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The State Street Bridge

By Sofi Zeman

State Street, what now brings us to the center of Belvidere's downtown, was once divided by the Kishwaukee River. In 1837, two years after the city was established, a wooden bridge was built over the river. This was the original State Street Bridge.

The bridge that was built in 1837 is a far cry from the one you see on North State Street now. In fact, after a series of flooding and safety concerns, three different bridges filled this spot until the late 1860s. It was by then a vital part of the city's public works. With the railroad coming through Belvidere on the south side of the river, freight being brought across the river required the bridge to be stabilized and permanent. This freight included heavy iron, steel and concrete. The freight brought into Belvidere also required a second bridge upstream at Main Street. It was constructed and provided a direct route from the train station to the north side business district and government buildings without going directly through the center of the newly-developing south side business district, that developed because of the railroad tracks and station on that side of the river. The north side, which we see here, was the original Belvidere, and sat on the North banks of the Kishwaukee until the railroad was built. Much like the Interstate 90 Tollway caused in 1958, growth of Belvidere moved south. Transportation routes like rivers, railways, and highways not only cause growth, but affect how that growth takes place.

The present bridge was completed in 1929 and rebuilt at the beginning of the 21st century, allowing faster, more reliable transport across the Kishwaukee. A major design influence was Jeanne Gang's suggestion to construct more decorative bridge rails, evoking what had been there in the past.

This image was taken near where the Belvidere Dari Ripple stands today. While the local ice cream business doesn't date back to the nineteenth century, it is difficult to determine what this spot could have been in the photographer's time. Perhaps it was vacant. A photograph the Journal published a few weeks back, showed only a fence and billboard posters of coming attractions at the theater across the bridge on the north bank of the Kishwaukee.

Across the bridge from where the photograph was taken, a strip of buildings can be seen. While the structure with a pointed top is now a slot machine parlor, it has been a shop, hotel, beauty salon and cafe throughout the years. Perhaps the most recognizable aspect of this image is the large sign positioned on the side of the building. While it's unclear what this sign said, a different mural promoting Leland Hotel and Cafe was later put in the exact place and continues to be located there today as a part of the Belvidere mural project.

Another noticeable difference is the absence of The Apollo. Prior to being a banquet hall, this location was first the Derthick Opera House, a place for local theatrics and appreciation of the arts. After a fire in 1917, it was rebuilt as the Apollo Theatre.

This bridge isn't really something a typical Belvidere citizen thinks about on a regular basis. When driving into the downtown, we don't pay attention to the fact, that, without a bridge, we wouldn't be able to cross the river. While this bridge seems like an insignificant part of everyday life, it was projects like this that made expansion and at-ease transportation possible in an earlier Belvidere.

Belvidere Police Chief Retires

(news release) - Jan W. Noble, Chief of Police, has announced his decision to retire from the Belvidere Police Department. Chief Noble served the Belvidere community for 23 years.

Chief Noble's law enforcement career started in 1974 as a Deputy with the Boone County Sheriff's Department. During this time, he also worked as a Police Officer for the Village of Poplar Grove, IL.

In 1976, he joined the Village of Cherry Valley Police Department as an Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1979. On August 1, 1980 he was appointed as Acting Chief of Police and then Chief of Police until November, 1995 when he began serving as Chief of Police for the Belvidere Police Department, where he has served to the present. Chief Noble is the longest serving current Police Chief in Illinois, with 38 years of continuous service. On March 1, 2018 he will begin his new duties with the State of Illinois in

a law enforcement capacity.

Chief Noble is a graduate of the 128th Session of the F.B.I. National Academy and earned his Bachelor's Degree from Western, IL. In addition, he has served in a variety of leadership positions which include the following:

- Appointed to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board to represent the 1200 Police Chiefs of the State of Illinois in July, 2014
- Co-Chair of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force Communication Committee 2006 to present
- President of Northern Illinois Training Advisory Board 1999 -2006,
- President of Northwest Chiefs of Police Association in 1994
- Founding Board Member of SLANT (State Line Area Narcotics Task Force)
- Life Member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Past Chairman of Illinois TRIAD, bringing together committed police officers, legal representatives, elderly rights advocates and senior citizens for crime prevention and education throughout Illinois
- Current and elected Chairman of IREACH
- Co-Chair of Winnebago/Boone County Integrity Task Force
- Executive Board Member of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police
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Big Linn Gun Shop Burglary

(news release) - Thanks to the response of Belvidere residents the Belvidere Police Department was able to make an arrest in Big Linn gun shop burglaries.

On Wednesday, January 10, 2018 around 8:00pm the Belvidere Police Department received a call from a concerned citizen reporting suspicious activity around Big Linn's gun shop located at 485 Southtowne Drive. Belvidere police and Boone county deputies responded and initially located four suspects running from the business. Police pursued two suspects on foot. One of the suspects, a 17 year old juvenile male, was immediately taken into custody and transported from the scene. The second suspect was tracked from

the area by Belvidere and Boone county k-9 teams. The second suspect was unable to be located.

Upon investigation it was determined that three individuals, approximately 18 - 25 years of age, between 160 - 180 pounds, wearing masks and hooded sweatshirts entered the business and removed several firearms from the business. The individuals fled the business on foot prior to arrival of responding officers.

Two additional suspects fled the scene, at a high rate of speed, in a red Monte Carlo. Witnesses to the incident described a possible getaway vehicle as a 4 door vehicle described as late 1990's to early 2000 "boxy" red in color with a broken passenger window and loud muffler. Police pursued the vehicle until the chase was terminated in the Rockford area.

The Belvidere Police Department immediately notified the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) and Loves Park Police Department who assisted in the investigation.

Numerous items of evidence were collected and additional investigative leads were developed.

Belvidere Police Chief Jan Noble wants to thank all the community stakeholders who provided information assisting in the arrest and investigation of these burglaries. The Belvidere police would not be as successful without the involvement and cooperation of our residents.

Belvidere police encourages anyone with information regarding these investigations to contact the Belvidere Police Department at 815-547-6433 or Boone County Crimestoppers at 815-544-7867 (815-547-stop) and www.boonecountycrimestoppers.com. Persons with information leading to an arrest can be provided with a cash reward of up to \$1000.00. Please do not approach or try to apprehend these suspects. They are considered armed and dangerous.

Additional information on this investigation will be distributed as it becomes available.

The Belvidere Police Department encourages anyone having information regarding criminal activity or narcotics trafficking to call the Belvidere Police Department 815-544-2135 or Crime Stoppers at 815-547-7867

M. Jean Martindale

Jean Martindale, 76 year old resident of Gravette, Arkansas, died December 28, 2017, at Circle of Life at Legacy Village, Bentonville, Arkansas. Born February 23, 1941, in Chamber Springs, Arkansas, near Weddington, Arkansas she was the daughter Elmer Black and Ina Walker Black. After high school, Jean moved to Rockford, Illinois; where a sister lived and went to work at Sundstrand Corp. Jean married Leslie Martindale February 22, 1968, they resided in Belvidere, Illinois. For many years she was a secretary at Sunstrand Machine Tool in the engineering department and Leslie was in the computer department. They returned to Gravette area in 1982 when they bought a small acreage. Jean was a secretary for several companies including Bekeart and Tufco flooring.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, 3 sisters and 2 brother.

Survivors include her husband Leslie of Gravette; sisters Murel Collings of Pineville, Missouri, and Betty Wood of Maysville, Arkansas; and brother Earl Black of Maysville, Arkansas.

No services are planned at this time. To sign the online guest book, visit www.wassonfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries

Drake Dds, Douglas, 99, Belvidere, Dec. 25

Schmidt, Robert, 66, Belvidere, January 4

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- △ Two (2) to Five (5) years of direct experience in work related to park maintenance, at least two (2) of which was in a supervisory role.
- △ Or, any equivalent combination of education, experience and training.
- △ Valid Illinois Class A CDL driver's license (or obtain within 3 months) and good driving record are required.
- △ Must possess or be able to obtain within six (6) months a Certified Pool Operators License and within twelve (12) months a Certified Playground Safety Inspector certification.
- △ Must demonstrate strong leadership skills to supervise a diverse team of employees to successfully complete work assignments in a timely manner.

Please visit our website at <http://www.belviderepark.org> for more details on this position, Job ID 317. To apply, complete an on-line application on our website by **January 22, 2018.**

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Over Next Year, Illinois Newspapers to Commemorate Illinois' Bicentennial

By Dennis Anderson

Illinois turns 200 on Dec. 3, 2018, and over the course of the next year The Boone County Journal is helping to commemorate the event.

The Boone County Journal and dozens of publications throughout Illinois will print a weekly series of articles featuring key moments, figures, industries and events that help to make Illinois unique. Some of the first articles include the Underground Railroad, coal mining, the dueling Peoria territory and top Illinois athletes through the years.

Other topics include Illinois' role in the Civil War, World War I and World War II; transportation, from the railroads to the interstates to aerospace; and the arts, including jazz and the blues.

Newspapers contributing articles in this series include the Daily Herald of Arlington Heights, the Belleville News-Democrat, the Pantagraph of Bloomington, the Southern Illinoisan of Carbondale, the News-Gazette of Champaign, the Chicago Defender, the Chicago Sun-Times, the Decatur Herald & Review, The Paper from Dwight, the Galesburg Register-Mail, the Hancock Journal Pilot, the Jacksonville Journal-Courier, the Lebanon Advertiser, the County Journal of Percy, the Journal Star of Peoria, the Dispatch Argus of Rock Island, the Rock River Times, the Rockford Register Star, the State Journal-Register of Springfield and Sauk Valley Media of Sterling/Dixon.

The series will also be featured on the website 200Illinois.com.

The village's fertile ground in the American Bottoms, along with its positioning at the confluence of two rivers, led it to be a hub of agriculture and trading. It also became a focal point for warring British and French during the French and Indian War.

In 1756, fearing attack, the townspeople built Fort Kaskaskia on a hill overlooking the town. The fort was then destroyed by the townspeople who feared it would fall into British control after the French lost the war.

Those who did not want to live under the impending British rule moved to St. Louis or Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. The town fell to the British and was kept under control of the crown until July 4, 1778, when George Rogers Clark led an expedition of American troops into the village to liberate it. After a two-month journey over 1,000 miles, Clark and his 175 men arrived in Kaskaskia to take the area. Many of the British had been withdrawn from the area, and Clark captured the settlement without a shot being fired.

With Clark in town, residents rang the Liberty Bell of the West, which got its name that day. The bell was originally given to the Catholic Church of the Illinois Country by King Louis XV of France. The bell was cast in France in 1741, making it 11 years older than the Liberty Bell that sits in Philadelphia.

An inscription on the side of the bell reads "Pour L'eglise des Illinois par les Soins du Roi D'outre," which translates to "for the Church of the Illinois, by gift of the King across the water."



When George Rogers Clark's expedition of American troops arrived in Kaskaskia to liberate the town from the British, residents rang this bell, now known as the Liberty Bell of the West.

Source: Courtesy of Randolph County, randolphco.org.

One side of the bell is ornamented with the royal lilies of France. The other side bears a cross and pedestal, with the top and arms of the cross terminating in grouped fleur de lis.

Taking Kaskaskia was the first step in Clark's plan to capture the western headquarters of the British at Detroit.

The bell is now a tourist attraction, much like the Immaculate Conception Church that sits next door.

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Before becoming a State, Illinois had its Own Liberty Bell

By Travis Lott

No exploration of the 200 years of Illinois history would be complete without a look at what preceded those two centuries.

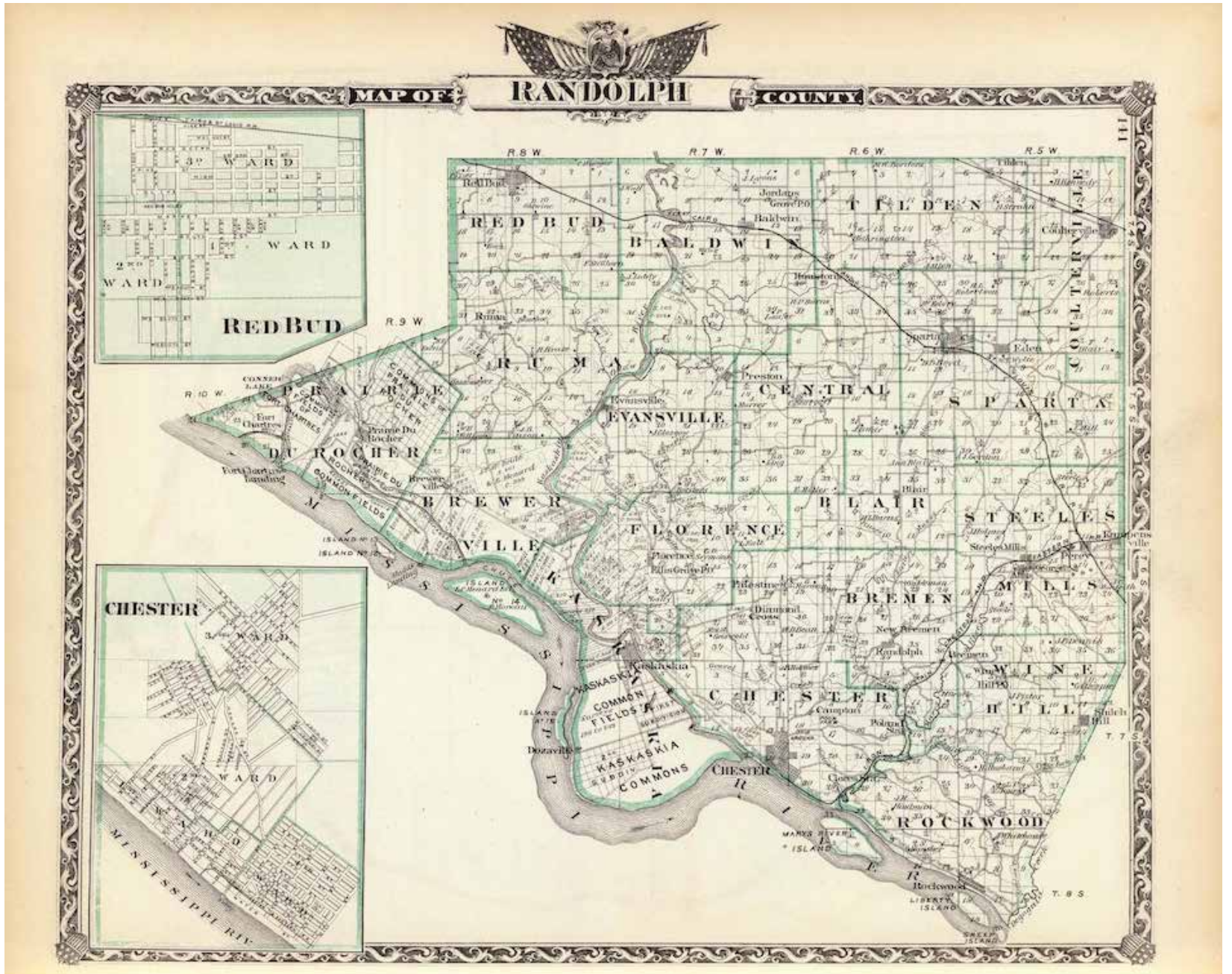
While Illinois became a state in 1818, its story began nearly 150 years before that, in 1673, when Louis Joliet and Jacques Marquette explored the Mississippi River in search of a route to the Pacific Ocean.

When the two explorers' travels led them near hostile Spanish territories, they turned back and traveled along the Illinois River, finding safety among the Kaskaskia Indian tribe. Marquette founded the Mission of the Immaculate Conception, but left the mission in the hands of Father Pierre-Gabriel Marest due to Marquette's poor health.

The mission had to be moved several times due to conflicts between the Kaskaskia, Illini Confederation and the Iroquois.

Eventually, the mission planted roots at the confluence of the Mississippi River and the Michigamea River, which is now known as the Kaskaskia River.

The village of Kaskaskia was established in 1703, and was mainly inhabited by French traders and their wives.



This map is of Randolph County prior to the 1881 flood which cut Kaskaskia, Illinois, off from the Illinois mainland.

Source: Courtesy of Randolph County, randolphco.org.

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--In Our Opinion--

Two Red Letter Days

Take out your new 2018 desk calendar. Circle August 7 in red. Make no appointments between 11AM and 2PM.

Flip over to July. Circle July 7 in red, too.

In the dead of winter, it seems strange to think about the Boone County Fair. But this is the season that determines whether the fair is a success. Your decision to participate is what keeps the fair going.

Why the red letter days?

July 7

That's the day your Boone County Fair entries must be postmarked by. You can submit them in person on July 14 and 15, but for the convenience of mailing, July 7 is the deadline. That date will come up fast, and it's time to start thinking about what you would like to enter.

Debbie and Terry White have lived in the area 26 years. Right away, they looked for a way to enter the Boone County Fair. Each of them entered a hosta leaf. Terry got a blue ribbon. The Whites are hooked and enter the fair every year. The hosta leaf competition became a family tradition.

What will your tradition be?

2017 was a good year for the Boone County Fair. Attendance was up. More importantly, both livestock and non-livestock entries were up. We can blame better attendance on ideal weather, but the number of fair entries reflects a community that believes in this fair and wants to see it continue.

Yes, doing your part and doing your best work requires a little effort. But you have plethora of possibilities. The best way to get started is to get a copy of the fair premium book. You can go online to boonecountyfair.com or get one from the fair office. The premium book lists the thousands of categories that you can enter. Although the 2018 book hasn't been published yet, you can use the 2017 book as a guide. Following the rules is important, and it avoids disqualification.

Some of the categories can be quite challenging. Raising and exhibiting a championship horse involves a little more than putting out a pail of oats. But taking a great photograph or making a floral arrangement might be more doable for a first-time entrant.

August 7

That's opening day. Not only will your exhibit need to be in place, but it's the day to come out and enjoy lunch and harness racing at the track. This year will be the 151st year of horseracing at the Boone County Fair. It is the fair's long-standing tradition, a lot of fun, and something that deserves your support!

We propose a new tradition. Close your business for a long lunch on Tuesday, August 7. Really, nothing will change as a result. We promise. Start earlier that day if you must. Come to the east side of the fairgrounds and park there. Use the ticket you got through the Chamber of Commerce or pay the ridiculously inexpensive admission fee of \$5. You'll be right at the grandstand!

Racing begins at noon. But come a few minutes earlier and have some lunch. There will be boy scouts selling baked potatoes, firemen selling coffee and doughnuts, and a whole host of other local folks to serve you. By patronizing these booths, you support good, local causes. When you leave the fairgrounds, get your hand stamped, and you can return after work to see the rest of the fair, including crowning the Fair Queen.

On a cold winter's evening, doesn't that sound like a fun time to look forward to?

There are endless summertime festivals. Many are a ho-hum, dreary copy of the one held the previous weekend ten miles down the road. But at these other carnivals, how many feature horseracing, a photography exhibition, live entertainment and a virtual zoo full of animals? The Boone County Fair is a winner among festivals that is worth your support.

We talk a lot about promoting economic development in Boone County. The fair is absolutely our best advertisement. During the fair, we represent and illustrate the high quality of life that someone who lives or has a business in Boone County can enjoy. People from Rockford, Wisconsin and Chicago who normally don't think about Belvidere annually come to Boone County to have a good time at this fair. At a time when county fairs are dying, Boone County's remains strong. That sends a powerful signal and it's up to all of us to do our bit!

The Value of a Free Newspaper

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – I love newspapers. And for the past 30 years, I've had a particular infatuation with the newspaper vending machine.

Oh, I know it sounds silly, but I still get a thrill out of seeing my name or photo staring out from behind the glass as I walk down the street.

It is one of those non-monetary perks to working in the newspaper business.

But sadly, these machines are slowly disappearing from the landscape.

There are a lot of reasons for it. But the biggest reason is the economics of the industry have changed and folks aren't carrying around enough quarters, David Enoch, a veteran newspaper circulation manager told me.

Adweek reported last year that The New York Times had only 39 vending machines in the entire United States – and none in New York. The Wall Street Journal, on the other hand, has no machines. USA Today also has phased out its coin-operated racks, Enoch told me.

Instead, newspapers are relying more on convenience stores and other retailers to sell their products.

Yes, I understand business models change. But, hey, I still miss the glass milk bottles that used to be left on our porch when I was a kid. So why can't I long for the glory days of the steel rack on the street corner?

Newspapers were designed to look good peering out from those windows.

I remember back when I was a reporter in the Quad-Cities and thought I had a big scoop, I would stay up until the competition filled their machines, just to make sure I had beaten them.

Now, of course, reporters monitor the competition by visiting websites.

It certainly is more efficient. But not nearly as much fun as driving from vending machine to vending machine at 3 a.m.

During my first newspaper job at the Galveston Daily News I learned just how important newspaper vending machines could be. Whenever a hurricane brewed in the Gulf of Mexico, crews would haul all the vending machines to safety before the storm hit. And, of course, once the storm was over they'd haul them back to stand sentinel outside cafes, diners and barber shops.

One time, I had written a story on a murder case where the defendant was being retried after his first trial ended in a mistrial.

It seems a witness was a bit too honest in the first trial. A prosecutor asked why he was frightened of the defendant and the man said, "Because he has killed before."

It was a truthful answer, but not something the judge wanted jurors to hear.

Consequently, a mistrial occurred.

The day jury selection was to begin in the second trial, a story I had written appeared on the front page explaining why the man was being retried for murder.

The judge on the case worried that his jury pool had been contaminated.

So, each potential juror was brought into the courtroom alone and questioned about what they remembered reading in the newspaper that morning.

One older woman sat on the witness stand and was grilled by the lawyers.

The interrogation by the defense lawyer went like this:

"Ma'am did you read the Galveston Daily News this morning?"

"Yes."

"Did you read a story about a jury being selected for a murder trial?"

"Well, yes -- but I only read the first sentence of the story."

At this point the defense attorney nearly snarled, "You knew you were being called today for jury service in a murder trial and you saw a story on the front page of the newspaper about jury selection for a murder trial and you expect us to believe you only read the first sentence of the article? How can that be, ma'am?"

The woman shifted uncomfortably on the witness stand and explained: "I got to the courthouse early and saw the newspaper machine out front. I started to read the story through the little window in the machine, but I didn't have a quarter to buy the paper."

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Community News & Events

Winter Softball Camp- NSA and Rock Valley College are teaming up for a 4 session Winter Softball Camp. These events will be on Sundays 1/14, 1/31, 2/4, 2/11. You can register online at www.NationalSoftballAcademy.com Enter Flyer2018 for a \$20 off discount. REGISTER TODAY AS SPOTS ARE FILLING UP! Call Rock Valley Softball Assistant Coach DJ Johnson at d.johnson3@rockvalleycollege.edu or call at 815-971-3812 for further information.

What's Been Done: Using Someone Else's Genealogy Research- 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 PM on Saturday, January 6, 2018. All interested parties are welcome! Refreshments will be served. There is no cost to attend. For more information, call Wendy at 779-203-3511.

Spring Township Regular Board Meeting- Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Spring Town Hall, 3150 Shattuck Road. Topics to be discussed include the stone school and a sexual harassment policy.

25th Annual Collector Club Toy Show- Sunday, January 14, 2018. 9 A.M.-3 P.M. Located at the Marengo Community High School, 110 Franks Rd., Marengo, IL (East, off Route 20) Admission: \$3 ADULTS- CHILDREN 10 & UNDER FREE. Farm Toys, Trucks, Cars and Construction Toys. Food, Raffles, and Door Prizes. For more information, call 815-226-9010.

The Capron Lions All-You-Can-Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast & Meat Raffle- Saturday, January 13, 2018. Located at Capron Lions Community Building (305 E. North Street, Capron, IL 61012) from 7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. By donation, to benefit Capron youth baseball, and upkeep and improvements to Capron Lions Park/Capron Lions Community Building. Bring your used glasses,

ink cartridges, hearing aids and cellphones to our collection box at the breakfast!

Seed Starting and Seed Swap- Tuesday, January 30 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Ida Public Library located at 320 N. State Street in Belvidere. The night will include a presentation on seed starting, seed swapping and some hands on activities. Kids are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. The Boone County Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer any questions you may have on gardening.

This is a free event, but registration is needed to ensure we have enough handouts. To register for this event, please call Ida Public Library at 815-544-3838.

18th Annual Rock & Roll Up Your Sleeve Blood & Marrow Drive- The Rock River Valley Blood Center, 104.9 WXRX and IBEW Local Union 364 invite you to the 18th Annual Rock & Roll Up Your Sleeve Blood and Marrow Drive. The event will take place Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 8:00am-2:00pm at IBEW Hall, 6820 Mill Road in Rockford. For more information or to make an appointment to donate blood, please call toll free 877-RRVBC-99 or find RRVBC on the web at www.rrvbc.org

Boone County Volunteer Board

Capron Cemetery Association		(2) Vacancy
Term Expires	February 1, 2018	Length of Term (6) Year Term
Commission of the Housing Authority		(4) Vacancy
Term Expires	January 1, 2018	Length of Term (5) Year Term
Boone County Board of Health		(1) Vacancy
Term Expires	July 1, 2018	Length of Term Remainder of 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 Avenue, Suite 102, Belvidere, IL 61008. Please respond by February 2, 2018 to assure being considered.

Annual Kids Ice Fishing Workshop- A FREE

workshop for kids Ages 5-15. Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9 AM-Noon. Lunch is provided, Prizes for the kids. Program sponsored by Coon Creek Caster. Workshop will start at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center, Boone County Conservation District 603 N. Appleton Road, Belvidere. You Must Pre-Register For This Program. Bring any Ice Fishing equipment you may have. Limited Rigs available. Register By Calling BCCD At 815-547-7935.

Belvidere Police Department's Annual Citizen's Police Academy- The Belvidere Police Department will be hosting their annual Citizen's Police Academy, starting on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The 10 session academy is an informative look at modern day policing practices within the Belvidere Police Department and will cover the following topics: Department Structure, How officers are hired, Traffic enforcement/DUI Enforcement, Use of Force/ Deadly Force, Crime scene investigations, volunteers in Police Service program, K9 demonstration, Gangs, Drugs. This free program is offered annually to residents and is yet another example of community policing efforts by the Belvidere Police Department. Persons interested in applying for the Citizen's Police Academy in 2018 should contact Community Policing Coordinator Officer Blankenship at 815-547-6312 or email Blankenship@belviderepolice.com

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-16-09934.

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

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

HOME STATE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
WENDY L. STACEY fka WENDY L. WENDY L. LUNDGREN;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
HOMEOWNER=S ASSOCIATION, if any, Defendants.
No. 2017 CH 100

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure heretofore entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Dave Ernest, Sheriff of Boone County, Illinois will on the 20th day of February, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Main Entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash and all singular, the following described premises and real estate in said judgment mentioned, situated in the County and State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment to wit:

LOT THIRTY-EIGHT (38) AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. TWO OF WASHINGTON VIEW SUBDIVISION BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 3RD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE PLAT OF WHICH WAS RECORDED JANUARY 13, 1958 IN BOOK 4 OF PLATS ON PAGE 32 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1215 9TH Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois 61008

PROPERTY INDEX NUMBER: 05-35-184-037
Together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

This property is commonly known as 1215 9th Avenue, Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois, and is residential property. This property will not be open for inspection. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Terms of Sale: This real estate is being sold in an "As Is Condition" for cash and the successful bidder is required to deposit 10% of the bid amount at the time of the sale with the Boone County Sheriff and the balance to be paid within twenty-four hours of the sale.

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Public Notices

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2017**

TOWNSHIP - REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property Taxes - \$92,367.06; Replacement Tax - \$753.11; Interest Income - \$448.81; TOIRMA Dividends - \$306.33
TOTAL REVENUES: \$93,875.31

TOWNSHIP - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
Boone County Council on Ageing - \$10,000.00; U.S. Treasury - \$4,285.45
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$5,981.47
TOTAL VENDORS: \$20,266.92

TOWNSHIP - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Range: Under \$5,000: Valerie Alt, Theresa Balk, Gordon Gotsch, JoClaire Malpier, Dennis Luckey, R.P. Warrington. Range: Under \$10,000: Norm Pierce
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$19,897.03

ROAD DISTRICT - REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property Taxes - \$300,653.32; Replacement Tax - \$3,115.95 Interest Income - \$984.99; Snow Plowing - \$858.75; Traffic Fines - \$2,517.96; TOIRMA Dividends - \$612.67; Sign Installation - \$360.00; Voided Checks - \$13.95; Sale of Truck - \$5,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES: \$314,117.59

ROAD DISTRICT - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
Ayre Excavating - \$3,700.00; Bonnell Industries - \$5,238.98; Boone County Motor Fuel Tax - \$20,200.85; Business Card - \$4,199.65; Conserv FS - \$5,145.16; Culvert Man - \$4,518.00; R. J. Daniels - \$2,582.71; Geske & Sons, Inc. - \$7,560.30; Kenco Repair - \$3,204.60; RVP Enterprises - \$4,800.00; TOIRMA - \$4,159.00; 3 Franks Services, LLC - \$5,000.00, US Treasury - \$13,092.08; Morrow Bros. Ford - \$33,924.00
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$18,960.77
TOTAL VENDORS: \$117,325.33

ROAD DISTRICT - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Range: Under \$10,000: Norm Pierce. Range: Under \$15,000.00 - Gary Brunner, William Brunner
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$35,142.90
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: ROSALINA CASTANEDA, Petitioner, vs. MANUEL GOMEZ-VALTIERRA, Respondent.
Case No.: 2017-D-121

NOTICE
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN YOU, MANUEL GOMEZ-VALTIERRA, Respondent in the above-entitled action, that Petitioner, Rosalina Castaneda, has commenced a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in the Circuit Court of Boone County against you, praying for a Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage and other relief. Proper procedures according to law have been taken and said suit is still pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, Manuel Gomez-Valtierra, file your Response to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein in the said Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois held in the courthouse in the City of Belvidere, County of Boone, State of Illinois, on or before February 7, 2018, default may be entered against you after that date and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

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

IN RE THE MATTER OF: Stacy Loraine Rose No. 2017-MR-195
NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is given you, the public, that on February 13, 2018 I will file a Petition For Change of Name in this Court asking the Court to change my present name of Stacy Loraine Rose to the name of Stacy Loraine Olson.
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Assumed Names

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 Painter business in said County and State under the name of MAC Painting at the following post office addresses: 10556 Rte 173 #13, Capron, IL, 61012 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: Michael Chafin, 10556 Rte 173 #13, Capron, IL, 61012. Signed: Michael Chafin, 12/05/17

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 5th. day of December, 2017, Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Giselle Lenover, Deputy
Published in the Boone County Journal 12/29, 01/05,12

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 Construction business in said County and State under the name of Nassab's Construction at the following post office addresses: 195 Red Oak Street, 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: Tahrek Nassab, 195 Red Oak Street, Poplar Grove, IL, 61065. Signed: Tahrek Nassab, 01/03/18

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 3rd. day of January, 2018, Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Sherry Blauert, Deputy
Published in the Boone County Journal 01/05, 12,19

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 Mobile Service and Repair business in said County and State under the name of Maple Equipment at the following post office addresses: 9052 Orth Road, Garden Prairie, IL, 61038 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: Erik Thor Nebergall, 9008 Orth Road, Garden Prairie, IL, 61038. Signed: Erik Thor Nebergall, 01/08/18

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 8th. day of January, 2018, Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Sheryl Richabaugh, Deputy
Published in the Boone County Journal 01/12,19,26

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 Inspections business in said County and State under the name of T Lee Services at the following post office addresses: 1030 8th Ave, Belvidere, IL, 61008 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: Terry Lee, 1030 8th Ave, Belvidere, IL, 61008. Signed: Terry Lee, 01/05/18

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 5th. day of January, 2018, Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Christine Gardner, Deputy
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IROQUOIS FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.-

ERIC J. CZEPEK AKA ERIC JAMES CZEPEK, JENNIFER ANN KALAFUT CZEPEK AKA JENNIFER ANN CZEPEK AKA JENNIFER KALAFUT CZEPEK AKA JENNIFER KALAFUT, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Defendant
16 CH 139

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 10, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 24, 2018, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Lot Sixty-five (65) as designated upon Belvidere Prairie Place Final Plat No. 2, as part of the East 1/2 of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 28, T. 44 N., R. 3 E. of the 3rd P.M. in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois, the Plat of which is recorded in the Recorders Office of Boone County on April 29, 2004 in Plat index file envelope 295-B as Document No. 2004R04931; situated in Boone County, State of Illinois.

Commonly known as 4157 HUBBARD TRL., BELVIDERE, IL 61008
Property Index No. 05-28-377-006.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$136,472.54.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 587807249.

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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