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October 1918

by David Larson

In October of 1918, Congress had a 6-billion-dollar appropriation bill for the Army and amended it to include 10 million dollars to fight Spanish influenza. World War I would be over in a month. Belvidere, and in particular, Camp Grant, the Army base located where Rockford Airport is today, was hit hard with the epidemic, and loss of life was common. In the picture is St. Joseph Hospital, which served the Belvidere community at the time. The county hospital Highland and originally St. Joseph were County Hospitals and, as such were a component of county government in Boone County. Today the county addresses health through the County Health Department on Logan Avenue.

A vaccine had been developed to address the worldwide epidemic, which took the lives of 20 million people. In that October 100,000 doses a day were being produced of the Rosenow vaccine. In Chicago, on Oct 2, alone, 438 new cases were reported to city health officials. The best over-the-counter-drug, which drug stores could not keep in stock, was Vicks Vapor Rub.

Public gatherings were banned, like the Christian Temperance Union rallies, which were popular in 1918. Churches suspended church services. Schools closed in an all-out effort to get a grip on the virus and isolate it. The State Board of Health had issued an order that relatives of the deceased could only attend funerals. The Red Cross sent two nurses: Estella Waldorf of Little Rock, Arkansas and Mary Benemeier from Waterloo, Iowa for two week in October to assist home-bound local residents.

At Camp Grant, the death toll was more than other places. On September 30, 1918, the base reported 3546 cases. On October 6, 1918, in a 24-hour span, 116 deaths occurred on base due to the Flu. Col. Hagadorn at Camp Grant ordered that the number of deaths stop being reported to the press. At one point the base was quarantined, and soldiers who cycled through on the way to the battlefields of Europe were told to stay home. It was not until weeks after the war ended on November 11, 1918, that the quarantine was lifted.

In October of 1918, the Spanish Flu had mutated to a more deadly strain than the earlier cases, which had occurred nearly a year earlier. It was in October that the worldwide epidemic peaked. Once it did the Flu died out quickly. By November 18, 1918, the United States estimated death toll, as published in the newspapers was 82,000. By the end of November in Illinois, 22,563 were reported to have succumbed to the Spanish Flu, with 350,000 reported cases. By November 4, 1918, the Flu had virtually ended in Boone County, and all restrictions and banned activities were lifted.

The Spanish Flu pandemic from January 1918 to December 1920 was an unusually deadly virus, and is being compared to the Coronavirus today. As a result of the 1918 pandemic, life expectancy in the United States dropped 12 years. The Flu hit young adults more than any other age group.

According to Wikipedia, "Scientists offer several possible explanations for the high mortality rate of the 1918 influenza pandemic. Some analyses have shown the virus to be particularly deadly because it triggers a cytokine storm, which ravages the stronger immune system of young adults. In contrast, a 2007 analysis of medical journals from the period of the pandemic found that the viral infection was no more aggressive than previous influenza strains.

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St. Joseph Hospital

photo provided by the Boone County Historical Museum

Boone County Election Security

By David Larson

Boone County was one of the first counties in Illinois to participate and meet the participation requirements of a program aimed at protecting the sanctity of the voting process.

The timeline, from the first early voting votes through Election Day and post election processing, ends with certification of the vote by the Boone County Clerk. How secure is this process in the age of technology? In an interview with Boone County Clerk, Julie Stapler the Journal discovered that steps have been taken in Boone County and across the nation to build a "firewall" of security from vote manipulation, particularly from foreign institutions on the Internet.

At the bottom of this security, according to Stapler is the paper ballot, which remains.

The data base that holds registered voters has become more secure as the result of a program in which Boone County participates. It starts with the Department of Homeland Security and ends with the training of the Boone County Court House staff.

On voting day, the voter registration database and same-day voter registration provide inclusiveness because the data base management security protocol has been improved. Paper ballots and the device that reads them do not connect to the Internet at any point in the process and the results are recorded before transmission via the Internet is made.

Stapler reported that voting in Boone County is disconnected from the Internet, where intrusions can occur. At the precinct, all paper ballots are accounted for and reconciled against the number of individuals who have voted. Stapler explained that all results are recorded in the courthouse, in her office. The only way the results leave her office electronically is through a special transmission network, which is a closed network established by the State of Illinois and is not a part of the World Wide Web system.

Stapler stated that she felt it is important in

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House GOP Says Property Tax Reform Efforts Appear Stalled

Two months after task force report, no major initiatives have come forward

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Illinois House Republicans said Tuesday they believe efforts to enact property tax relief have stalled in the General Assembly, and they accused Democrats of using a task force that was formed last year to push for higher income and sales taxes.

"Illinois' convoluted and broken property tax system has been driving the high cost of living that's pushing families and businesses out of our state," Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, R-Elmhurst, said during a news conference at the Capitol. "Despite the fact that homeowners have been crying desperately for relief, Democrats last year failed to produce any significant action."

Many in Illinois have complained for years that the state has among the highest property tax rates in the nation. That's largely because school districts rely on local property taxes for the bulk of their funding. But cities, counties and other local units of government are heavily reliant on property taxes as well.

Last year, as lawmakers were debating Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker's proposed constitutional amendment to overhaul the state's income tax system, they also passed a bill establishing a Property

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Pleasant Street Bridge is being Replaced

The Poplar Grove Road/Pleasant Street bridge over the Kishwaukee River is scheduled to close to traffic March 16 through October 30th. The bridge will be removed and a new bridge will be build during the closure.

Douglas John Schnor

Aug 31, 1970 - Feb 23, 2020

Construction contractor with his Dad since the age of three; Union 493 IronWorker since 1996; Farmed with his wife and sons for many years; Boone County Fire District #2 Firefighter Engineer from 2009-2012 and long-time volunteer; December 2019 graduate of Rock Valley College with an Associates of Arts degree (Highest Honors) and an interest in Anthropology. Never happier than when he had a job to do, especially jobs during which he could also spend time with his family.

Doug was the strong but silent type. Strong in body and strong in principles. Always striving to make the world a better place in both big and small ways. Useful, functional buildings with attention to the small details that make them last, work better, or look interesting. Keeping his thoughts and feelings to himself. Sometimes a good thing, as he did not tolerate fools or hypocrites easily. But hiding his amazing capacity to love and his beautiful dreams and aspirations for himself, for his family, and for his community.

Cruelly felled in the prime of his life, he remained strong through much suffering with silent hope for a good outcome. Forever in the hearts of his loving family; Kris, Jack, Calvin, Raichel, Georgia, Annette (Walt), Jennifer (Rick), Becky, Courtney (Angel), Jacob (Frankie), Adam, Luke, and Blake - as well as all the friends, co-workers, neighbors, and strangers that he touched in so many ways. Be at peace - we will meet again...

Visitation from 11 - 12:45 pm, Saturday, Mar. 7 at the Belvidere First United Methodist Church, which Doug helped build at 610 Bonus Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008. Memorial service, same place at 1:00 pm with Pastor Pam Rosmiller (Grace United Methodist Church) and Belvidere FUMC ASP alumni who travelled with him on mission trips. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to YouthBuild Rockford. To share a memory please visit www.AndersonFCS.com

Obituaries

Flynn, Cathryn, 60, Belvidere, March 2
 Hammer, Cynthia, 68, Belvidere, March 2
 Hanson, William "Bill", 78, PG, March 1
 Schnor, Douglas, 50, Belvidere, February 23
 Shriver, Velma, 101, Poplar Grove, March 2

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Julie A. Stapler

JULIE A. STAPLER, COUNTY CLERK
 BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FEDERAL

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Vote for one)

- DONALD J TRUMP
- ROQUE "ROCKY" De La FUENTE

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

(Vote for one)

- MARK C. CURRAN JR.
- TOM TARTER
- CASEY CHLEBEK
- PEGGY HUBBARD
- ROBERT MARSHALL

CONGRESSIONAL

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- ADAM KINZINGER

FOR DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(PLEASE NOTE: Next to the name of each candidate for delegate appears in parentheses the candidate's preference for President of the United States or the word "uncommitted".)

(Vote for not more than three)

- JOHN CABELLO (TRUMP)
- JAN KLAAS (TRUMP)

FOR ALTERNATE DELGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(PLEASE NOTE: Next to the name of each candidate for alternate appears in parentheses the candidate's preference for President of the United States or the word "uncommitted".)

(Vote for not more than three)

- SUSAN WYNN BENCE (TRUMP)
- JUDITH WOOTEN (TRUMP)
- LARRY SMITH (TRUMP)

REPRESENTATIVE

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SIXTY-NINTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- JOE SOSNOWSKI

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEVENTIETH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- JEFF KEICHER

COUNTY

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY

(Vote for one)

- TRICIA L. SMITH

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK

(Vote for one)

- LINDA J. ANDERSON

FOR CORONER

(Vote for one)

- REBECCA A. WIGGET

COUNTY BOARD

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT ONE

(Vote for two)

- JONATHAN Van LAAR

COUNTY BOARD	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT TWO (Vote for two)	
<input type="checkbox"/> STEVEN E. SCHABACKER	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-in _____	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT THREE (Vote for two)	
<input type="checkbox"/> KATHLEEN CLANIN BRODHACKER	<input type="checkbox"/> RODNEY J. RILEY
PRECINCT	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 1 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> BILLY J. ROBERTSON	<input type="checkbox"/> RIC BRERETON
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 2 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> RODNEY J. RILEY	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 3 (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 4 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> CLAYTON D. STEVENS	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 5 (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 6 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> DON MENGE	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 7 (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 8 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTHONY DELMORE	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 9 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> WENDY FRANK	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 10 (Vote for one)	
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FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 11 (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 12 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> GEORGE CRAWFORD	<input type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL McGEE
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 13 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> MARION THORNBERRY	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 14 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> GEORGE FRAKE	

PRECINCT	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 15 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> DARRELL M. REIDINGER	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 16 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> JOHNATHON GIESECKE	<input type="checkbox"/> DONALD SATTLER
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 17 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in _____
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 18 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> LeROY J. BLUM	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 19 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> MARY WATSON	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 20 (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 21 (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 22 (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON FLORA 1 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> KEITH BRODHACKER	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON FLORA 2 (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CALEDONIA 1 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> CURTIS P. NEWPORT	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CALEDONIA 2 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> DAVID WILTSE	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CALEDONIA 3 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL D. PETERSEN	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MANCHESTER (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SPRING (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> DANNY ANDERSON	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BONUS 1 (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BONUS 2 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> BOB WALBERG	

PRECINCT	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BONUS 3 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> STEVE PIERCE	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BOONE 1 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> NORMAN STIMES	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BOONE 2 (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LE ROY (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON POPLAR GROVE 1 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> OWEN COSTANZA	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON POPLAR GROVE 2 (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON POPLAR GROVE 3 (Vote for one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> BERNITA M. MARRON	
PROPOSITION	
PROPOSITION REGARDING THE OFFICE OF MCHENRY COUNTY REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	
"Should the McHenry County Board pursue a new structure of the office of McHenry County Regional Superintendent of Schools, or enter into an agreement with another Regional Office of Education to share it's services?"	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
PROPOSITION TO FUND EXPENDITURES ON MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS, EXPENDITURES ON PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE OR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF VIA A SALES TAX BY THE VILLAGE OF CHERRY VALLEY, WINNEBAGO, & BOONE COUNTIES, IL	
Shall the Village of Cherry Valley, Illinois, be authorized to levy a Sales Tax at a rate of one percent (1%) of gross receipts on persons engaged in the business of selling or transferring personal property other than food, medicine and titled property, at retail or incidental to the sale of services for expenditures on municipal operations, expenditures on public infrastructure, or property tax relief until June 30, 2030?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
CHERRY VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$2,250,000.00 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS	
Shall the Cherry Valley Fire Protection District, Winnebago and Boone Counties, eliminate debt related to previous purchases of and previous improvements to District owned property including the Administration Building, Fire Station 2, emergency fire apparatus and an ambulance and issue bonds to the amount of \$2,250,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

Enjoy Free Museum Tickets: Saturday April 4, 2020

By Charles Herbst

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There are 30 museums participating in Illinois and 14 in Wisconsin. Locally, these include the Burpee Museum of Natural History and the Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum in Rockford, the Wings and Wheels Vintage Museum in Poplar Grove, and the Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society in Galena.

Opportunities a little farther away include the Mining and Rollo Jamison Museums in Platteville, The Dubuque Museum of Art, The National Museum of the American Sailor in Great Lakes, the Adler Planetarium and the National Pullman Porter Museum in Chicago, the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art in Oak Brook and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield.

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BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FEDERAL
FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> AMY J. KLOBUCHAR
<input type="checkbox"/> DEVAL PATRICK
<input type="checkbox"/> BERNIE SANDERS
<input type="checkbox"/> JOSEPH R. BIDEN
<input type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
<input type="checkbox"/> ELIZABETH WARREN
<input type="checkbox"/> PETE BUTTIGIEG
<input type="checkbox"/> TOM STEYER
<input type="checkbox"/> ANDREW YANG
<input type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL BENNET
<input type="checkbox"/> JOHN K. DELANEY
<input type="checkbox"/> TULSI GABBARD
<input type="checkbox"/> CORY BOOKER
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> RICHARD J. DURBIN
CONGRESSIONAL
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> DANI BRZOZOWSKI
FOR DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
<small>(PLEASE NOTE: Next to the name of each candidate for delegate appears in parentheses the candidate's preference for President of the United States or the word "uncommitted".)</small>
(Vote for not more than four)
<input type="checkbox"/> STEVE STADELMAN (BIDEN)
<input type="checkbox"/> WENDY LaFAUCE (BIDEN)
<input type="checkbox"/> ASHWIN PURI (BIDEN)
<input type="checkbox"/> AMY SIPOVIC BOYLES (BIDEN)
<input type="checkbox"/> ELSA VON HUBEN (YANG)
<input type="checkbox"/> EDWARD CAPUTO (YANG)
<input type="checkbox"/> QUINTON ROSSER (YANG)
<input type="checkbox"/> JASON ROCKFORD (YANG)
<input type="checkbox"/> TIMOTHY BRADLEY (BUTTIGIEG)
<input type="checkbox"/> JOHN REIS (BUTTIGIEG)
<input type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL SOTO (BUTTIGIEG)
<input type="checkbox"/> JOAN GARNIER (SANDERS)
<input type="checkbox"/> JUSTINE TROUT (SANDERS)
<input type="checkbox"/> ART BARDSLEY (SANDERS)
<input type="checkbox"/> JJ WETT (SANDERS)
<input type="checkbox"/> ELIZABETH LINDQUIST (WARREN)
<input type="checkbox"/> JOHN GEDNEY (WARREN)
<input type="checkbox"/> ELAINE PANNELL (WARREN)
<input type="checkbox"/> COURTNEY "COURT" SCHUETT (WARREN)
<input type="checkbox"/> JAMES K. RILEY (KLOBUCHAR)
<input type="checkbox"/> ANGIE BODINE (KLOBUCHAR)
<input type="checkbox"/> CAROLYN MOORE (KLOBUCHAR)
<input type="checkbox"/> CHARLES GENTERT (KLOBUCHAR)
REPRESENTATIVE
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SIXTY-NINTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEVENTIETH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> PAUL STODDARD

COUNTY
FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR CIRCUIT CLERK (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR CORONER (Vote for one)
No Candidate
COUNTY BOARD
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT ONE (Vote for two)
<input type="checkbox"/> MARILYN SPRADLING
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT TWO (Vote for two)
<input type="checkbox"/> KIM M. FISK
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT THREE (Vote for two)
<input type="checkbox"/> JESSICA MUELLNER
<input type="checkbox"/> WENDY LaFAUCE
PRECINCT
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 1 (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> JESSICA MUELLNER
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 2 (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> JOHN GEDNEY
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 3 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 4 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 5 (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> WENDY LaFAUCE
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 6 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 7 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 8 (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> WALTER STEPHENS
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 9 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 10 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 11 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 12 (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> KIM FISK

PRECINCT
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 13 (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> FREDDY De La TRINIDAD
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 14 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 15 (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> DENNIS LOGAN
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 16 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 17 (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> TRINA HOLMES
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 18 (Vote for one)
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<input type="checkbox"/> CHERIE BARTELT
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON FLORA 2 (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL SIMMS
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CALEDONIA 1 (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> EMMANUEL OTENG-BEDIAKO
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CALEDONIA 2 (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> SUSAN J. FLANDERS
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CALEDONIA 3 (Vote for one)
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FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MANCHESTER (Vote for one)
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FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SPRING (Vote for one)
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FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BONUS 1 (Vote for one)
<input type="checkbox"/> MARILYN SPRADLING

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<input type="checkbox"/> WAYNE BORCHARDT
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BOONE 1 (Vote for one)
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FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LE ROY (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON POPLAR GROVE 1 (Vote for one)
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FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON POPLAR GROVE 2 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON POPLAR GROVE 3 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
PROPOSITION
PROPOSITION REGARDING THE OFFICE OF MCHENRY COUNTY REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
"Should the McHenry County Board pursue a new structure of the office of McHenry County Regional Superintendent of Schools, or enter into an agreement with another Regional Office of Education to share it's services?"
<input type="checkbox"/> YES
<input type="checkbox"/> NO
PROPOSITION TO FUND EXPENDITURES ON MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS, EXPENDITURES ON PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE OR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF VIA A SALES TAX BY THE VILLAGE OF CHERRY VALLEY, WINNEBAGO, & BOONE COUNTIES, IL
Shall the Village of Cherry Valley, Illinois, be authorized to levy a Sales Tax at a rate of one percent (1%) of gross receipts on persons engaged in the business of selling or transferring personal property other than food, medicine and titled property, at retail or incidental to the sale of services for expenditures on municipal operations, expenditures on public infrastructure, or property tax relief until June 30, 2030?
<input type="checkbox"/> YES
<input type="checkbox"/> NO
CHERRY VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$2,250,000.00 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
Shall the Cherry Valley Fire Protection District, Winnebago and Boone Counties, eliminate debt related to previous purchases of and previous improvements to District owned property including the Administration Building, Fire Station 2, emergency fire apparatus and an ambulance and issue bonds to the amount of \$2,250,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
<input type="checkbox"/> YES
<input type="checkbox"/> NO

Community News & Events

Master Naturalist Training, Spring 2020- University of Illinois Extension invites adults of all ages to join them for the 2020 Illinois Master Naturalist training. The classes will be held in Ogle County on Monday evenings from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. starting March 16 and ending May 18, 2020. The training features instructors from local natural resource agencies and organizations as well as state Extension experts. The training will highlight our rich natural heritage by hosting classes in different locations in the area such as Nachusa Grasslands and Kickapoo Mud Creek Nature Conservancy. For more information and to apply to become a certified Illinois Master Naturalist for Boone County, please visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo> or call Judy Hodge, Extension Program Coordinator at (815) 544-3710 or email at hodg@illinois.edu.

Northern Illinois University Announces Spring SAT Test Prep Schedule- The northern Illinois University spring SAT Test Preparation program provides individualized attention in a small classroom setting and offers students a chance to prepare themselves for the SAT test. NIU's SAT program covers writing and language arts, reading, and math. Classes will be held on campus in Graham Hall. Enrollment is limited and registration is now open at go.niu.edu/SAT or by phone at 815-753-0277.

Winnebago & Boone Counties Genealogical Society's Regular Meeting- The Winnebago & Boone Counties Genealogical Society will hold its regular meeting at Spring Creek United Church of Christ, 4500 Spring Creek Road, Rockford, IL at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, March 7, 2020. Please bring photographs, pictures, or historic articles of clothing to learn how to identify the year. All interested persons are welcome! Refreshments will be served. There is no cost to attend. Call Diane at (815) 543-2287 for more information.

Friends of RPL Hosts Used Book Sale- The Friends of Rockford Public Library will host a used book sale on Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. at the Hart Interim Library, 214

N. Church Street. The Used Book Sale will include like new and gently used fiction, non-fiction hard cover and paperback books, and many children's books. Shoppers can stock up for spring reading at the bargain price, \$0.25 per item. For more information, please call the Friends at 815-966-2721 or email: friendsofrpl@gmail.com.

Community Building Complex Committee Regular Meeting- Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. in the Community Building Board Room.

Senior Gathering- Come join your neighbors and friends for a free lunch and social time the 3rd Thursday of each month with the next meeting being Thursday, March 19, 2020 from 12 noon to 3 P.M. Located at the Capron Lions Community Building at Capron Lions Park.

Boone County Board Vacant Volunteer Positions	Term Expires	Length of Term
Boone County Board of Review	June 1, 2021	Remainder of Term
Boone County Sanitary District	May 1, 2021	(3) Year Term
	May 1, 2022	Remainder of Term
Conservation Easement & Farmland Protection	June 1, 2022	(3) Year Term
Building Board of Appeals	June 1, 2021	(5) Year Term
Zoning Board of Appeals	June 1, 2021	Remainder of Term
Regional Planning Commission	December 31, 2021	Remainder of Term
	December 31, 2023	(3) Year Term
Capron Rescue Squad	December 2nd Monday, 2022	(5) Year Term

Interested parties are asked to send a letter and/or resume expressing your interest and qualifications along with your contact information to Boone County Board Chairman Karl Johnson, Administration Campus, 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 102, Belvidere, IL 61008. Please respond by March 31, 2020 to assure being considered.

Flu *continued from page 1*
Instead, malnourishment, overcrowded medical camps and hospitals, and poor hygiene promoted bacterial superinfection. This superinfection killed most of the victims, typically after a somewhat-prolonged confinement to bed rest.... The close quarters and massive troop movements of World War I hastened the pandemic, and probably both increased transmission and augmented mutation. The war may also have increased the lethality of the virus. Some speculate the soldiers' immune systems were weakened by malnourishment, as well as the stresses of combat and chemical attacks, increasing their susceptibility."

In addition, massive doses of aspirin were used to combat the flu, which led to death from aspirin poisoning. After October of 1918, the incidence of the Spanish Flu dropped to near zero. It has been speculated that the virus most likely mutated to a less-deadly form.

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Tax Relief Task Force that would meet throughout the fall to study ways to provide property tax relief and deliver a final report by the end of the year.

So far, though, the task force has produced only a draft report that Republicans said was simply a list of topics that had been discussed by various subcommittees of the task force, while none of the recommendations had been considered by the full 80-member group.

Meanwhile, Republicans have said they have introduced numerous bills they believe would provide property tax relief, including bills calling for overhaul of public pension benefits, limiting

workers compensation awards, repealing what Republicans call "unfunded mandates" on school districts and expanding property tax exemptions for seniors.

"We want these bills that we've proposed, that were suggested at the property tax committee level, but

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June 13 Paul Filipowicz
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February 21 Don Collins & the Night Shift
March 6 TBD
March 20 Johnny TBird & the MPs
April 3 Dave Fields
April 17 Billy Flynn & Milwaukee Slim
May 8 Missy Anderson
May 15 Recently Paroled

Community Building Seeks Board Member

The Community Building seeks a new member for its VOLUNTEER board. This candidate must reside in one of the following 8 townships: Spring, Bonus, Caledonia, Flora, Manchester, Boone, LeRoy or Poplar Grove. Board member experience is a plus but not mandatory. If interested, please send a Letter of Interest to Attn: Julie Sullinger, Director, Community Building, 111 W. First Street, Belvidere, IL 61008. For more information please call Julie at 815-547-3928. Deadline for submission is March 31, 2020. It is the policy of the Community Building to give equal opportunity to any person regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, ancestry, marital status, physical handicap or age.

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then we've introduced in bill form, to have their opportunity to be heard in committee and voted on," Rep. Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford, said during the news conference. "The taxpayers of Illinois deserve this, and we call on the House Democratic leadership to let that happen."

Rep. Michael Zalewski, D-Riverside, who chairs the House Revenue Committee, did not immediately respond to the Republicans' charges but said through a spokesperson that he would make a statement later in the week after that committee has met.

But other Democrats have said the GOP's chief proposal, for further pension reform, is off the table. They note that Illinois passed significant pension reform in 2013 when it established the "Tier 2" system for newly-hired employees. That package included reduced cost of living increases, higher retirement ages, and limited the amount of salary that was covered by pensions.

Some Republicans have called for even further reforms such as a constitutional amendment that would allow the state to reduce pension benefits that have already been promised. But in his budget address in February, Pritzker said that idea would not pass federal constitutional muster.

"The fantasy of a constitutional amendment to cut retirees' benefits is just that – a fantasy," Pritzker said. "The idea that all of this can be fixed with a single silver bullet ignores the protracted legal battle that will ultimately run headlong into the Contracts Clause of the U.S. Constitution."

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today's world that confidence in the security of the ballot be maintained or people will lose faith in the voting process and therefore democracy.

The curtain had been pulled back on the effect of technology on election security and shaping public opinion when revelations about the 2016 presidential election became public. The political fictions often manufactured by media aside, in a social media world where computer programs can create multiple identities and put into circulation tens of thousands of messages that fool and divide. These build on half-truths and outright falsehood. As a result popular political thought regarding election integrity in The United States of America is at risk.

Election infrastructure has become a focal point for foreign cyber attacks, according to the Boone County Clerk Julie Stapler, who is responsible for defending election security in Boone County. The United States Department of Homeland Security appropriate \$380 million in grants to the states to put into action improved election security measures. Boone County is a part of that.

The Illinois General Assembly has tasked the Illinois State Board of Elections with creating a cyber security program to help every election authority in the state improve their cyber security. This includes increasing defensive knowledge through distribution of resources and training, and also providing guidance when a cyber-attack does occur. Recently, the City of Belvidere was a victim

of a ransom cyber intrusion.

The program works to develop relationships with county clerks, election authorities, and IT professionals throughout Illinois. Cyber Navigator Program participation requires

1. The local election authority must utilize the Illinois Century Network (ICN) for connectivity to the State Board of Elections or have entered into an agreement to do so as soon as practical.

2. The local election authority must participate in the outreach portion of the program including Register with the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center, Work with program to establish two-way data sharing. Have at least one representative of the election authority complete the security-awareness training on at least a yearly basis. All other members of the office can, and should, take the training, but are not required to be tested. The training covers basic cyber hygiene and awareness. And, the local election authority must allow the Cyber Navigators to complete a risk assessment and an analysis based on the Center for Internet Security's recommended procedures.

The Program oversees outreach and documentation of four geographic election authority zones made up of 108 total agencies. This includes tracking cyber security-related incidents and, reviewing them for indicators relevant to election authorities, and sharing them with all necessary parties including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center, Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing & Analysis Center, Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology, and others when needed. Cyber security incidents were not tracked before the development of the cyber navigator program that started in August of 2018.

Boone County has changed vendors of its voting machines as a part of running a smooth voting authority and to improve cyber security in Boone County after its former vendor failed to meet Stapler's standards.

Senate Panel Oks Adding Mental Health Hotline Info to Student IDs

Bill would apply to public colleges and universities by Rebecca Anzel Capitol News Illinois

A panel of state senators Tuesday approved legislation requiring public colleges and universities to add mental health contact information to the back of student identification cards.

As a parent of a first-year college student, Villa Park Democratic Sen. Tom Cullerton said it is a "trying and stressful time," as with any other parent who misses their child. But he said such situations are also difficult for the student, who may be away from home for the first time.

His initiative would ensure phone numbers for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Crisis Text Line and the school's mental health counseling center are published on each student's identification card.

If an institution of higher education does not have such cards, the bill requires that information

be published on its website instead.

"Students are constantly required to use their student ID card to access sporting events, dorm rooms or utilize their meal plan," Cullerton said. "Ensuring these lifesaving helplines are easily accessible can be the difference between life and death."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide was the second leading cause of death for youth ages 15-24 in 2017.

Adding such mental health resources is a "simple step" universities and colleges "can take to save lives," Cullerton said.

Those public institutions in Illinois, though, asked that he amend the measure to postpone its effective date from July 1, 2021, due to financial concerns. Cullerton said he agreed, and plans to allow for universities and colleges to issue the identification cards with resource contact information with each new class, or when a student needs a new card after losing theirs.

"My goal is definitely not, with our budget crises in the last few years, to have this be an impediment," he said. "Every university seems to be on board with it."

Cullerton has a nearly identical bill for high school identification cards. It has not been assigned to a substantive committee.

The legislation approved unanimously in the Senate Higher Education Committee Tuesday is Senate Bill 2495.

Prescription Drug Prices Cap Bill Stalls In Committee

Lead sponsor says he'll continue working to control spiraling costs

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

A bill that would allow the state to cap the prices of certain high-cost prescription drugs stalled in a House committee Wednesday amid stiff opposition from the pharmaceutical and insurance industries.

It was the second straight year House Bill 3493 failed to pass out of the Prescription Drug Affordability and Accessibility Committee. Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, who chairs the committee and is the bill's chief sponsor, called it frustrating.

"I think that the situation for patients who need their prescriptions in this state is dire and getting worse every day, and I would hope that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle could see that it's time for us to do something," Guzzardi said in an interview after the vote. "Unfortunately, they seem to be more responsive to the pharmaceutical industry than to their constituents."

The bill would set up a five-member board that would have authority to conduct cost reviews and set "upper payment limits" for any prescription drug that crosses certain price thresholds.

Those include brand name drugs that cost \$30,000 or more for a year's supply or a course of treatment, or whose wholesale price increases by more than \$3,000 in a 12-month period. Other thresholds would apply to "biosimilar" drugs – those that are highly similar to name brand drugs made from microorganisms found in plants or animals –

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as well as generic drugs.

The upper payment limits would apply only to insurance policies regulated by the state. Those are primarily small-group employer-based plans, individual family plans that people purchase through the Affordable Care Act exchange markets, and plans administered directly by the state, such as state employees' health insurance and the state Medicaid program.

The limits would not apply to large self-insured plans that are governed by the federal Employment Retirement Income Security Act, known as ERISA, or to Medicare Part D plans, which are regulated under federal law.

Wednesday's hearing took place in a packed committee room where supporters of the bill, many affiliated with AARP, wore red T-shirts that read "Stop Rx Greed" and "Drugs Don't Work if People Can't Afford Them."

Donna Cruce, an AARP volunteer, spoke of a time in her life when she became unable to work full time because she could not afford her medications and was forced to move back in with her parents.

"I became a boomerang child after years of being self-sufficient," she said. "The blow to my ego was enormous. Without my parents' help, however, I do not know how I could have survived."

"How can the greatest country in the world allow its citizens to suffer because of the high cost of prescription drugs?" she asked later in her testimony.

But Kipp Snider, vice president for state policy at the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, or PhRMA, argued that while there are individual examples of drug prices spiraling out of control, prices overall – and the total amount spent on drugs nationwide – have risen only modestly in recent years.

"Now I'm not here to say we don't have a problem," he said. "We do have problems and we need to look at ways to address those, but I would submit that more so than a systemwide problem, what we have is ... individual patient affordability problems."

Snider said much of the problem stems from changes in the design of insurance policies that have led to patients paying higher deductibles and copays for their medications and in some cases having to pay an entire year's deductible before their benefits kick in.

Laura Minzer, president of the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Council, agreed that insurance plan designs are a big factor in how much people pay for prescriptions. But she also argued the small-group and individual plans that would be covered by the bill make up about only 20 percent of the private insurance market.

"So by setting prices or costs for a very small segment of the market, I would suggest it's not only unfair – it's a bit discriminatory for a small percentage of the market – but it also places greater pressure on manufacturers because you can't set prices for manufacturers," she said.

The bill also ran into opposition on the committee itself, mainly from Republicans like Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, of Elmhurst, who works outside the General Assembly as an attorney who represents generic drug manufacturers. She argued the board would never be able to fulfill its function because it could never gain access to the information it needs to set prices.

"No pharmaceutical company, no manufacturer, no insurance company worth their salt is going to open up all their books and records to their competitors through this process," she said. "What will wind up happening, then is, if they choose to not participate in this process, then you have no idea what is a true price metric that you're going to be setting."

When it came time for the committee to vote on whether to send the bill to the full House, even some who supported it said it still needed significant work.

"I don't think it's soup yet," said Rep. Monica Bristow, D-Godfrey. "I will vote yes to get it out of committee but I urge you to work with all parties involved so that we can make it a good bill."

In the end, the bill received only eight yes votes on the 18-member committee, two votes short of the majority needed.

Protect Our Care Illinois, a coalition of groups that had advocated for the bill, issued a statement saying its members were disappointed in the vote.

"The people of Illinois have made it clear that they need common sense solutions that release them from the noxious compromise between affording prescription drugs or other basic needs," the organization said. "Today the inaction of members of the General Assembly spoke volumes by denying the people of Illinois access to affordable prescription drugs."

The bill was officially listed as tabled under House rules and Guzzardi said he would continue working on it in hopes of getting it through the House this year.

"I think we have some more education to do with some members of this committee who may not fully understand how this board would work or why it's an effective tool to lower costs," he said. "So we'll continue doing that as well."

Board Recommends Blagojevich Disbarment

Former governor 'has not acknowledged that his conduct was wrongful'

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

A board that oversees the discipline of attorneys in Illinois recommended Tuesday that former Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich be disbarred from the practice of law.

The Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, or ARDC, said in an order that Blagojevich "has not acknowledged that his conduct was wrongful or expressed any remorse" and that "his failure to appear for his disciplinary hearing demonstrates a lack of respect for the disciplinary process and the legal profession."

Blagojevich, of Chicago, received his law degree from Pepperdine University in California and was admitted to the practice of law in Illinois in 1984.

A former state lawmaker and member of Congress, he was elected governor in 2002 and again in 2006. But he was impeached and removed from office in January 2009.

He was later convicted in June 2011 on multiple federal charges of crimes committed while in office including attempt to commit extortion, corrupt solicitation, conspiracy to commit extortion,

conspiracy to commit corrupt solicitation, and making false statements to the FBI.

Most notable of the charges was the allegation that he attempted to sell an appointment to then-President Barack Obama's former U.S. Senate seat.

Blagojevich served eight years of a 14-year federal prison sentence. President Donald Trump commuted his sentence on Feb. 19. Blagojevich has consistently maintained he did nothing wrong.

In October 2011, the Illinois Supreme Court placed Blagojevich on interim suspension from practicing law. That suspension remains in effect. In August 2019, while Blagojevich was still in prison, the ARDC administrator filed a motion for further disciplinary action. The ARDC held a hearing on that motion Feb. 25, less than a week after Blagojevich had been released from prison.

Blagojevich did not appear at that hearing. Although he was represented by counsel, the ARDC noted that he did not file an answer to the motion, comply with requests to produce information or appear for a deposition.

An ARDC spokesman said in an email that Blagojevich has 21 days to appeal the finding. If he does, the case would go to a review board. If he does not appeal, however, the report will be sent to the Illinois Supreme Court, which has the final say in whether to revoke his law license.

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Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 19th day of February 2020.
Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk,
By Giselle Lenover, Deputy
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Modeling business in said County and State under the name of Katrina Danielle Graham-LLC at the following addresses 302 W. Edson St, Poplar Grove IL, 61065 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Katrina Graham, 302 W. Edson St., Poplar Grove IL, 61065. Signed: Katrina Graham 02/19/2020
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By Giselle Lenover, Deputy
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a business selling natural woodfibers thru direct marketing and e-commerce in said County and State under the name of Woody Bee Farm LLC at the following addresses 2389 Kelly Rd, Caledonia, IL 61011 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Susan B. Ziller 2389 Kelly Rd Caledonia, IL 61010. Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 28th day of February 2020.
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PROJECT The work shall consist of resurfacing various streets, bituminous surface removal, inlet repair, HMA patching, HMA leveling binder, manhole adjustments and traffic control.

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TIME Sealed bids will be received until **10:00 AM**, local time, as indicated on the website <https://www.time.gov> on **March 17, 2020** in the Village of Poplar Grove Village Hall, 200 S. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

BIDS All bids shall be addressed to Ms. Karri Anderberg, Village Clerk, Village of Poplar Grove, 200 S. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the bidder and the contract for which the bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the contract documents.

EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS The bidding documents are on file for inspection at the offices of McMahon, 1700 Hutchins Road, Machesney Park, IL 61115.

PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS In order to be a 'Plan Holder' or 'Bidder', each firm or organization shall download Bidding Documents from the McMAHON website (www.mcmgrp.com) utilizing [QuestCDN eBidDocTM](http://www.questcdn.com). Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.mcmgrp.com or www.questcdn.com. Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable **\$35.00** by inputting **Quest Project No. 6830518** on the website's Project Search page. *Contractors must be pre-qualified and have a current certificate of Eligibility with the Illinois Department of Transportation to be eligible for this project.* Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

BID SECURITY No bid shall be received unless accompanied by a certified check or satisfactory bid bond payable to the Village of Poplar Grove in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the maximum bid as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the contract, performance/payment bonds and insurance certification, as required by the contract documents, within twenty (20) days after the Notice of Award.

BID REJECTION The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interests of the Village of Poplar Grove.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.

STATE OF ILLINOIS GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS
Contract Letting

1. The contract letting shall be subject to Illinois Statutes and Motor Fuel Tax procedures and guidelines.

Equal Employment Opportunity

1. Contractor shall comply with the Equal Employment opportunity requirements in the contract documents and certify that the Contractor is not barred from contracting with a local unit of government as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code.

2. The CONTRACTOR and subcontractors must comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights, and Orders of the Illinois Human Rights Commission, provisions of the Public Works Employment discrimination Act, 775 Illinois Compiled Statutes, 10/0.01, and the requirements of the Illinois Equal Employment Opportunity clause.

Minimum Wage

1. The CONTRACTOR shall be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates established by the OWNER, as stated in the Advertisement For Bids.

2. Copies of the applicable wage rates are on file with the OWNER and/or incorporated in the contract documents.

3. The CONTRACTOR shall pay prevailing wages in accordance with, "An act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the state county city or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works" (820 ILCS 130 et Seq.). The minimum hourly rate of wages, as determined by the Wage Determination Decision of the Department of Labor referred to in these standards is included in the bid packet.

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Karri Anderberg
Village Clerk
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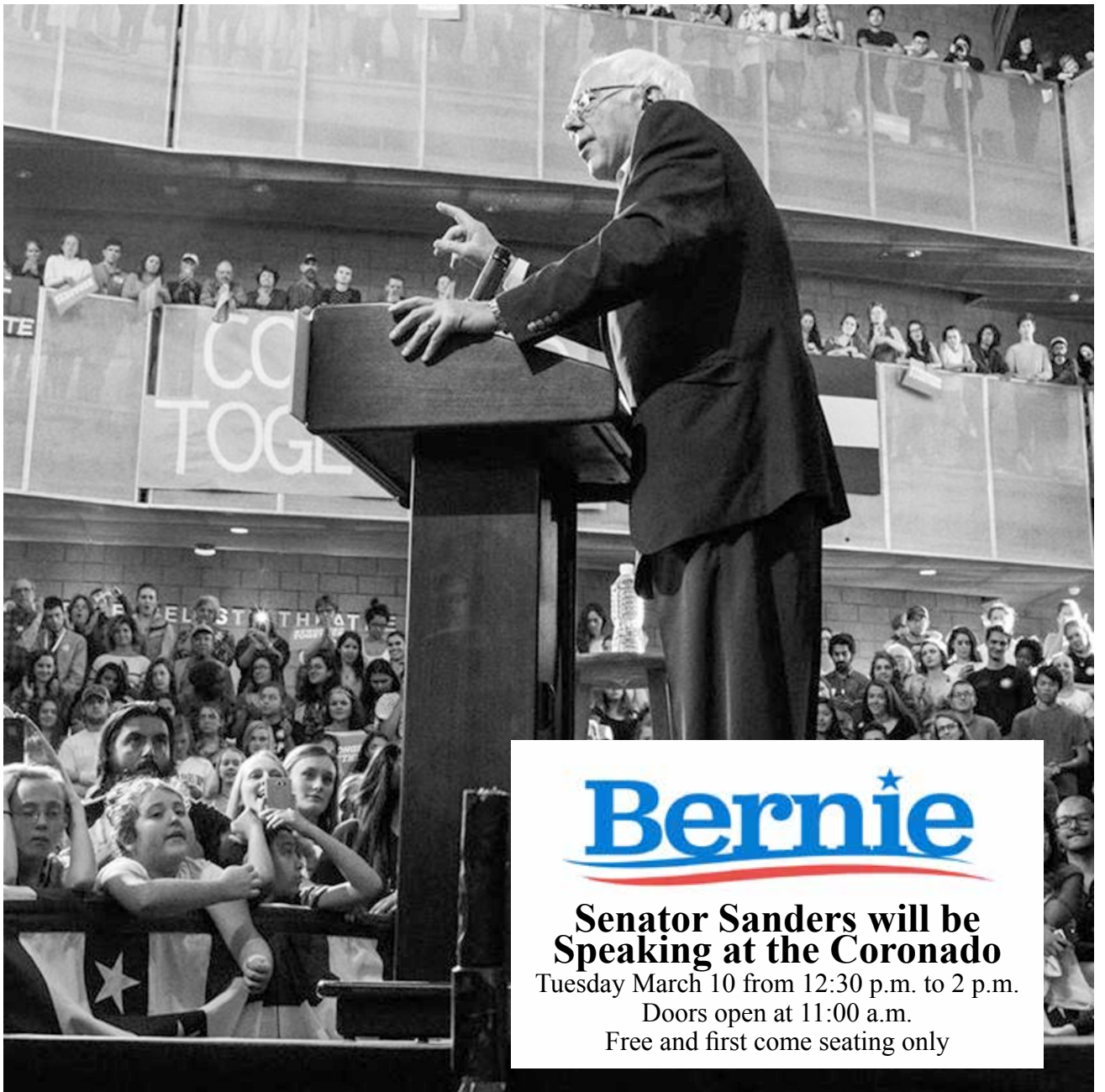
Notice of Lien Sale

The following amount must be paid no later than 5 p.m. March 21, 2020.

FULL payment of CASH or MONEY ORDER ONLY ccepted at :
Danddi Storage 13537 IL Rte. 76
Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Or the contents of the below listed units, located at 13511 Harvest Way, Poplar Grove, IL., will be sold at auction or otherwise disposed of on or any day after March 22, 2020.

Heather Kromer - Unit #20 - Amount due \$671.90 plus advertising
Sheryl Edmonds - Unit #34 - Amount due \$190.90 plus advertising
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