat.

Other top schemes included cryp-

exchange-related schemes and investments involving foreign exchange and cryptocurrency-related schemes disguised as membership or investment

White said investment offers that sound "too good to be true" often share similar characteristics. The most common telltale sign of an investment scam is an offer of guaranteed high returns

The NASAA survey, which included responses of enforcement officials throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, also indicated that 82 percent of state and provincial securities regulators anticipate that fraudsters will continue to attempt to prey on investor fear and anxiety related to changes in financial markets and the economy due

White reminds Illinois investors to verify that the salesperson and the investment itself are properly licensed or registered. To check if a salesperson or investment advisor is registered, contact the Secretary of State's Securities Department at 800-628-7937 or visit www.AvoidTheScam.net for more in-

Historical society offering scholarship

The McHenry County Historical Society has established an annual \$1,000 college scholarship to honor its former administrator, Nancy Fike.

For more than 40 years, Fike demonstrated her love for McHenry County and its history. Her attention to education and historic accuracy can be observed in the programs, museum, research library, and buildings now owned and maintained by the Society.

The Nancy Fike Scholarship is presented each year to a graduating senior from a McHenry County high school who plans to study education, history or the social sciences. The financial award

will be given on behalf of the student to his or her chosen college or university.

Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, provide two letters of recommendation as specified in the application, show proof of community service and write a minimum 500 word essay pertaining to McHenry County. Essay topics will be announced each year by the Society. This year's topic, as the world copes with a new pandemic, focuses on constrasting one of two similarly challenging health crises of the past – the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic or the polio virus attack that peaked in the early 1950s – with our

fight against COVID 19.

All have left devastated families in their wake.

Submit your documents online, or download this PDF and mail your documents.

Potential resources

· McHenry County Historical Society newspaper archive and research library (by appointment only).

· Health agencies: McHenry County Department of Health, Illinois Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, World Health Organiza-

Disposing of 'sharps', cleaning dryer vents

Looking to dispose of used medical sharps? See below for Illinois guidelines:

• The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommends placing used needles and other sharps immediately into FDAcleared sharps containers. These containers are typically available through pharmacies, medical supply companies, and

• If you are unable to use an FDAcleared sharps container, you may use a strong, re-sealable plastic container such as a laundry detergent

bottle. (Soda bottles, water bottles, milk cartons, etc. are not strong plastics for the disposal of sharps.)

 Once the container is ¾ full, seal the lid strongly with duct tape, label "do not recycle" and place in the household trash.

For more information or to find disposal locations, visit www. safeneedledisposal.org/states/Illinois Clean your dryer vents, filter

Did you know, clothes dryer fires can occur if you do not clean your lint filter and dryer vents?

Below are some safety tips to help prevent a clothes dryer fire in your

· Have your dryer serviced/installed by a professional.

· Do not use the dryer without a lint filter and be sure to clean he lint filter before and after each cycle.

· Don't forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up.

· Check the venting system behind the dryer to make sure it is not crushed, damaged or restricted.

 Make sure the outdoor vent covering is open when the dryer is op-

Information provided by www.



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They know their dairy

Congratulations to the Boone/Lee/McHenry/Winnebago IL State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl teams that competed Saturday. March 6, in Gridley, III.: Pictured are (left to right) Ava, Kyle and Jake Ainger, Elena and Bria Olbrich, and Peyton Olbrich. The Dairy Quiz Bowl is a great place to show off your knowledge of the dairy industry in a fun, competitive event and this team sure showed they have a lot of dairy knowledge. McHenry County 4-H placing members: Kyle Ainger - Top 10 Junior Dairy Bowl and Alternate State Team, 3rd in jeopardy; Jake Ainger - Top 10 Junior Dairy Bowl and Alternate State Team; Bria Olbrich – First Place – People Category – Photography Contest. Kyle and Jake will be headed to Pennsylvania for the National Holstein Con-

McHenry County Sheriff's report

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

George Herrera, 34, Harvard, was cited for forgery issue/deliver document, theft/control intent <\$500 prior;

March 10

John M. Maly, 26, McHenry, was cited for drug induced homicide;

Casey L. Johann, 23, McHenry, was cited for drug induced homicide and other amount narcotic schedule Iⅈ

Mark J. Heuer, 55, Crystal Lake, was cited for violation of an order of protection;

David A. Zurek, 51, McHenry, was cited for resisting a peace officer/correctional employee and violation of an order of protection;

March 12

Jeffrey S. Rothermel, 39, Crystal Lake, was cited for aggravated fleeing of a police officer (21 mph over), reckless driving, driving without driver's license, fleeing/attempt to elude police, disobey traffic control device and wrong way on a divided highway;

Lajila M. Smith, 19, Rockford, conduct.

was cited for aggravated batter in a public place, mob action/force/2+ persons;

March 14

Nichole R. Charping, 42, Rockford, was cited for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia;

March 15

David M. Ritchay, 34, Lake Geneva, was cited for retail theft/disp merch >\$300, resisting a peace officer/correctional employee, theft/ under ring <\$300;

Collin L. Hendrickson, 27, Grain Valley, was cited for disorderly

Conservation district sites slated to open April 1

Spring is right around the corner ly," said Perry Weborg, Sites and Fleet and McHenry County Conservation District announced that due to warmer temperatures all district conservation sites, restrooms, and parking lots are open for the season, two weeks earlier than normal.

'After last week's warm temperatures, the public is just ready to get out and hike the trails. Typically sites are scheduled to open April 1, but looking at the long-range forecast, we have reopened all sites a full two weeks earmanager.

Throughout the winter months, conservation district sites are open to pedestrian traffic, but in January, parking lots and restrooms close "for the season" at 19 out of the less used locations out or the total of 35 conservation areas. All areas are now open, so it's time to get out and play. Sites open sunrise to sunset. Horse trails are closed. Find hundreds of reasons to get outside at www.MCCDistrict.org.

Huntley Police report

or charged with a crime in this press release are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

March 3-16, 13 incidents of Illinois Department of Employment Security fraud were reported.

March 3, 9300 block of Bristol Lane: A complainant attempted to make a private purchase via Facebook with an Amazon gift card; however no item was received and the Facebook account was deleted.

March 4, 14100 block of Weber Drive: A burglary to vehicle was reported.

March 5, 14300 block of Flagstaff Court: A computer scam was reported in which the victim paid for virus repair via gift cards.

March 6, 12300 block of Route 47: A retail theft was reported.

March 6, 10800 block of Route 47: An unlawful use of credit card was reported.

March 8, 12300 block of Route 47: Mary K. Serzen, 45, of Pingree Grove, was arrested for felony retail

March 9, 10300 block of Cindy Jo Avenue: A computer repair scam was

reported. March 9, 11400 block of Allison

computer files had been hacked.

March 10, 12600 block of Carmmailed check was cashed by a person other than the intended recipient.

March 11, 12000 block of Princeton Drive: A retail theft was reported. March 12, 11500 Fitzgerald Lane: A theft of a vehicle's catalytic converter was reported.

March 13, 12000 block of Princeton Drive: A battery was reported at

Lane: Andy E. Sanchez, 39, of Huntley, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

March 13, Main Street and Marengo Road: Judith M. Gul, 50, of Huntley, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol with a BAC over .08 and transportation of alcohol.

March 13, 11100 block of Algonquin Road: A 36-year-old Huntley man was arrested for two counts of domestic battery, interfering with reporting domestic violence and resisting a peace officer.

March 13, 10700 block of Church Street: A battery was reported.

March 13, 12200 block of Wild- Court: A theft was reported.

All individuals listed as arrested Court: A complainant reported that flower Lane: A mailbox was reported to have been damaged.

> March 13, 9300 block of Enstrom el Lane: A complainant reported a Lane; An unknown subject was reported to have been rummaging through a victim's vehicle. No items were reported to be missing.

March 13, 9800 block of Cummings Street: An unknown subject was reported to have been rummaging through a victim's vehicle. No items were reported to be missing.

March 14, 9200 block of Ramsdell Street: An unknown subject was March 13, 10300 block of Somerset reported to have been rummaging through a victim's vehicle. No items were reported to be missing.

March 15, 10400 block of Haligus Road: David S. Pinder, 67, of Huntley, was arrested for driving under the influence, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, expired registration and illegal transportation of alcohol. The arrest related to a traffic crash that occurred in the area of the 14000 block of Redmond Drive.

March 15, Haligus Road and Algonquin Road: Marilyn E. Gallo, 28, of Huntley, was arrested for driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

March 16, 11300 block of Allison



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Belvidere fire calls

The Belvidere Fire Department responded to 54 calls March 1 to March 21. Monday, March 1

BFD responded to 7 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls. 2500 block of Francis St. - assist

700 block of E. 4th St. - smoke detector 700 block of E. Marshall - service

900 block of Walnut St. - call cancelled en route

Tuesday, March 2

invalid

BFD responded to 2 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls. 200 block of N. Main St. - call cancelled en route

2100 block of Tobyne Dr. - call cancelled en route

200 block of High Line Dr. - call cancelled en route

Wednesday, March 3

BFD responded to 2 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls. 500 block of Helen St. - call cancelled en route

Logan Ave./East Ave. - motor vehicle accident

1900 block of N. State St. - Gasoline spill

1800 block of Maple Ave. - public service

Thursday, March 4

BFD responded to 7 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls. 1500 block of James Ct. - public

600 block of W. Lincoln Ave. -

good intent call 600 block of S. State St. fire alarm

800 block of 5th Ave. - building fire

Friday, March 5

BFD responded to 4 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls. 1100 block of Nettie St. - carbon

monoxide alarm 600 block of Lindenwood Dr. -

false alarm 1100 block of Nettie St. - call can-

400 block of N. Main St. - call cancelled en route

Saturday, March 6

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

700 block of Whitney Blvd. - no Incident found on arrival

5300 block of Waters Bend Dr. call cancelled en route

1300 block of McKinley Ave. -

dumpster fire

Monday, March 15

BFD responded to 6 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls. 900 block of E. Pleasant St. - fire

alarm 1800 block of Maple Ave. - assist invalid

Tuesday, March 16

BFD responded to 8 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls. Meadow St./S. Main St. - motor vehicle accident

200 block of Highline - good intent call

1700 block of Henry Luckow Lane call cancelled en route

1400 block of Pearl St. - assist police

E. Locust St./Warren Ave. - gas leak

1500 block of 14th Ave. - assist invalid

1800 block of Maple Ave. - assist invalid 1100 block of Autumn Cir. - false

alarm Wednesday, March 17

BFD responded to 5 medical calls and the following fire/rescue calls. 1700 block of Henry Luckow Lane

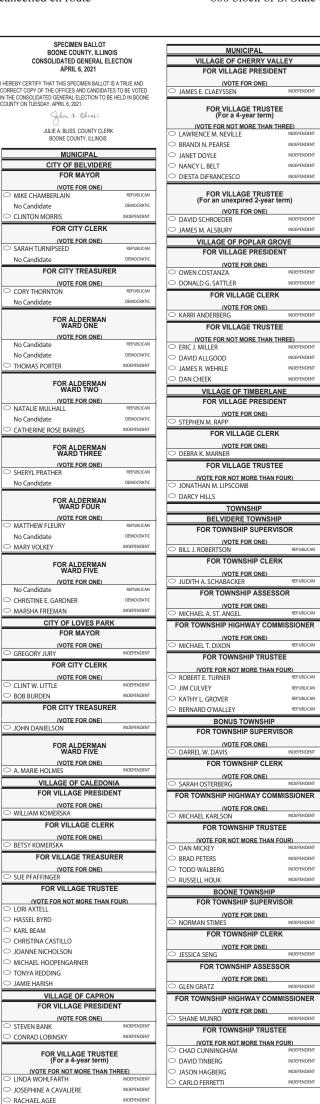
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Thursday, March 18

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

500 block of Pearl St. - false alarm 200 block of N. State St. - smoke

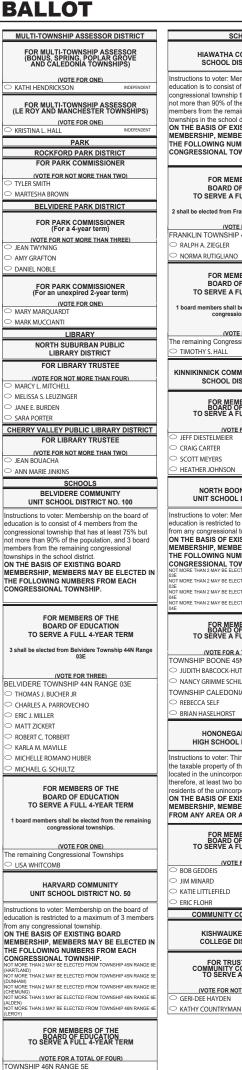
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Mosaic awards Christ Lutheran Church Partner of the Year

The national award, new this year, recognizes a church that demonstrates leadership excellence in community relations and fundraising, helping to advance Mosaic's mission and cultivate long-term partnerships. It was given as part of Mosaic's Partners in Possibilities program, which promotes sustainable fundraising and builds community relationships to support the organization's mission of service and love.

According to Dave deFreese, Vice President of Church Relations with Mosaic, "Christ Lutheran partnered with our Mosaic in Rockford agency to create one of our first church hubs. where they provided weekday activities for people served by Mosaic. The church leaders are also active in a multi-congregation Rejoicing Spir-

Mosaic's Rejoicing Spirits is an innovative ministry that works to enrich the faith lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing resources for congregations to offer truly inclusive worship for all people. Those with disabilities not only attend, but also become active participants, taking on ministry roles within the service.

Upon receiving the award, Christ Lutheran Church pastor Twila Schock said, "Truth be told, we're the beneficiary of an even greater gift, and that is the privilege of serving alongside such a wonderful partner ministry. As Mosaic's clients have been a part of our congregation, it has helped us grow in compassion and broadened our vision. What a

"As an example of other heartfelt

activities for Mosaic in Rockford. Christ Lutheran Church's confirmation students created and delivered personalized "Sunshine Boxes" during the COVID19 lockdown to bring joy to the people we serve. The church community also provided our group homes with puzzles, books, craft items, and pizza gift certificates," said Linda Wennmacher, Mosaic in Rockford's executive

SUBMITTED PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing Right: Deacon Laura and Pastor Twila of Christ Lutheran with the Church Partner of the Year award they received from Mosaic.



LEGAL NOTICES

Belvidere losing Becky Tobin

Becky Tobin is leaving the city as its budget and finance officer to become village administrator of Williams Bay, Wis. Her resignation is effective April 14.

Previously she was assistant administrator of Boone County, where she was extensively involved with its financial matters including preparation of the annual budget. She left that position to join the City of Belvidere in Feb. 2014.

During her tenure in Belvidere she was known for her financial expertise that included providing the community with a detail-filled annual budget,

which was discussed extensively with aldermen over the months leading up to the May 1 start of each new fiscal

Williams Bay is one of three municipalities along the shores of Lake Geneva, in southern Wisconsin. It had a population of 2,564 in 2010 and is a popular vacation spot for people in both Wisconsin and Illinois. The village was named for Capt. Israel Williams of Massachusetts, who settled there in 1837 and is home to the University of Chicago's Yerkes Observatory, constructed in 1897 and which has the world's largest lens telescope.

• **Dispatch** (Continued from page 3)

'The judge ordered them to leave. If even two of the gang members were found together in this area, they would be sent straight to jail. I kept a copy of that order with me," Jones said. "I'd drive around and when I saw two walking down the street, I flipped on my lights, hand-cuffed them, and put them in the back of my car. They were dumbfounded. I would wave the court order at them and say, 'Remember this?' and I

would take them straight to jail."

There are more citizens in Belvidere than there are police officers. If a citizen will call the police if they hear a strange sound or see something unusual, the police will happily check it out. "You never know what that will lead to," Jones said. "It might be the key we need to finding... and shutting down or capturing... (gangs, felons, drug op-

• Fire calls (Continued from page 8)

cancelled en route

600 block of S. State St. - gas leak 900 block of Landmark Dr. - fire

300 block of E. Ogden, Capron -

building fire Friday, March 19

BFD responded to 3 medical calls

and the following fire/rescue calls. Eastbound U.S. Rte. 20 - motor vehicle accident

Cadillac Ct./N. State St. - motor ve-

900 block of E. 6th St. - fire alarm Rockford Airport – call cancelled

Saturday, March 20

BFD responded to 4 medical calls brush fire

600 block of Greenview Road - call and the following fire/rescue calls. 1100 block of Nettie St. - call

cancelled en route

700 block of Logistics Dr. - fire

1100 block of American House Dr. - public service 1700 block of 14th Ave. - build-

1000 block of Garfield Ave. - un-

authorized burning 500 block of Pearl St. - assist po-

Sunday, March 21

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

Newburg Road/Ipsen Road -

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HUNTINGTON DRIVE, BEL-VIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 06-31-

The real estate is improved I3165549 with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$196,873.45.

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605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORT-(HOMEOWNER), GAGOR REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER EN-TRY OF AN ORDER OF POS-SESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORT-GAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & AS-SOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Commonly known as 2415 Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 311484. E-Mail: ilpleadings@ potestivolaw.com Case # 20 CH 12

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> > 391903

Public Notice: Early Voting for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election will begin on Friday, March 12, 2021 and end April 5, 2021. Early Voting for Boone County residents will be conducted at the Boone County Clerk's Office, 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008. The office is open Monday through Friday. 8:30AM to 5:00PM. The office will be closed in observance of Good Friday on April 2, 2021. es levied against said real estate The office will also be open on and is offered for sale without Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM

For more information about Early Voting please contact the

815-544-3103. Julie A. Bliss **Boone County** Clerk & Recorder (Published in the Belvidere Republican March 18, 25 & April 1, 2021)

2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP HELD AT THE BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP OFFICE 8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD, BELVIDERE, **ILLINOIS April 13, 2021** 6:00 P.M.

- 1. Call to Order Clerk Judith A. Schabacker
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Welcome and Introduction of Township Officials - Clerk Judith A. Schabacker
- 4. Motion to Establish Salary of Moderator - Clerk Judith A. Schabacker
- 5. Election of Moderator Clerk Judith A. Schabacker
- 6. Swearing in of Moderator Clerk Judith A. Schabacker
- 7. Approval of Minutes of the Last Annual Town Meeting -
- 8. Township Supervisor's Report –G.A.- Supervisor Bill
- 9. Acceptance of Annual Reports – Moderator. (2020-2021 Supervisor's & Highway Commissioner's Annual Financial Reports are available at the
- 10. Declare Certain Property to be Surplus Property for Purposes of Sale or Leasing of **Property**
- 11. Public Comment
- 12. Motion to Set Hour of Next Annual Town Meeting for 6:00 P.M., April 12, 2022 - Moder-
- 13. Adjournment Moderator Judith A. Schabacker, Town Clerk Dated March 10, 2021

(Published in the Belvidere Republican

March 25, 2021)

BOONE COUNTY MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP **Notice is Hereby Given:** ANNUAL TOWN MEETING April 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Manchester Township Building 20904 Grade School Road, Caledonia, IL 61011 (Held in Adherence to Social Distancing Rules) (Published in the Belvidere Republican March 25, 2021)

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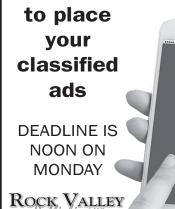
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BFD Chimney fire report

Above and right: Belvidere Fire Department and its auto-aid companies responded to a house fire the morning of Saturday, March 20, at 7:55 a.m. The origin of the fire was the fireplace chase and the fire had extended into the attic upon fire department arrival. The occupants had safely evacuated and the fire was quickly extinguished and the cause was accidental. No one was injured fighting the fire and the Red Cross was notified and is assisting the family with immediate needs.

OR nurse presented with scholarship for continuing education

Belvidere resident Nicole Reyes was recently surprised with a \$2,500 Back to School Scholarship to Western Governors University. Reyes, an operating room nurse at Rockford Ambulatory Surgery Center, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-to-BSN) from WGU. She was virtually presented with

the scholarship on Dec. 30 by WGU Strategic Partnerships Manager Joe DeJohns.

The scholarship is open to new students enrolling in any of the more than 60 bachelor's and master's degree programs offered at WGU in business, information technology, education, and health professions.



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New North Boone Fire Station is now operational

North Boone Fire District 3 at its March 8 trustees meeting authorized the public announcement that the new fire station at the corner of Dawson Lake and Caledonia Road is fully operational and that the old fire station in Caledonia is for sale. The district also will continue operations out of its Fire Station at 305 W. Grove in Poplar Grove.

Treasurer Jason Vodnansky and board secretary Dan Ziegler have both signed the mortgage documents on behalf of the fire district for the new station.

"The mortgage is through Solutions Bank and is in the amount of \$2,271,366.27," Vodnansky stated. According to Fire Chief Dan Zaccard, the North Boone Fire District 3 has actually been running operations at the building since December. Due to the fact that, proportionally, a larger number of district calls are from Candlewick Lake, the district's first ambulance has moved to the new station as its base of operations.

"Our second ambulance remains stationed at the North Boone Fire District 3 Fire Station at 305 W. Grove in Poplar Grove," Zaccard said. "Eight new firefighters were hired last year and are being trained."

'We look forward to continuing to improve our operations and services to the residents and businesses of North Boone Fire District Number 3," President Winne said.

REAL ESTATE LEGAL NOTICES

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Commonly known as 2415 HUNTING-TON DRIVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 06-31-381-007

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTI-VO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 311484. E-Mail: ilpleadings@ potestivolaw.com

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