Irish Writers Remembered on St. Patrick’s Day
By James Middleton

Their lives were tough, as witnessed by scanning the facial expressions of the women shown in this photograph from Galway, Ireland in 1913. Irish writers did not spare their readers the truth of their existence and portrayed what these woman could have said.

Many people at this time of the year, cast their eyes and their interests east to Ireland. Many do so out of their desire to celebrate the birth of who had been considered a “lesser” saint. Saint Patrick was deemed lesser because his good work for all Irish people and for Irish children was unknown outside of his homeland.

He has been described as a 5th Century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop of Ireland. He was believed to have come from a wealthy family as have many saints who forsook their wealth and helped to improve the lives of the less fortunate. Such was the case with Saint Patrick. Allegory has it that Saint Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland but he actually converted thousands of Irish people to Christianity and perhaps thereby, he drove the snakes from the country.

Today, the Saint Patrick’s Day celebration has little to do with snakes or pagans but far more to do with Jameson’s Irish Whiskey and Guinness Stout. The March 17th holiday is known for parades and crowning queens and moving to the bar at a replica Irish Pub. Many participants in the holiday festivities order their Stout or a shot of Jameson’s Irish Whiskey and Guinness Stout. The March 17th holiday is known for parades and crowning queens and moving to the bar at a replica Irish Pub. Many participants in the holiday festivities order their Stout or a shot of Jameson’s Irish Whiskey and Guinness Stout.

The Spanish had Miguel Cervantes. The British had William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. The French had Alexander Dumas and Marcel Proust and the Italians had Dante Alighieri. The American’s had John Steinbeck and Ernest Hemingway. But the Irish have a trove of genius authors, many of whom endured very difficult lives but all of whom employed their unique language and perception of life embodied in their style of writing that touched the imagination of their readers. Irish writers who should be read again and again and especially at this time during the celebration of their patron saint, Saint Patrick.

Genius playwrights abound in Irish literature some of whom wrote plays that are replayed again and again. George Bernard Shaw gave the world Man and Superman, Saint Joan and Pygmalion. He was also granted the Noble Prize for Literature in 1925. But, he was not the only Irish author who earned such recognition.

Other Irish playwrights include the inimitable Oscar Wilde who has one of the most stunning burial monuments in all of Paris. There was also the very sad Brendan Behan and, of course, Samuel Beckett, the loyal aide to James Joyce.

Of all of the Irish authors, perhaps the writer who created the most impenetrable writing was James Joyce. But, Samuel Beckett was not far behind creating thoughtful but equally impenetrable literature. Joyce is best known for his novels Ulysses and the misunderstood, Finnegan’s Wake. We can say “misunderstood” because committees and literary groups have emerged that meet on a regular basis to dissect this novel that seems to defy understanding. Beckett created similar novels and plays and is known for the plays, Waiting for Godot and The Unnamable that also defy understanding. Beckett was awarded the Noble Prize for literature in 1969.

Irish literature is also rich in poetry offering the world another bounty of poets who have also earned the Noble Prize for literature. Perhaps the most widely known Irish poet is W.B. Yeats who earned the ultimate prize in 1923. Yeats who wrote, “Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire.”

Another Irish poet who won the Noble Prize was Seamus Heaney who was awarded the prize in 1995. He has a trove of thoughtful and delicate poems that expanded into the 21st Century.

Yet of all of the Irish writers including Jonathan Swift, Frank McCourt, Thomas Kinsella and of course, Bram Stoker, the author of the timeless novel, Dracula and many other books of horror, there is also William Trevor. Anyone that has not read Trevor is in for a real treat when they discover this master of the short story.

Trevor is widely regarded to have assumed the mantle left behind by the death of Alice Munro. She was deemed a master of the short story and was awarded the Noble Prize for Literature in 2013. Trevor has been named as a candidate for the prize but as yet, he waits. He writes in such stark terms of the life of Irish people and the life of those from decades ago when terror and strife identified the Irish people. As one might expect, his prose are trim, refined and understandable. He has the ability known to writers of short stories to find the correct word without wasting space on the wrong word.

Because he is a master short story author, his novels are also trim being created without fluff and without euphemisms to communicate ideas that are less than the truth. His accurate depictions of Irish culture and the Irish people are a joy to read because of the words he uses but also heart-rending in the pain and sorrow that is left behind by the death of Alice Munro. She was deemed a master of the short story and was awarded the Noble Prize for Literature in 2013. Trevor has been named as a candidate for the prize but as yet, he waits. He writes in such stark terms of the life of Irish people and the life of those from decades ago when terror and strife identified the Irish people. As one might expect, his prose are trim, refined and understandable. He has the ability known to writers of short stories to find the correct word without wasting space on the wrong word.

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One could do a lot worse than reading any of the authors presented here. Readers could also experience a unique delight by reading these authors over a bottle of Guinness Stout with a shot of Jameson’s.

The Journal wants to recognize Ant-Oileán for holding the photograph used here, “Galway, Ireland May 1, 1913.” We also want to recognize Ranker.com and various websites within the network of Wikipedia.com the “Internet Encyclopedia.”

Reform Era
Changed Illinois
Economic, Social Conditions

By Tom Emery

At the turn of the twentieth century, Illinois ranked third in population, fourth in manufacturing, and near the top in most agricultural categories. But many were not sharing in the wealth.

While corporate interests reveled in high profits, wage-earners struggled to survive. In 1900, workers in Illinois steel and farm implement factories barely made $10 a week. Chicago meatpackers earned average weekly salaries of $9.10 in 1904. In 1913, female workers in Springfield earned $2.75 a week.

Some steelworkers averaged seventy hours per week, and many other trades worked sixty or more. Child labor was still prevalent, as many youngsters worked in horrid conditions for their family’s survival.

Home life was little better. In the late 1800s, many Chicagoans with indoor plumbing drew their water from the Chicago River, where the city poured sewage and industrial waste. As a result, their taps produced brown, smelly water and, sometimes, live fish. Food products were poorly inspected, and sickness abounded. Most streets and roads were not paved, and many struggled on foot, horseback, and bicycles on mud-caked streets.

Many lived in filthy and crowded conditions. In one Chicago boarding house, tenants slept on wooden shelves with no blankets at a cost of two cents per night. Five people shared a bed in one Chicago tenement. In the Polish section of the city, an investigation revealed population density of “three times that of the most crowded portions of Tokyo, Calcutta, and many other Asiatic cities.”

As a result, many in Illinois subscribed to the reform movement that was sweeping the country in the period. The reformists boldly took on a wide spectrum of causes, with varying levels of success, and women were highly active in a sexually oppressed era. While men often focused on governmental reform, women fought for improved housing, education, work environments, and public safety.

While Jane Addams has become synonymous with the cause, others were also at the forefront, including muckraking journalist Upton Sinclair. His 1906 novel The Jungle depicted the nauseating conditions of the Chicago packing industry and sparked public outcry for better standards and inspections, though his original goal was to build awareness of the terrible labor conditions in the industry.

Sinclair ruefully said that “I aimed at the public’s heart and by accident hit it in the stomach.” But reaction to The Jungle is credited with the passage of the first federal pure food laws.

Another controversial industry was mining, which carried an alarmingly high mortality rate. Those dangers were displayed in a 1909 fire at Cherry Mine No. 2 in Bureau County, which killed 259 workers. Again, public concern induced the Illinois General Assembly
Boone County Recorder Warns Against Deed Solicitations

Boone County Recorder, Mary S. Steurer, is advising Boone County residents to be cautious of requests for information that they receive in the mail from companies offering to provide copies of their deed or property profile for a service fee.

Local Records Office Out of Pekin, Illinois is the company that is circulating these requests. The office wants to sell copies of one’s property deed or property profile for a service fee.

Records Office staff have been following up with these requests and asking recipients who are opposed to the service to sign a document which would have run contrary to their oath to provide legal support for the citizens of Illinois and Boone County.

Several former county board members who are opposed to the service have signed these documents after having a conversation with County Clerk and Recorder’s Office.

There may be a chance that these documents could be used to exert pressure or power when it comes to county business.

Voters should be aware that there is no need to sign these documents. The office of County Clerk and Recorder’s Office can provide a copy of your deed or property profile for free.

Irene Price, the current assessor of Boone County, recently signed a document that was sent to her by the office of County Clerk and Recorder’s Office.

It is important for voters to be aware that these companies are not authorized to sell copies of deeds or property profiles.

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Tuesday’s Decision

The intent here is not to impose undue pressure but, voters who will participate in the primary election must understand, the vote is very local, not national. The vote is on March 15. The result of two important local elections are in play with the future of Boone County government. People should be aware that these elections are not associated or condoned by the Boone County Board.

The scope of federal and state elections affirm the truth of what Winston Churchill said, “Politics is not a game. It is an earnest business.”

Two major local races mark Tuesday balloting with voters choosing who will run in November for the office of Boone County state’s attorney and Boone County circuit clerk. The current state’s attorney, Michelle Courter, has held that office for eight years and seeks reelection. Ms. Courter is being challenged by a newcomer, Tricia Smith. The race for the circuit clerk’s office is incumbent Linda Anderson seeking reelection who has served in that office for over 30 years and has managed the office for over a year. She is challenged by another newcomer to Boone County politics, Todd Statham.

The proper leader of both offices is vital to Boone County residents. These offices should be trusted to no one who needs extensive, first-hand knowledge of the issues and problems that they face on a daily basis. These positions should be held by people who are respected by the citizens of Boone County.

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In the days before the March 15 primary election, voters should call County Board candidates and ask where they stand on the special interests that threaten the future of the County Board. Voters should decide if they want a County Board led by people who are beholden to narrow special interests or do they want elected officials who represent all county residents?

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City Hires
“Community Development Planner”
By James Middleton
The City of Belvidere has hired a “Community Development Planner” who is conversant and experienced analyzing Belvidere city zoning code and the 1999 Boone County Comprehensive Plan. The planner has worked in the former Boone County/Belvidere Planning Department beside the soon to be interim planning director, Kathy Miller. Belvidere Mayor Michael Chamberlain announced “We have created the position and we have hired Gina DelRose.

For a number of months through most of 2016, it was apparent that the Boone County Board Chairman, Rob Walberg (District 1) and a majority of the members of the Board wanted to sever ties with Belvidere to share planning services. Mr. Chamberlain clarified, Boone County had hired Ms. Miller and Ms. DelRose and the city compensated the county for half of the costs to operate the combined department.

It remains a bit unclear as to the specific reasons why Mr. Walberg wanted to sever the ties that had sustained for more than three decades. Yet, a report the planning department wrote resulting from an application asking for a text amendment to the Boone County Code to expand setbacks between wind turbine towers and adjoining property owners that was not supported, contributed to the severance occurring.

Mr. Chamberlain added, “We knew that this was going to happen.” He affirmed that severance of this long-standing intergovernmental agreement (Agreement) with the county was, in his words, “not our intent. We want to actually work closer with the county. We believe in cooperation.”

Severance of the Agreement resulted from a vote taken on a motion to sever the Agreement that arose in the February Boone County Board meeting. A matter of a few days later Mr. Walberg and Boone County administrator Ken Terrinoni appeared before Mr. Chamberlain at the Belvidere City Hall and delivered their formal letter of severance. The body of the Agreement specified that the severance would occur after written notice had been delivered to the parties and also after a 90-day period. Because the formal notice was delivered in February, the Agreement has less than three more months to sustain before the Agreement is severed.

The salary that was agreed to between the city and Ms. DelRose specifies that she will receive an annual salary of $50,000. The agreement was reached last week and was announced in the Monday City Council meeting. Because the position is not cabinet level employment within city government, it is within the mayor’s purview to offer the position without seeking full City Council approval.

From this point the city and the county will move forward with their plans to finalize the severance. Ms. Chamberlain added, “We have been planning for this for some time and we will do what we need to do to move forward.”

It has been noted by some who have knowledge that the county is still crafting a job description for the planner that they may want to hire. The specific skills and job description remains in doubt and some have suggested that, as the county is finalizing their expectation for a planner, the planning needs of the county and municipalities in the county, apart from Belvidere, will be sub-contracted to planning, architectural or urban planning firms as needed.

At this time it is unknown the status of county needs for planning services. But, Ms. Miller informed Boone county government in her formal letter of resignation that she would leave her post as interim-director, effective March 11. That date is reached on Friday and her assistant, Ms. DelRose has accepted a position with the City of Belvidere so, effectively, there is no one after Friday who could function as a planner for Boone County.
Belvidere/Boone County Crime Report

On 01/22/16, BCS Detectives met with Assistant County Crime Docket District 3 - Craig Schultz County Board District 2 – W. Fred Gingrich States Attorney - Todd Shattuck Circuit Clerk – Michelle Courier County Board District 1 - W. Fred Gingrich County Board District 2 – Catherine Ward County Board District 3 - Craig Schultz Marion Thornberry

On 01/26/16 at 0027 hrs., BCS Deputy was dispatched to the 10000 Block of Rte 173 to meet with a complainant in reference to a stolen vehicle. The complainant stated that someone had stolen 4 tires/rims that he had chained together & then to a signpost in his yard. The theft occurred between 0630 hrs & 0818 hrs on 2/5/16 after the suspect(s) cut the locks on her vehicles and stole multiple items.

On 02/02/16 at 0334 hrs, BPD Officer was dispatched to the 500 block of W. Boone in reference to a report of vehicle glass being broken. The caller stated they saw a male dressed in dark clothing walking after hearing the sound. BPD Officer arrived in the area and located the vehicle parked in the 400 Block of W. Boone with a broken windshield and driver door window.

On 02/03/16 @ approx 0922hrs, BPD Deputy spoke with a complainant in ref. to damage to her vehicle. She stated a subject had broken out the windows of her vehicle at her residence (approx) 2300hrs.

On 2/5/16 @ 0818 hrs, BPD Officer was dispatched to the 1100 Block of East Ave. for a theft report. The complainant stated that an unknown person(s) had stolen 4 tires/tims that he had chained together & then to a signpost in his yard. The theft occurred between 0805 hrs & 0818 hrs on 2/5/16 after the suspect(s) cut the lock with bolt cutters.

On 2/5/16 at 1638 hrs, BPD Officer was dispatched to the 1300 Block of Fairgrounds in reference to a theft. The complainant stated sometime between 0640 hrs and 1600 hrs on 2/5/16, unknown subject(s) entered her apartment and stole multiple items.

Case Pending Further Investigation.

On 2/6/16 at 1324 hrs. BPD Officer responded to the 200 Block of Higline St. for a residential burglary. The victim stated between 2/5/16 0630 & 0818 hrs the suspect(s) cut the locks on front door to enter the building and stole multiple items.

On 2/9/16 at 0407 hrs, BPD Officer was dispatched to Ventura located in the 1800 Block of Industrial Ct. in reference to a stolen vehicle. The complainant reported that his vehicle was stolen from the parking lot sometime between 0300 hrs and 0330 hrs. Case sent to Detectives for review.

On 01/30-16 at approximately 1852 hrs., BCS Detectives were dispatched to the 100 Block of N. State St., Poplar Grove, reference robbery. BCS Deputy made contact with the complainant who related that a subject in a brown leather coat and a dark colored hooded sweatshirt with a bandana over his face entered the residence but it was not forced entry. The complainant related that the subject did not say anything. The suspect is described at 5'7" approximately 150 lbs., and was not wearing gloves. BCS Detectives were notified.

On 01/31/16 @ approx 1014hrs, BPD Officer was dispatched to the 1600 Block of Wildrose in ref. to a house fire. Upon arrival Belvidere Fire Dept. and Lifeline were on scene and had extinguished the fire.

On 01-30-16 approximately 0756 hrs, BCS Deputy spoke with complainant/caller who stated he had located the vehicle burning in the entry/parking lot to the Flora Prairie Reserve while he was on his way to work. The vehicle was fully engulfed.

On 1/26/16 at 1930 hours, but did not see or know who had damaged her vehicle.

On 01/30-16 at approximately 1852 hrs., BCS Detectives were dispatched to the 100 Block of E. 2nd St in reference to a vehicle on fire. BCS Deputy spoke with a complainant in the lobby who wanted to report that her social security number had been used on a charge card account at Target.

On 1/30/16 at 14:40 hrs, BCS Deputy was dispatched to the 1100 Block of W. Boone in reference to a burglary. The victim stated between 2/5/16 0630 & 0818 hrs on 2/5/16, unknown subject(s) entered her apartment and stole multiple items.

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Dear Editor,

There has been a lot of controversy surrounding the State’s Attorney race in Boone County. I thought I should share my experience to help voters make an informed choice.

I received a subpoena from the current State’s Attorney’s office to testify in a case. They must have read my name on a police report the incident took place in my neighborhood. No one has ever called me to see if I know anything or what my possible testimony might be. (I do not know anything and could not testify to any specifics).

Instead, a subpoena was sent to me. I was required to miss work and sit in court until the case is called or continued for no reason except someone did not prepare for this case at all up to this point. Again, NO ONE has even talked to me to find out if I know anything about the case.

I do not understand why subpoenas should issue without some sort of preparation. I do see how any testimony I might have would even be useful to the case. This shows lack of preparation, wasting money and time issuing subpoenas and also a lack of caring about a citizen’s time and welfare.

Tricia Smith says she knows how to prepare cases and will do a better job. I believe her and that is why I am voting for her. Please join me. I want to elect a good State’s Attorney, not just another good talking politician.

Betti Wolf

Dear Editor,

With the upcoming race for the position of Boone County Circuit Clerk, I am writing to support incumbent Linda Anderson and Todd Shattuck, much needs to be said about experience and knowledge of the position. Linda Anderson has 32 years experience in the clerk’s office and Mr. Shattuck has none.

There are 19 deputy clerks that handle 22 categories of cases filed in the clerk’s office. Each case category requires different specialized processes governed by State Statutes. These statutes are routinely modified by the State Legislature. It is essential that staff have strong leadership based on experience and knowledge of the system and all of its facets to support them in performing their duties. Linda Anderson has been providing this leadership for over 10 years as supervisor and for over the last 14 months as Circuit Clerk. This level of leadership is invaluable to the office and the community. How does Mr. Shattuck’s experience and knowledge match up?

When the State or the Judicial Circuit mandate new procedures or responsibilities from criminal prosecutions to providing legal guidance to ensure the proper administration of the county government. A State’s Attorney plays a pivotal role in public safety and county operations. The responsibility of a State’s Attorney is not lessened by the size of the county. Michelle shares the same duties as I, just with less people. Michelle has used her vast experience to provide excellent service to Boone County.

Boone County’s Attorneys are also tasked to do what is right, even if it is not popular. Michelle has shown the integrity and commitment to justice needed in a State’s Attorney. Boone County has benefited with Michelle as their State’s Attorney!

Sincerely,
Michael G. Nerheim
Lake County State’s Attorney

Editor:

I had the honor and pleasure of working with Michelle Courier for four years where she served as the Chief of the Civil Division in my office.

As Boone County State’s Attorney, Michelle has demonstrated an ability to organize and manage resources to accomplish a complex caseload in a timely and budgetary manner. Her analytical ability and sound judgment led to the efficient prosecution of cases. A tough on crime approach to criminal prosecution has resulted in raising the bar regarding plea negotiations.

Her collaborative spirit has given her the ability to bring out the best in others, while tempering individual positions and opinions, in order to serve the interests of justice and equality.

According to the U.S. Justice Department statistics, there are over 25,000 gangs and 750,000 gang members who are active in the United States. Gang activity has been directly linked to the narcotics trade, human trafficking, assault, and gun violence.

Michelle took a proactive approach in the war on gangs and filled a law suit against the Latin Kings Street Gang using the Illinois Street Gang Terrorism Omnibus-Prevention Act to make the citizens of Boone County safe and deter gang activity. This type of action is endorsed by the law enforcement community and peers and was elected to represent them on the Association’s Board of Directors.

Michelle is an effective and proactive prosecutor. She has aggressively prosecuted crime. She provided law enforcement another tool in the fight against gang activity by filing the street gang civil lawsuit. She implemented the SCRAM program to address repeat drunk drivers. She implemented the first Offender Program to hold offenders accountable while ensuring justice is served. Michelle’s hard work and innovative solutions for prosecution of individuals in Boone County make her the right choice for State’s Attorney in Boone County.

Sincerely,
Joe McMahon
Kane County State’s Attorney

Editor:

As the current State’s Attorney for Lake County, I have had the privilege to work with Boone County State’s Attorney Michelle Courier. She is a leader in the State’s Attorney community and has provided outstanding representation of Boone County throughout the state.

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Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to endorse Michelle Courier for Boone County State’s Attorney.

I currently serve as the State Attorney for Kane County and have worked with Michelle in my role as the State’s Attorney for Kane County Illinois. I have also served with Michelle in the Kane County State’s Attorney’s Association. This organization is comprised of all the elected State’s Attorneys in Illinois, representing 102 counties. Despite being from a smaller county; Michelle earned the respect of her peers. This experience is a valuable asset to the Court system and the community. Please join me in voting for her so she can continue to serve this community.

Robert Wolf

Dear Editor:

Integrity, Perseverance, Commitment and Compassion; these are just a few words to describe Boone County States Attorney Michelle Courrier.

In 2010 I became a victim and without the help of Michelle Courier and the staff at the Boone County States Attorney’s Office, I do not know where I would be today. From the time my case was taken on by Michelle and her staff, I felt like she was not going to stop until justice was served. I remember sitting in the court house waiting to go up to the court room for the trial. Michelle personally came to see how I was doing and if I needed anything.

In 2014 the defendant in my case was sentenced. Finally, my family and I were given our freedom back.

Boone County residents who have had no dealings with Michelle and her staff may not know how lucky we are in Boone County to have her in this position. I feel like she makes our county a safer place to live. We need Michelle to step out and continue what she has done and will continue to do.

I do not have enough ways to say thank you to her other than continued support for her. Michelle Courrier will definitely have my vote!!!

Sincerely,
Coleen Cox

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Trump’s Three-Ring Circus

He is not a viable candidate for the highest office in the land. If the Republican Party is foolish enough to nominate him, it will grapple with its electability for the rest of the campaign. He simply does not have the experience or skill that it takes to lead the country. He is a grandstander, a self-absorbed one-man, three-ring circus. Trump is a fraud, and he should be attributed to P.T. Barnum: “I don’t care what the newspapers say about me as long as they spell my name right.

He is not everything we should be against as Americans. He has made fun of a reporter from the Washington Post who has a disability, degraded women, and warped racial and ethnic rhetoric like a supermaxist wielding a fire hose against innocent people. He has insulted everyone from President Obama to the Pope.

In summer 2015, his campaign was reportedly “tanking” because he insulted John McCain’s military record saying, “He’s a war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren’t captured.” The fact that Party didn’t stand up vehemently against Trump then and shows him the door, is indicative of a lack of direction, and guts, within the party itself. If the Party is even entertaining the idea that he is their only shot, they need to put the reputation and safety of the country first.

Look at one of the many things Trump yelling and red in the face, and then ask yourself if he’d be trusted with foreign policy issues. He thinks everything can be reduced to a business deal where he wins. He made it very clear, in a recent interview on CBS This Morning, that he thought he could make China’s leader “take care” of North Korea.

When reporters asked him to elaborate on this and asked if he was referring to “assassination”, he didn’t deny it. He shrugged. “I would get China to make that guy disappear,” he was referring to “assassination”, he didn’t deny it. He appeared that this dire situation was getting out of control. Approximately 10 minutes went by before the ambulance arrived. When I asked them what took so long they informed me that they had to come from Capron.

The Capron paramedics were able to provide the necessary medical attention that my husband needed, however; we may not be so fortunate next time should the same type of scenario take place again. Diabetic hypoglycemia can be a life threatening matter and not having the most immediate emergency response available is very disconcerting to me because time is of the essence when dealing with this potentially dangerous situation. The current policy prohibits the North Boone Fire Department from being the first responders for people who live in this community and need immediate medical attention. I would like to put forth two questions for the Village of Poplar Grove to consider: First, if the emergency equipment is available in this community and we have access to emergency medical technicians in this area why is it very disconcerting to me because time is of the essence when dealing with this potentially dangerous situation. The current policy prohibits the North Boone Fire Department from being the first responders for people who live in this community and need immediate medical attention.

The Republican Party has a big problem, and they know it. In reality, Trump is just a bully with an anger problem. The other Republican candidates need to hit back, and hard. Trump has sucked the life out of other legitimate Republican campaigns with his grand ridiculousness. He has given no respect to his fellow candidates in situations where we are used to seeing, and judging, potential presidential decorum.

There’s an old saying in politics that “haters don’t become President.” If the Republicans continue to follow Trump down his hateful, painful path, we will keep the White House for another four years. When they had a chance to get behind a reasonable candidate, like Jeb Bush, they dropped the ball. It’s almost delectable for us Republicans to hit back, and do so in a big way. The Republican campaigns with his grand ridiculousness. He has given no respect to his fellow candidates in situations where we are used to seeing, and judging, potential presidential decorum.

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Dear Boone County Residents,

When I announced I would seek re-election for State’s Attorney in June of 2015, I made a commitment to this community to run a positive campaign. I gave you my word I would not engage in campaign deception and trickery. I have kept that promise because my integrity is important to me, and I deeply care about the future of Boone County.

I am thankful for the overwhelming support shown to me during this campaign. I have enjoyed meeting and visiting with you while walking door-to-door. Your support has meant a great deal to me as I have confronted a difficult campaign of false and misleading information and personal attacks. I refuse to participate in this type of campaigning.

Boone County deserves a leader that can run on her own record and whose actions match her words. I have kept my promises, and I have a proven record. I, along with a team of career prosecutors, have aggressively prosecuted gang members, child predators, and drug dealers. We have successfully prosecuted over 2000 felony cases and over 2300 drunk driving charges in the last 7 years. We have tried more cases, more difficult cases, and have obtained justice for more victims. In the last eighteen months alone, we successfully prosecuted 3 First Degree Murder trials that were gang related. I have made sure that law enforcement has every tool available to fight against gangs and have worked with our community to ensure that they are informed so that they too can help law enforcement. We have held drunk drivers accountable while introducing innovative technology such as SCRAM bracelets to fight against habitual drunk drivers. We have been fiscally responsible by consistently under spending our budget and saving taxpayers’ money and stepping up efforts to collect an additional 1.5 million dollars in outstanding fines and fees. We have initiated programs geared to ensure justice with such programs as the First Offender Program intended for first-time, nonviolent offenders.

My actions have matched my words, and my actions, together with our community’s and law enforcement’s actions, have kept this area safe. My name is Michelle Courier, and I would appreciate your vote for State’s Attorney in the Republican Primary on March 15th.

Sincerely,

Michelle Courier

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Sample Ballot

For State’s Attorney
(Vote for one)

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“Actions speak louder than words,” and Michelle has demonstrated dedication with integrity through her actions. My hope and prayer is that no one would need Michelle’s assistance the way that my family has, but there is comfort in knowing she is there. I cannot express in words how having her help has given us confidence in the Boone County State’s Attorney’s Office.” Brother of Murder victim Louise Betts

“During our trial we were treated like family from the very day we met. Michelle shows that she cares about the safety and well being of the community.” Mother of Murder victim Richard Herman

“Integrity, Perseverance, Commitment, and Compassion; these are just a few words to describe Boone County States Attorney Michelle Courier. From the time my case was taken on by Michelle and her staff, I felt like she was not going to stop until justice was served. Boone County residents who have had no dealings with Michelle and her staff may not know how lucky we are in Boone County to have her in this position. I feel like she makes our county a safer place to live. We need her to stay put to continue what she has done and will continue to do.” Victim of a Stalker

“Michelle’s office impressed me with their compassion and diligence in pursuing justice in this case. It was refreshing to see people do their work with passion, professionalism, and thoughtfulness. Michelle is making a difference in our community.” Victim of a Residential Burglary

“We appreciate your efforts. It will not bring back a fellow rider but it will send a message that leaving the scene of an accident involving death and aggravated driving under the influence of drugs will not go unpunished in our area. Hopefully, this will give the family some bit of resolve for their tragic loss.” Friend of a drunk driving victim

Please join us election night at the VFW, 1210 W. Lincoln, Belvidere.
City’s First Look At Proposed 2017 Budget

By James Middlenton

Financial matters captures the attention of Belvidere aldermen beginning at the end of every calendar year. Such was the case in December with City Council approval of the levy for the New Year. Beginning in January, city aldermen opened consideration of individual department budgets. All of this is done in preparation for the final approval of the new city budget that must occur in late March. The new fiscal year begins on April 1 and runs through March 31.

That City Council meeting this week allowed aldermen their first formal view of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017. The most controversial areas of the proposed new budget related to salary increases for the public works director, Brent Anderson, and an increase in his responsibilities. Discussion proposed salary increases for the public works director, Brent Anderson, last week, considerable time was dedicated to discussion of potential salary increases will come under considerable discussion last week.

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ELECT ELECTION
Cathy Rogers Ward
Boone County Board District II

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Pledged to... be a watchdog of your Tax dollars and our County Code

Vote for Policies to Help the Majority of our People, not just Special Interest Groups
- Exercise the Benefit of “Just Say No” for more Fees, more Benefits. Higher Salaries, more Staff
- Insist We Be on Your Promises. The County Board should not use tax pledged only to build the jail to balance the budget

Keep our Taxpayers informed by letter to the editor, guest editorials, Facebook, returning your calls and talking to you at every social and political event I attend

Be a Positive Cheerleader for the Staff and People all over our County working to make this a Better Place For All Of Us.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK:

www.Facebook.com/CathyRogers

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I voted for Cathy Rogers in the October Primary.

In a Medical Emergency, Minutes Matter!

It’s a small price to pay for added safety.
March 15 - Vote YES!

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In a medical emergency, minutes really matter. The closer the ambulance service, the quicker the response time and the faster that treatment can be provided to a patient. The North Boone Fire Department (NBFD) plays a critical role in the region’s fire and public safety infrastructure. In addition to providing fire and rescue services, North Boone has a fully-staffed ambulance with an available paramedic and EMT. Now NBFD seeks to operate its own 24/7 ambulance service to provide more timely and consistent service to its residents.

To do this, North Boone is required by law to ask voters to help fund this expanded ambulance service. The department had filled the necessary paperwork for the Yes/no referendum and the question will be on the March 15, 2016 election. The referendum issue would require the owner of a $100,000 house to pay just $16.67 each year in additional property taxes. It’s a small price to pay for added safety.

Learn more by visiting “Friends of North Boone Fire Protection District” on Facebook.

Paid for by Friends of North Boone Fire Protection District. A copy of the report filed with the State Board of Elections and the County Clerk is on file and available for inspection at the State Board of Elections, Springfield Capital and the County Clerk of Boone, Illinois.
COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. JAMES SCHOOL FISH FRY DINNER—Open to the public, Fridays, 4-7 PM. From February 12th – March 18th. All you can eat baked or beer battered fried cod. Served with mac & cheese, french fries, coleslaw, vegetable, salad & dessert. Adults $5.50 (Family Discounts Available) Seniors (60+)$4.50. (Additional $1 off for seniors from 4-5 PM) Take-out available. 320 Logan Avenue, Belvidere.

BOONE COUNTY 4-H CLUB NOW ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS. To learn more about 4-H enroll your child in a local club, one may contact: Boone County Extension office 205 Cadillac Court Suite #3, Belvidere, IL, call 815-544-3710, or visit our website at http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bde/boone4h/.

THE WOTM OF BELVIDERE: MOOSE LODGE HOSTING “DOULING PIANOS”- Saturday, March 12, 2016. This is a fun night with 2 pianos played by professional players who will sing and entertain everyone. There will be adult oriented comedy and some audience participation. Tickets are $15.00 per person. A plated Pasta dinner will be available from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The Show starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets are on sale at the lodge or call Bev (815) 347-4306 or Kathy (815) 703-2171.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY OBSERVANCE—Friday, March 25, 2016. 12:00-3:00 PM. Hosted by First Presbyterian Church 221 N. Main Street, Belvidere. 15 Minute Segments. Leave When You Must.” For further information call 815-544-6802.

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BELVIDERE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HOST SPANISH SPEAKING COLLEGE FAIR—Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. At the Belvidere North High School, 3933 Beloit Road, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

BELVIDERE FIRST WELCOMES EVAGELIST/PASTOR/AUTHOR ROBERT WILLIS- Sunday March 13, 2016 at 10:45am and 6:30pm at the Belvidere First Assembly of God 1105 7th Ave, Belvidere Il.

57TH ANNUAL POSTAGE STAMP SHOW- Saturday, March 12 and Sunday March 13, 2016 at the Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 West Lake Rd. (Rt. Highway 173 next to the Rockford Speedway). Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Free Parking, free admission with door prizes each day! MODEL TRAIN SHOW & SALE- March 19, 2016 10 am-5 pm, March 20, 2016 10am-4pm. 4145 Samuelson Road. Jefferson High School (South of Byron 20- West of Alpine Rd). Only $5 per person. Children 12 & under. Scouts in Uniform, and those with active military ID. FREE. Hourly Door Prizes- Family Fun- Food Vendor on Site- Free Parking. Call Doug Loy (815) 765-3135 or Don Brindle (815) 874-6095 for more details.

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Case Number: 15 CH 00148

NOTICE OF SALE

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Estate, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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, 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 purchaser shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the court shall issue an order directing the seller of the condominium unit to enter into a written contract with the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a 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, for the payment of the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). This order may be reviewed and certified by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will be entitled to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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In the circuit court of the seventh judicial circuit county of Boone, Illinois

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. Between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, contact our office at 1-800-252-4210.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by the close of the sale. If the sale is confirmed, the purchaser of the real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 ($100 minimum) of the assessed value of the real estate at the time of auction, shall pay the tax. If the property is a condominium unit, other than a 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 purchaser shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the court shall issue an order directing the seller of the condominium unit to enter into a written contract with the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a 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, for the payment of the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). This order may be reviewed and certified by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will be entitled to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in “AS IS” condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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PacifiCorp Finance Company, Plaintiff,-v.-
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