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## Happy Fourth of July 250

### Harvard Hornets Meet the Harvard Rockets

Charles Herbst

To celebrate the American Revolution Bicentennial in 1976, Harvard Junior High School students and one of their teachers, Mrs. Quandt (dressed up as Uncle Sam), enlisted the support of the entire school and planted a time capsule near the flagpole.

Each student was asked to bring something significant to place in the capsule, which was made of PVC pipe with a metal cap on either end. The outside contained a metal plaque and a large Bicentennial American flag sticker that was popular at the time. The capsule of memorabilia was to be opened 50 years later in the summer of 2026.

One of the highlights of this year's Harvard Milk Days Red, White and Moo Celebration was the opening of that capsule. At noon on Sunday, June 7, the capsule was dug up. Several dozen students from the 1975-76 school year were there. The capsule was intact with the sticker still on it and in pretty good shape for 50 years in the ground. During the removal, the metal plaque was loosened, but the engraving was rescued and still legible.

Right on schedule at 3pm, in the Entertainment Tent at Milky Way Park, Harvard Junior High School principal Patrick Podgorski opened the time capsule with assistance of assistant principal and three-time Harvard Milk Days milk-drinking contest champion Eric Gallagher.

Two long tables were set up to hold the capsule's contents. The items found in the capsule will be donated to the Harvard Historical Society.

During the past 50 years, water had penetrated the capsule. Upon opening it, a rank odor filled the tent. The putrid smell was probably more atmospheric than unpleasant and took nothing away from the joyous, festive mood of the occasion. Unfortunately, a few of the items, including some pictures, were damaged, but the majority were not. It is hoped that some of the waterlogged items can be restored.

One of the first items to be removed was an American Revolution Bicentennial flag. That flag was ubiquitous in 1976, and its display instantly brought back a flood of memories for those who were around then. The red on the flag held up well, but the blue had faded to blue-black.



Principal Podgorski opens the time capsule as Assistant Principal Gallagher looks on.



The 1976 time capsule from the Harvard Junior High School Rockets, ready to be opened.



An 8-track cartridge with music of the time.

There was a list of all students who attended the school in 1975-76. A class schedule, hall pass, lunch menu, absence report, many pictures and similar memorabilia were there.

A fun item was a disciplinary report concerning a boy who threw snowballs at the school bus. One of the snowballs somehow ended up inside the bus. It was noted in the report that this was a serious matter, as it was against school rules to throw snowballs, particularly at a school bus. There was also a detention list.



The Bicentennial Flag found inside the time capsule.

Great laughter erupted when both boys' and girls' gym uniforms were taken out. Back then, they were known as the Harvard Rockets. The mascot has changed to the Harvard Hornets. Women in the audience remarked at how particularly old-fashioned and horrible the female uniforms were back in the 1970s.

One of the most thoughtful items was a beautifully typewritten, two-page letter from long-time principal David Frederick. Principal Podgorski read Mr. Frederick's letter to the crowd. Mr. Frederick gave a thorough, well-written description of the school in the 1970s and expressed his best wishes to those present in 2026. He noted that he would have liked to attend but knew that such a visit would be unlikely. Contrasted with many

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# 'A Home For Hope': Obama Presidential Center Grand Opening

*The project, under construction on  
Chicago's southside since 2021, will  
open its doors to the public on Friday*

**Aidan Klineman** *Medill Illinois News Bureau*

Almost 250 years to the day of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, former President Barack Obama, the 44th and first African American president, officially opened his Obama Presidential Center before a star-studded crowd of supporters on the South Side of Chicago, where he launched his career.

With a good deal more grey hair than when he left the presidency almost a decade ago, Obama stood before thousands gathered in Chicago's Jackson Park to watch onscreen and hundreds of invited guests on the campus grounds to open his namesake Obama Presidential Center.

Underlying presentations and remarks throughout the hours-long ceremony at the center, which opens to the public Friday, were ideals set forth in our nation's founding document, Obama said, noting displays in the new museum would pay homage to the many

chapters of American history and showcase the work of civil rights leaders.

"The story we tell in this building begins not with Michelle's origins or my origins, but with our nation's," Obama said. "With a founding era print of the Declaration of Independence, and a pen and inkstand used by Frederick Douglass. Lincoln's Bible and a pamphlet by Ida B. Wells. Suffragist button, and a hard hat worn by FDR's Labor Secretary Frances Perkins."

"The exhibits here focus not just on policies, but on the shared values that make democracy possible," Obama said.

### Star-studded ceremony

The ceremony began with a performance by hip-hop band The Roots, followed by an introduction of distinguished guests. Former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, former German Chancellor Angela Merkel, former Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi and former Mongolian President Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj came to the stage first.

They were followed by former Vice President Kamala Harris and her husband, Douglas Emhoff. Then, the four living former presidents: Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Joe Biden, Obama and their first ladies, took their seats on a wide stage alongside a concert stage. Next to the Obamas were their daughters, Sasha and Malia, who spent part of their childhood growing up in the public eye at the White House.

Additional VIP guests included Obama administration officials, former Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel and former Attorney General Eric Holder, and a number of celebrities from the arts and entertainment world, including Stephen Colbert, Oprah Winfrey, Steven Spielberg, David Letterman, Tom Hanks and Mark Hamill.

Notably absent from the ceremony was President Donald Trump, whom the Obama Foundation did not invite. Then-President Obama attended the dedication of the most recent presidential center to open, that of President George W. Bush, in 2013. Bush has become a friend of the Obamas, underscoring a once more bipartisan era.

Obama Foundation executives, CEO Valerie Jarrett and Chairman of the Board of Directors Marty Nesbitt, gave opening remarks. Jarrett, a longtime friend and advisor to the Obamas, spoke of the significance of housing the campus on Chicago's South Side and its inclusive vision.

"This center may be named for the Obama's, but it is built for you," Jarrett said.

Nesbitt donned a tan suit during his remarks, which he pointed out in

reference to the now-infamous "tan suit controversy," in which the former president was criticized by opponents for wearing the color at a 2014 news conference.

Performances by local and superstar artists sprinkled the proceedings. Jennifer Hudson, Christina Aguilera, John Legend, Common, U2's Bono & The Edge, Marc Anthony, Tems, Eddie Vedder, Stevie Wonder and Bruce Springsteen were among the performers that had the crowd on their feet with moving music that often evoked the signature calls to hope of the Obamas.

### Obamas give remarks

Nearly two hours into the ceremony, First Lady Michelle Obama and President Obama delivered final remarks.

At the start of her speech, the former First Lady promised to "fully sing" her husband's praises. She reflected on her marriage, her family's roots in Chicago and lauded the accomplishments of her husband's administration.

"How absurd it is to imagine that you would have done anything but make our family and this country proud," Obama said, as her husband held back tears.


The former first lady, who grew up on the South Side, went on to applaud the historic contributions of working people and immigrant communities to democracy and appeared to push back on anti-immigrant sentiment, invoking language from the Declaration of Independence.

"A dangerous precedent that flies in the very face of our faith and of the founding promise of this democracy, that all of us, all of us are created equal," Michelle Obama said. "That each of us is a child of God with inherent value, and no one, and I

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## Harvard

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of the scribbled signatures of our modern day, Mr. Frederick's signature was an example of excellent, Palmer-Method penmanship.

The technology of the 1970s was a bit different than today. Producing Mr. Frederick's letter on a word processor would have been unlikely. Personal computers, Microsoft, Google and YouTube were not around yet. The Internet was a national defense project, essentially unknown to the populace. The spell checker was a paper dictionary.

An 8-track cartridge of disco music was included along with a list of the students' favorite rock groups: Captain and Tennille, The Carpenters, The Beatles, Bachman Turner Overdrive, The Beach Boys, Bay City Rollers, Queen, The Osmonds, Aerosmith and Kiss. A tape was found that hopefully can be made playable.

In 1976, the United States had committed to changing to the metric system. A ruler that measured 12 inches on one side and 30 centimeters on the other was inside the capsule.

The school is planning to create another time capsule this fall, to be opened in 2076. Will the flag still have 50 stars, and the school mascot still be a hornet? Time will tell.



## Obama

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mean no one, has the right to sit in judgment of who's American enough."

'American values we can all share, regardless of party'

Former President Obama made the event's final speech, which he began by tracking his journey from working as a community organizer on Chicago's South Side to meeting his wife, starting his family and running for office.

"This is where we bought our first home. This is where our kids took their first steps. This is where I launched my candidacy for the Illinois State Senate over at the Ramada Inn on Lake Shore Drive, serving pretzels and soda, embarking on a path that ultimately and improbably led to this day," Obama said.

Obama served in the Illinois State Senate from 1997 until his election to the U.S. Senate in November 2004. He served alongside fellow Democrat Sen. Dick Durbin, who was seated in the audience beside Gov. JB Pritzker.

Obama continued by paying tribute to America's founding 250 years ago, explaining the hopes and values that underscore the purpose of his new center — including a call to the next generation to pick up the torch to defend those values.

"Out of the fire and steel of a revolution, a different story took flight," Obama said. "That in the newly independent United States, there will be no kings or lords, no serfs or subjects, but only citizens, each of us free to pursue our own version of happiness and able to determine our collective fate through an elected representative government."

Obama concluded his remarks by telling the story of Reverend Theodore Parker, a 19th-century Boston-area abolitionist minister whose famous quote, "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice," directly inspired Dr. Martin Luther King.

"His words offered no easy answers, no comforting assurances that he or his congregation would live to see the progress they so desperately sought," Obama said. "Rather, his was a declaration of faith, a defiant call not to abandon hope or give way to fear, but to stay true to our better selves and true to one another, and to keep fighting to fulfill the promise of this nation, even in the face of cruelty and bitter disappointment."

A sculpted arch interpretation of Parker's "moral universe" sits on the Obama Center campus. It is set to open its doors to the public this Friday, Juneteenth, the federal holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

Ultimately, Obama emphasized the center was about and for Americans more than any one president, and the continuing work Americans have before them.

He emphasized that "in a large, complicated society like ours, no group or faction gets its way 100% of the time. And a belief that qualities of character, honesty, integrity, kindness, compassion, a sense of duty and honor — those things matter in our public dealings just as they do in our private lives."

"They are not Republican or Democratic values," he concluded. "They are American values we can all share, regardless of party. Values every president here today, as different as we are, has tried our best to uphold. Values that John McCain and Mitt Romney believed in, no less than I did."

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# Independence Day 250

Bob Evans

Independence Day approaches. This one is, of course, special, because we will observe 250 years of independence. We will celebrate not only our birth as a nation; we will renew also our commitment to the fundamental social contract proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence. We define ourselves as a people and as a nation by our belief in equality, and by our mutual pledge to respect the right to life, to liberty, and to the pursuit of happiness. These are natural rights. These are our rights.

Throughout history, almost all nations have always been defined by ethnicity, by religion, or by ancient historical place and culture. Not us. Not Americans. Americans define and distinguish themselves by their belief in an idea.

That idea is the belief that the Declaration of Independence expresses correctly the proper relationship between government and its citizens. To be legitimate, government must be limited government, limited to protecting our rights. We are to some extent unique: in order to be an American, all one has to do is to commit to the principles of the Declaration. America has been identified, appropriately, as the "creedal nation."

Have we always honored our commitment to the principles of the Declaration? Of course not. If only we had. The principal author of our sacred social contract—Thomas Jefferson—and several other signers of the Declaration enslaved fellow Americans, fellow Americans who in fact possessed these same proudly professed natural rights. The trail of our history is littered with violations of our deepest, most revered principles.

But still our commitment to these principles persists, as it must persist. We must continue to strive to redeem our historical pledge to each other. We must strive always to honor our original commitment to the foundational principles of the Declaration. We must remind ourselves of this continuing commitment every Fourth of July. As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our existence we must strive finally to become what Lincoln termed "the last, best hope of mankind."

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# A Key Moment in the Revolution Happened On July 4 in Illinois

*George Rogers Clark Stormed Kaskaskia on July 4th, 1778*

*Tom Emery*

During the American Revolution in Illinois, the Declaration of Independence was not the only important event on July 4.

On that date in 1778, George Rogers Clark's brazen capture of Kaskaskia in southwestern Illinois secured a key outpost for the American cause.

The older brother of William Clark, partner in the expedition with Meriwether Lewis from 1804-06, Clark believed that the capture of the British stronghold of Detroit would lead to the colonial control west of the Appalachians.

To achieve that goal, Clark proposed an offensive on the outposts at Kaskaskia, Cahokia, and Vincennes, thereby securing the Illinois country for Virginia.

Kaskaskia, a Mississippi River settlement which later was the capital of Illinois, was the economic and political center of the region and had fallen to British control with the end of the French and Indian Wars in 1763. It was protected by various forts, including Fort Gage, which British troops had occupied after abandoning Fort de Chartres in 1772.

The British had likewise abandoned Kaskaskia in 1776, leaving the town under the control of Frenchman Phillippe de Rocheblave, who had promised loyalty to the British. However, the inhabitants of Kaskaskia, largely French Catholics, cared neither for British authorities nor the American revolutionaries.

Clark wrote that the Kaskaskia French "look on us as notorious rebels that ought to be subdued at any rate" but added that "I don't doubt that after being acquainted with the [American] cause they would become good friends to it." In addition, Clark realized that control of Kaskaskia would neutralize American Indian tribes in the area.

On Jan. 4, 1778, Clark left Williamsburg, Va. and by May 27 was across from present-day Louisville with 150 Virginians. After several weeks of training, his men were joined by twenty-five Kentucky riflemen, and began paddling downriver on June 24. They were later overtaken by news that France had allied with the colonies.

Clark landed at Fort Massac, a deserted British fort in extreme southern Illinois, and on June 29 set out on foot for Kaskaskia, 120 miles away. Marching in single file, the men subsisted mostly on wild berries. They reached the Kaskaskia River north of town during the evening of July 4, 1778 and found Kaskaskia and Fort Gage both largely unguarded.

Clark wrote that he "formed the party into three divisions. With one of the divisions, I marched to the fort," where he awakened de Rocheblave, who surrendered without a fight.

The best, though, was yet to come. Clark "marched the other two [divisions] into different quarters of the town" and gave the signal. The men then charged through the streets of Kaskaskia with such an uproar that shocked residents thought they were under attack by a much-larger army.

Clark wrote that soldiers who spoke French screamed that the Americans were now in control, "ordering the people on the pane of death to keep close to their houses, which they observed and before daylight [we] had the whole disarmed."

It was all part of a psychological plan. Clark added that "the greater the shock I could give them at first, the more sensibly would they feel my lenity and become more valuable friends."

As Clark predicted, the Kaskaskia French received the Americans warmly. The local priest, Father Pierre Gibault, asked for mercy for women and children, to which Clark scoffed, "Did they suppose...that we would...make war on the women and children of the church?"

Clark subsequently declared that they were free to choose their side, without fear of losing their families, property, or religious freedom. In minutes, the townspeople swore their allegiance to America. A celebration ensued, including the ringing of the church bell gifted by King Louis XV in 1741. The bell was later dubbed the "Liberty Bell of the West."

The submission of Kaskaskia also ensured the fall of both Cahokia and Vincennes, and Clark managed to create peace agreements with local tribes. Though the British would retake Vincennes later that year, Clark fearlessly captured that post once again in February 1779.

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ESTATE OF Larry Layman, DECEASED.  
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AUSTIN MORGAN, Respondent.

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The Petitioner seeks, among other relief: dissolution of the marriage; allocation of parental responsibilities and parenting time with respect to the minor children of the parties; child support pursuant to 750 ILCS 5/505; equitable distribution of marital property and debts; award of non-marital property; and such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

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Your response must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Boone County at 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

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TAX LIEN INVESTMENTS, Petitioner

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RICHARD A.  
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No. 2026-PR-9

## CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of Richard A. Britton. Letters of Office were issued on February 17, 2026, to Janis Thelen, 8225 White Oaks Road, Harvard, Illinois 60033, who is the legal executor of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Nancy Grimme Schilling, Schilling Law, LLC, 973 Featherstone Road, Suite 350, Rockford, Illinois 61107.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before December 23, 2026, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk-Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008, or with the estate legal representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office – Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to his/her attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: June 12, 2026.

Janis Thelen, Executor,

By: Schilling Law, LLC

By: Nancy Grimme Schilling

Schilling Law, LLC

By: Nancy Grimme Schilling

973 Featherstone Road, Suite 350

Rockford, IL 61107

(815) 977-5000 (telephone)

nancyschilling@schilling-law.com

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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

In the Matter of: SANDRA A. RATHER, Decedent.

2026PR22

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of Sandra A. Rather on March 18, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on May 21, 2026, to Stacy Henneberry, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles G. Popp, P.C., 205 Cadillac Court #4, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before December 9, 2026, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk-Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the estate legal representative, or both.

Published in The Boone County Journal, June 23, 30, July 7, 2026

## NOTICE

The Board of Education of Belvidere Community Unit School District 100 ("School District" or "Board") is requesting and accepting proposals from qualified vendors for a Multilingual Program Review including a comprehensive evaluation of the District's bilingual/ESL programs. The selected vendor will assess alignment with state and federal requirements, evaluate program effectiveness in supporting multilingual learners, and provide recommendations for program improvement and sustainability.

All bids are due by Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, at 2:00 pm CST, and a public bid opening will take place at 2:15 pm the same day at the Administrative Building, 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008. All vendors are welcome to attend the bid request opening.

All bids must be submitted through SECURE BIDS. Link to CUSD 100 website with SECURE BIDS <https://colbiseurebids.com/agency/bcusd100>.

Proposal specifications will be available through the SECURE BIDS website. If you have any questions, please contact the District Office at 815-544-8616 or via email at [purchasing@district100.com](mailto:purchasing@district100.com).

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Holly Houk

Clerk

Board of Education

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: JATAYVEON FRANKLIN, A minor  
JUVENILE DIVISION 25 JA 19

## NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN: Tyree Caso and all unknown fathers and "To Whom it May Concern"

Take notice that on February 13, 2025, a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by the Kane County State's Attorney in the Circuit Court of the 16th Judicial Circuit and on May 12, 2025, the matter of In Re the Interest of Jatayveon Franklin, a minor, was transferred from Kane County and accepted by Boone County on June 5, 2025.

On July 30, 2026 at the Boone County Courthouse located at 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois at 2:00 p.m. in courtroom #3, or as soon thereafter as the cause may be heard, a Petition for Termination

of Parental Rights hearing will be held regarding declaring the minor a ward of the court under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO THE MINOR'S ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL

PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. Unless you appear in court, in person, on July 30, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of proceedings in this case, including the filing of any amended petitions to terminate your parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered against you.

Dated: 6/16/26 PAMELA CODUTO, CIRCUIT CLERK

by: Kristina L. Pearson, Deputy Clerk

Published in The Boone County Journal Jun 30, 2026

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Village of Poplar Grove

Boone County, Illinois

**OWNER** - The Village of Poplar Grove acting through its Board of Trustees, hereby gives notice that sealed bids will be received in the Village of Poplar Grove Village Hall for the following described project.

**PROJECT** The work shall consist of resurfacing various roads and sidewalk repairs at various locations within the Village of Poplar Grove. Work will include sidewalk removal and replacement, curb and gutter removal and replacement, bituminous surface removal, manhole adjustments, HMA paving, and associated restoration and traffic control.

Bids will be received on the following contract(s):

Contract: 26-00000-00-GM Poplar Grove 2026 Pavement Maintenance Program

**TIME** Sealed bids will be received until **10:00 AM**, local time, as indicated on the website <https://www.time.gov> local time on **July 15, 2026** in the Village of Poplar Grove Village Hall, 200 N. 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 Miller, Village Clerk, Village of Poplar Grove, 200 N. 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](http://www.mcmgrp.com)) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDoc™. Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at [www.mcmgrp.com](http://www.mcmgrp.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable \$40.00 by inputting **Quest Project No. 10258467** 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](mailto: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.

**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

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.

Published by the authority of the Village of Poplar Grove acting through its Board of Trustees.

Karri Miller, Village Clerk

Village of Poplar Grove

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**Notice**

Logan Auto Sales  
1007 Logan Ave  
Belvidere IL 61008 5/16/26  
Westbay Equipment Co  
Rr 4 Box 1549  
Galesburg IL 61401  
Vehicle: 197 Donahue 25 FT Flatbed Trailer  
VIN: DC9FP22K7UDDC9754  
Subject: Vehicle Storage  
Dear Westbay Equipment C, Steven Stone and Grant Oyler,  
This letter serves as formal notice regarding the outstanding balance for vehicle storage for your 1997 Donahue 25 FT Flatbed Trailer. This vehicle has been abandoned on my property since July 2024. Storage fees of \$35.50 per day began on 2/23/26. To resolve this issue, we are waiving further fees, as long as this is resolved in the next month (7/10/26). The current balance for storage fees is \$1,988. Storage Fees:  
Start Date of Storage: 2/23/26  
Work Order: 74095283  
Current Balance Due for Storage Fees: \$1,988  
Administration and Doc Fees: \$0  
Total Outstanding Balance: \$1,988  
Kindly note that you have been given ample time to address these outstanding balances. We request that you make full payment by 7/10/26 to avoid further legal action.  
We trust that you will give this matter your immediate attention and resolve it promptly to avoid unnecessary complications  
This letter shall further state the intent to enforce a mechanic's lien under Chapter 770 ILCS 50/3 unless payment is received.  
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**Notice**

Logan Auto Sales  
1007 Logan Ave  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
loganautoandtire@gmail.com  
815-544-9811 5/19/26  
Nadya Kalimullah Lienholder: Accurate Auto Sales  
130 Flintridge Dr Unit 6 1602 Broadway  
Rockford IL 61007 Rockford IL 61104  
Vehicle: 2013 Dodge Journey SE  
VIN: 3C4PDCAB0DT506229  
Subject: Legal Notice Regarding Unpaid Mechanic Work Order and Storage  
Dear Nadya,  
This letter serves as formal notice regarding the outstanding balance for mechanical repairs and vehicle storage for your 2013 Dodge Journey SE. As of today, the following invoices remain unpaid:  
Invoice Details:  
Invoice Number: RO #838  
Date(s) of Service: 4/11/25  
Description of Services: Remove & replace radiator hose, tow from Rockford to Belvidere, remove & replace control module, throttle body & fuse box. Parts include radiator hose, antifreeze, acceleration pedal, thermostat housing, thermostat, control module, throttle body and fuse box  
Total Amount Due for Mechanical Services: \$1,396.28  
Storage Fees: \$45 a day until \$600 threshold  
Start Date of Storage: 4/22/25  
Current Balance Due for Storage Fees: \$600  
Total Outstanding Balance: \$1,996.28  
As per our prior agreement and in accordance with the [contract, service terms, or applicable law, payment is now overdue. Kindly note that you have been given ample time to address these outstanding balances. We request that you make full payment by 7/10/26 to avoid further legal action.  
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Belvidere, IL 61008  
loganautoandtire@gmail.com  
815-544-9811 5/19/26  
Felix Osantos-Ortiz  
3239 Alta Vista Rd  
Rockford IL 61107  
Vehicle: 2004 Chevy Trailblazer LS  
VIN: 1GNDT13SX42401665  
Subject: Legal Notice Regarding Unpaid Mechanic Work Order and Storage  
Dear Felix,  
This letter serves as formal notice regarding the outstanding balance for mechanical repairs and vehicle storage for your 2004 Chevy Trailblazer LS. As of today, the following invoices remain unpaid:  
Invoice Details:  
Invoice Number: RO #820  
Date(s) of Service: 1/9/25  
Description of Services: Remove & replace radiator hose, tow from Racine WI to Belvidere, remove & replace fuel pump as well as the fuel pump itself.  
Total Amount Due for Mechanical Services: \$299  
Storage Fees: \$45 a day until \$1700 threshold  
Start Date of Storage: 4/7/25  
Current Balance Due for Storage Fees: \$1,700  
Total Outstanding Balance: \$1,999  
As per our prior agreement and in accordance with the [contract, service terms, or applicable law], payment is now overdue. Kindly note that you have been given ample time to address these outstanding balances. We request that you make full payment by 7/10/26 to avoid further legal action.  
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Logan Auto Sales  
1007 Logan Ave  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
loganautoandtire@gmail.com  
815-544-9811 5/20/26  
Stanisha Bryant Lienholder: Credit Acceptance Corp  
1112 North Winnebago ST 25505 W 12 Mile Rd  
Rockford IL, 61103 Southfield MI, 48034  
Vehicle: 2015 Ford Taurus SE  
VIN: 1FAHP2E8XFG183874  
Subject: Legal Notice Regarding Unpaid Mechanic Work Order and Storage  
Dear Stanisha,  
This letter serves as formal notice regarding the outstanding balance for mechanical repairs and vehicle storage for your 2015 Ford Taurus SE. As of today, the following invoices remain unpaid:  
Invoice Details:  
Invoice Number: RO #837  
Date(s) of Service: 3/13/25  
Description of Services: Tow from Rockford IL to Belvidere IL, remove & replace core support, hood, driver fender, passenger fender, front bumper cover, head lamp, grille, lower arm control and parts.  
Total Amount Due for Mechanical Services: \$2,821.24  
Storage Fees:  
Start Date of Storage: 8/24/25  
Fees are \$45 per day for the duration of 191 days  
Current Balance Due for Storage Fees: \$8,595.00  
Total Outstanding Balance: \$11,416.24  
As per our prior agreement and in accordance with the [contract, service terms, or applicable law], payment is now overdue. Kindly note that you have been given ample time to address these outstanding balances. We request that you make full payment by 7/10/26 to avoid further legal action.  
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1007 Logan Ave  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
loganautoandtire@gmail.com  
815-544-9811 5/19/26  
Chazquell Anderson  
210 Bayless Ave  
Rockford, IL 61101  
Vehicle: 2008 Mercury Premier  
VIN: 4M2EU48878UK09551  
Subject: Legal Notice Regarding Unpaid Mechanic Work Order and Storage  
Dear Chazquell,  
This letter serves as formal notice regarding the outstanding balance for mechanical repairs and vehicle storage for your 2008 Mercury Premier. As of today, the following invoices remain unpaid:  
Invoice Details:  
Invoice Number: RO #839  
Date(s) of Service: 3/27/25  
Description of Services: Remove & replace passenger front knuckle, upper control arm, cv axle, lower control arm, sway bar link, inner tie rod, ABS sensor, front rotors, front pads, soft brake line, outer tie rod and parts.  
Total Amount Due for Mechanical Services: \$1,234.94  
Storage Fees: \$45 a day until \$600 threshold  
Start Date of Storage: 4/23/25  
Current Balance Due for Storage Fees: \$600  
Total Outstanding Balance: \$1,834.94  
As per our prior agreement and in accordance with the [contract, service terms, or applicable law], payment is now overdue. Kindly note that you have been given ample time to address these outstanding balances. We request that you make full payment by 7/10/26 to avoid further legal action.  
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**ASSUMED NAMES**

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4286 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a RESALE business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SHARONS195 that its location is or will be 5195 COUNTY LINE ROAD in MARENGO in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.  
Phone Number: 815-494-0115  
SHARON ANN JOHNSON 5195 COUNTY LINE ROAD  
MARENGO, ILLINOIS 60152  
I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: June 8, 2026  
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4288 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a BODY CONTOURING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of CINTURITA SCULPTING LLC that its location is or will be 1464 NORTH STATE STREET in BELVIDERE in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.  
Phone Number: 224-806-7765  
JESSICA MARTINEZ 1765 W CHRYSLER DR  
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008  
I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State

aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: June 18, 2026  
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

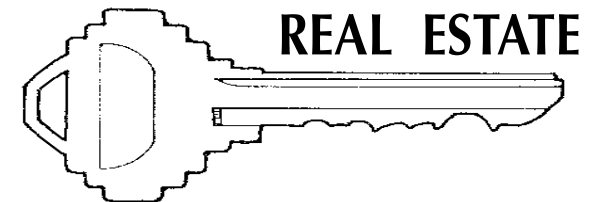
No. DBA4289 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a CARPENTRY business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of BARAGLIA TRIM that its location is or will be 10042 TANGLEWOOD CIRCLE in BELVIDERE in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.  
Phone Number: 224-291-1537  
Weston Anthony Baraglia 10042 Tanglewood Cir  
Belvidere, Illinois 61008  
I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: June 22, 2026  
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4290 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a STAINED GLASS MAKING AND SELLING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of THE GLASS GARDNER that its location is or will be 925 WHITNEY BLVD in BELVIDERE in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.  
Phone Number: 815-566-5957  
Christine Elizabeth Gardner 925 Whitney Blvd.  
Belvidere, Illinois 61008  
I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: June 22, 2026  
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4291 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a HVAC business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of HCE that its location is or will be 226 ANDREWS DR in BELVIDERE in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.  
Phone Number: 815-721-1696  
MANUEL ALEJANDRO MARQUEZ 226 ANDREWS DR  
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008  
I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: June 8, 2026  
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

HOLCOMB STATE BANK AKA HOLCOMB BANK, Plaintiff,  
-v.-2025 FC 75

BRUCE K. HOBSON Defendant  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE PUBLICATION NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 10, 2026, the Sheriff of Boone County will at 10:00 AM on July 17, 2026, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main, (West door), BELVIDERE, IL, 61008, sell at a public in-person auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 647 WEST LINCOLN AVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-26-379-001 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$128,073.63. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, 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 is "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 the 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 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. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: James E. Stevens, BARRICK, SWITZER, LONG, BALSLEY & VAN EVERA, LLP 6833 STALTER DRIVE, ROCKFORD, IL, 61108, 815-962-6611. Please refer to file number 71575.110. E-MAIL: jstevens@bslbv.com CASE # 2025 FC 75  
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