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It is indeed a pleasure and honor to welcome all of you to the 2022 Boone County Fair. The Fair Association's board of directors, fair superintendents, grounds crew, hundreds of Grange members along with hundreds more of other volunteers have been working hard as always to bring you and your family the number one family event in the Midwest.

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We once again have a full schedule and full fairgrounds of things for you and your family to see, do and taste. So enjoy your time at the Boone County Fair and have a whole lotta happy and make many great memories to take home and cherish.

Have a wonderful day at the Fair!

Lyle Lee  
President of the Boone County Fair Assn.

## The Boone County County Fair 1855 to 2022

By Fred Franck and Don Ellingson

Edited By David Larson

This is an updated history of the Boone County Fair that first appeared on these pages in 1997 by Fred Franck and about 20 years later by Don Ellingson. Fred Franck was a friend, a teacher, and a respected member of the Belvidere community. Much of Franck's information was derived from old newspapers. Mr. Ellingson's contributions were derived from many resources and supplemented by personal memory. Mr. Franck and Mr. Ellingson were regular and welcomed visitors at the Journal. We always wanted to hear what was on their minds and we welcomed their intimate knowledge of local history. We seldom tired of engaging in a vibrant debate with gentlemen who gave no quarter but who also took no quarter.

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Planning for what would become the first Boone County Fair began in 1853. The first Fair was staged two years later in early October of 1855. The event arose and has continued for more than 165 years because of the community: The planning and ongoing dedication of hundreds of local people. The Boone County Fair has sustained an almost uninterrupted tradition, but for the years during the Civil War, in 1893 because of the World's Columbian Exhibition in Chicago, 1945 because of the threat of an infantile paralysis epidemic, and of late in 2020 because of the COVID pandemic. This fair has run over 165 years, and become the premier county fair in Illinois.

The first Fair was held on a level parcel of land on what was described then as the "upper part" of Belvidere. Of course, in 1855 there were far fewer streets

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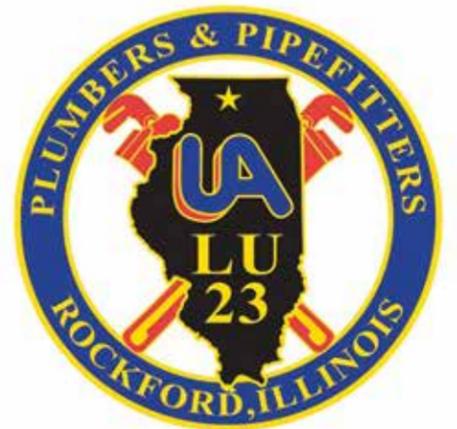


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# History

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or houses or businesses in Belvidere than is the case today. Yet there was sufficient community interest to inspire a few local residents to create what would become an annual "county fair." The fairground site was located and secured due north of the Boone County Courthouse and was first marked by a board fence that encircled the original fairgrounds.

Today, the Boone County Fairgrounds remains in "the upper part" of Belvidere. The more than 175-acre fairground site is located just north of the Belvidere city limits and is solely owned by the local Boone County Grange Organizations. This site has served as the Boone County Fairgrounds for 60 years, and is where the largest community entertainment event in the region is staged every year. Where corn and soybeans once marked the current fairground site, today the site holds many permanent buildings, a race track and a grandstand.

The original idea for a "Boone County Fair," resulted from some county farmers meeting in 1853 to organize the event. The farmers that met also created the Boone County Agricultural Association, which sponsored the Fair for many years. That group was led in 1853 by attorney Allen C. Fuller, the first president of the fledgling organization.

At that first Boone County Fair, oxen and milk cows, horses and pigs were exhibited in competition for recognition. The friendly competition was one of the main reasons why farmers decided

to organize that first Boone County Fair. Many in those days wanted to savor their "bragging rights" for owning and showing the top milk cow, hitching the strongest oxen, or racing the fastest trotter. There were a few commercial exhibits that first year representing businesses from Belvidere and Rockford. But of course, that first fair was marked by dairy cattle and many breeds of horses. Draft horses, show horse, trotters, and pacers have always identified the Boone County Fair.

Because of the deteriorating state of the Union in 1855, Belvidere men were preparing for what many believed would become a Civil War. Partisan politics was shredding the Union with forces employing violence and terrorism to abolish slavery and other forces arming families to preserve slavery as an institution. As a result, local military companies and militias were being formed from Jacksonville, Florida to Birmingham, Alabama and from Belvidere, Illinois to New York City. In the summer of 1855, the "Boone Rifles" were organized. The captain of that company was Stephen A. Hurlbut who named Allen C. Fuller as his second lieutenant.

In the years that followed, the fair prospered from increasing crowds that attended. More than 1,000 people came to the Fair in 1856. In the following year, from 5,000 to 7,000 people came to what had become an annual autumn event. The Fair attracted attention from farmers and exhibitors across the region, from visitors nearby, and some from as far away as Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Louis.

By 1859, the Fair was gaining a reputation. Every year, larger crowds came to watch the trotter and pacer races. North of the fairgrounds, plowing contests were held with horses trudging side-by-side, five and six teams wide. Total receipts from the 1859 Fair reached, according to the newspaper of the day, *The Belvidere Standard*, \$1,138.92.

By the following year, 1860, interest in the Fair began to wane as crowd numbers declined. A war mentality was sweeping the nation.

Many commercial and entertainment activities across the nation were suspended during the years of the Civil War. The War began at Fort Sumter in South Carolina where the first shots were fired on April 12, 1861, and in the spring of that year, leaders of the Boone County Agricultural Society postponed plans for the Fair. The Boone County Fair was suspended every year until the surrender of the Confederate States of America on April 9, 1865.

In 1865, soon after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, the Agricultural Society planned the first Fair after the War to be held on September 19, 20, and 21. The reopening of the Boone County Fair was planned to provide a welcome diversion for the community. It was expected that the entertainment and competition offered by the Fair would stimulate an increase in crowd

attendance from the numbers before the War.

The 1866 Fair was held under stormy skies. Uncertain weather has remained an aspect of the late summer season in northern Illinois, with rainy weather often accompanying the opening of the Fair. The Fair grew to become a truly regional event by the late 1860s, and the Agricultural Society began to search for a more permanent fairgrounds containing more land.

The Society became interested what was called the "Burroughs's Estate" located on the north bank of the Kishwaukee River below what was called "Cline's Ford." The site later became known as Spencer Park. The chain of title associated with the site was long, with many claims that had to be settled

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She is the 17-year-old daughter of Vince and Lydia Melillo of Belvidere. Skyler attends Belvidere High School and will be graduating in February 2023. She is employed both at Zoomies and Panera Bread. Skyler was on the Belvidere Varsity Tennis team for three years and served on Student Council. Skyler enjoys crafting, painting, dimensional drawing and believes her artistic talents will help her pursue an internship in becoming a tattoo artist.

Skyler's Platform is: Promoting Self Awareness

Skyler is Sponsored by Fern Valley Farm



Contestant #2

### Kaydence Grace Kelleher

She is the 18-year-old daughter of Ashley and James Kelleher of Belvidere. Kaydence is a 2022 Cum Laude graduate of Belvidere High School with a 3.786 GPA. Kaydence has received the IHSA State Division Award, Band Varsity Letter, BHS Choirs Award and ILMEA Certificate. She is currently employed by Countryside Fresh Markets in Belvidere. Future Plans for Kaydence include becoming a Children's Pastor and Worship Leader.

Kaydence enjoys hiking, volleyball, kayaking, yoga, singing, playing her clarinet, and reading.

Kaydence's Platform Is: Sharing my passion for the Youth.

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Contestant # 3

### Keara Cheyenne Watson

She is the 17- year -old daughter of Dawn and Tonya Watson of Belvidere. Keara attends Belvidere High School and Rock Valley College in the running Start Program. Keara's planning on attending the University of Florida and majoring in Health Sciences. She is currently employed at Aeropostale Cherryvale Mall.

Keara is a Student Council Executive Board Member 2021-2022, member of National Honor Society, Vice President of Leadership of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Rock Valley and a dual Sport Honor Athlete at BHS 2021 and 2022. Her hobbies include cheerleading, swimming, traveling and spending time with my boyfriend.

Keara's Platform is: Anti-Bullying

Keara is Sponsored by Watson & Son Excavating



Contestant # 4

### Carmen Sofia Lynn Sadewater

She is the 16 year-old-daughter of Michelle Severson and Bret Sadewater of Belvidere.

She will be a Junior at Belvidere High School this fall, where she enjoys being active in theater and playing her clarinet in the Marching Band. Carmen is currently employed at Little Caesars Pizza. One of Carmen's fondest memories was her three-week trip to Alaska with her girl scout troop. Carmen's activities include volunteering at the American Legion, Christmas Tree Shop in Chicago, Relay for Life, and Cookies for the Troops. Her hobbies include fishing, camping and Cosplay.

Carmen's Platform is: The Issue of Bullying

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Contestant # 5

#### Maci Paige McCoy

She is the 17-year-old daughter of Dawn and Tyler McCoy of Belvidere. Maci attends Belvidere High School where she will be a Senior this fall. Currently Maci is employed at Springlake Farms. She is the current President of County Progressors 4H Club and Belvidere FFA Chapter. Maci is involved showing beef cattle and has had the honor of receiving the Grand Champion Overall 4H Steer and Grand Champion Showman at the Boone County Fair.

Maci has been playing volleyball since she was 12 years old. She is the team captain for Mission Volleyball's 17 National Team and also plays on the varsity volleyball team at BHS.

Maci's Platform is: The Importance of implementing agriculture in children's everyday lives.

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Contestant # 6

#### Jillianne Nicole Cummings

She is the 18-year-old daughter of Katrina Klinefelter of Belvidere. Jillianne is a 2022 Graduate of Belvidere High School and will be a freshman at Grand Canyon University this fall, majoring biology. Jillianne then plans to attend Veterinarian School and become a large animal vet. She has always been interested in taking care of animals since I helping my uncle fee the baby calves.

Jillianne's current place of employment is Symphony Northwoods Care Center. While attending Harlem High School she was on the Volleyball team and also the Rockford Aces Volleyball club team. Jillianne enjoys baking, dancing, swimming and spending time with friends and her grandmother.

Jillianne's Platform is: Body Confidence

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**Contestant # 7**

**Dakota Lynn Schober Kramer**

She is the 16-year-old daughter of Theresa Schober-Worley and Ryan Kramer of Poplar Grove. Dakota attends North Boone High School and will be a Junior this fall. She is the current North Boone FFA Chapter President and Section 6 FFA Secretary. Dakota has archived most active FFA member, High Honors and attended Nationals for Illinois Holstein Association. Dakota is currently employed at Hildebrandt Farms.

In the past I have been on the volleyball and softball teams, however this year has taken a break from sports to pay full attention to serving as the FFA Section 6 Secretary. I am a volunteer in various 4H activities, working the 4H Food Stand and running a Cloverbuds 4H Club, I am also involved in the Explorers Program at the Fire Department.

Dakota's Platform is: Agriculture

Dakota is Sponsored by the Merri Milk Maids



**Contestant # 8**

**Brianna Marie Fowler**

She is the 18 year old daughter of Shelia and Ron Fowler of Belvidere. Brianna is a 2022 Cum Laude Graduate of Belvidere High School on the Honor Roll and nominated for the "Spirit of a Future Teacher Award" and will be attending Northern Illinois University this fall. Brianna has received the May O. Kelly Memorial Scholarship and the Northern Illinois University Merit Scholarship. Brianna's planning to get her bachelor's in Early Childhood and Family Consumer education. She would like to teach kindergarten or first grade.

She is currently employed at Dari Ripple.

Brianna has been a Belvidere Sideline and Competition Cheerleader and Manager for the Boys Bowling Team. She enjoyed volunteering at Got-Kidz, reading books. Brianna enjoys working out and spending time with her family and friends, preparing for college, but most of all taking tractor rides with my dad.

Brianna's Platform is: Making the Right Choice

Brianna is Sponsored by Dari Ripple.

**Contestant # 9**

**Kayla Marie Knoepfle**

She is the 17-year-old daughter of Nicole and Casey Knoepfle of Belvidere. Kayla attends

Belvidere North High School and will be a senior this fall. Kayla would like to attend the West Virginia University and get her Bachelors degree in Forensic Science. She is a very involved artist and has been in multiple shows including the 2020 Rock Valley College Juried High School Student Art Show and the 2022 Boone County Schools Student Art Show. Kayla is a member of BNHS art club and Art Club Elite. She is also a member of the BNHS Snow Sculpting Team competing this last year in January. Kayla will be curating the Snow Sculpting design for 2023 as the Team Captain. She has been elected as Vice President of Advocacy for BNHS newly formed BRIDGE Club. This will be Kayla 4th year on the BNHS Tennis Team and will be her 2nd year on the BNHS Bowling Team receiving Varsity Certificates for both sports. Kayla enjoys baking and antiques with her Mom.

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### History

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before the sale could occur. Finally, the chain was cleared that would allow for the sale of the property. The site offered unique features not found at the old site, such as sufficient land to create a half-mile racetrack for trotters and pacers. Horse racing was one of the attractions at the Fair that drew the largest crowd, every year. Today the circular drive at Spencer Park is the path of the old track.

The new site offered "over 80 rods of river frontage" or about a quarter mile. By 1867, work started on the new fairgrounds with a well and a racetrack constructed. The 30-acre site was generally flat, and it had more than sufficient space for the Fair to grow. The Fair opened to even larger crowds. The people came for many reasons: To walk the Midway, to watch the judging, and to cheer for the trotters and pacers.

By 1870, a gazebo was erected at the center of the fairgrounds, where bands entertained with late-afternoon concerts as the sun set over the western horizon. Entertainment apart from livestock and grain judging was becoming important to a more urban audience who came to the Fair. These visitors used the Fair as an opportunity to visit their "rural neighbors."

The 1876 edition of the Fair was planned to be a larger event than usual because of the American Centennial. But the Fair was washed out with torrential rains that capsized bridges spanning the Kishwaukee and the Rock Rivers. Because of the rains, attendance at the 1876 Fair was reduced. Still, many events were staged with many judging contests but participation by exhibitors and viewers was reduced as many just could not navigate the road conditions that were hampered by the heavy rains.

Hot weather, rainy conditions, expanding lists of exhibitors, and thousands more attending the Fair marked the following years. Many came for the horse racing competitions while others watched the other forms of livestock and produce judging. The strength of the regional competition at the Fair marked the event as the top dairy judging event in the Midwest.

In 1893 the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago opened and the annual Fair was cancelled. In 1898, America was engaged in the Spanish/American War but the Fair went on with record-setting crowds coming to Belvidere to view the entertainment, to watch the competition, and to enjoy the early September sunshine.

By 1908, what were described in the Belvidere Standard as "immense crowds" were now attending the Fair. A few years earlier, a grandstand had been erected, overlooking the racetrack at the fairgrounds. The Agricultural Society was concerned they could not afford the cost to erect the grandstand, so the Belvidere Amphitheater Company was founded to hold title to the grandstand, to produce shows, and to collect ticket sale proceeds.

By 1911, the debt to build the grandstand was paid in full and ownership of the grandstand reverted back to the Fair Association that was the successor to the Boone County Agricultural Society. With the grandstand erected and paid for, the Boone County Fair Association was created to stabilize ownership of the Fair and fair property. These changes afforded an opportunity for the Fair to recruit and present bigger acts to draw even larger crowds.

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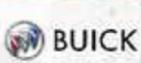
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## You Can't Get There From Here

On November 6, 2018, Boone and Winnebago County voters were asked a question: "Shall the State of Illinois pursue reinstating passenger rail service to Northwest Illinois from Chicago to East Dubuque?" Sixty-eight percent of Boone County voters said yes. Eighty-one percent of Winnebago County voters also said yes. No officeholder who was in a contested election in either county received that large of a mandate.

Last year, in May 2021, the *Boone County Journal* published a three-part series, entitled *Transportation That Works Today: Not 1950 or 2050*. In that series, we stressed that the proposed "high-speed" Amtrak train service from Downtown Rockford to Chicago's Union Station was not feasible. We explained that we needed a more versatile system with multiple daily departure times to more Chicago-area destinations than would be feasible with long-distance, intercity rail. We specifically noted that the number one Chicago destination from this area—O'Hare International Airport—would not be served by the train, nor would be a long list of popular, Chicago-area destinations.

We pointed out that this project was largely a quarter-billion-dollar corporate welfare project to upgrade the infrastructure of the for-profit Union Pacific Railroad.

After derailing this hobby horse, we offered up a solution that could start at once for less than a tenth of the cost of "high-speed" rail—bus rapid transit along Interstate 90. We pointed out that buses can be outfitted to deliver an equally comfortable ride as a train. We noted that these buses would offer convenient connections to places where there are good-paying jobs. We showed that the service would be not only cheaper, but faster than Amtrak. And it would deliver people where they wanted to go—instead of a decrepit Downtown Rockford or the equally inconvenient Chicago Union Station.

We offered a better, actually feasible way to transport folks between Rockford, Belvidere, O'Hare, and Chicago. We gave examples of similar services that have been proven to work both in Illinois and Minnesota.

At first, we were patronized by our elected friends. It was explained to us that the brilliant engineers at the Illinois Department of Transportation were going to deliver high-

speed trains between Downtown Chicago and Downtown Rockford with only 90 minutes travel time. This would include stopping time in Belvidere, Marengo, Huntley, and Elgin.

Forgive us for letting physical reality intrude. Rockford and Chicago are 90 miles apart. To cover that distance in 90 minutes, a train would have to average one mile per minute, or 60 miles per hour.

Where along this proposed route would a train be able to travel faster than 60mph or even at 60mph? Most of the route passes through heavily urban residential areas with grade crossings, and at least half of it shares tracks with a busy branch of Metra from Elgin to Chicago. What would be the speed through Belvidere?

Confronted with this, our wise politicians suddenly swelled the travel time to two hours, which, we pointed out, is still wildly optimistic. Then it was lengthened to "car-competitive." The posted speed on Interstate 90 is 70mph. We left, being told that we had a "different vision" of things.

Why is it so much easier with a Lionel train set down the basement?

The answer is that this is not about connecting Eastern Rockford and Boone County to Chicago, O'Hare, and the rest of the world. It's about politicians continuing to peddle an unrealistic, false expectation that Belvidere or Rockford will somehow get a "high-speed" rail connection to Chicago. Yet, despite all the dreams and fantasies, they know it isn't going to happen.

**To compound our sin**, we pointed out that the Belvidere Oasis was the most heavily-visited tourist spot in Boone County. A place where travelers through the county actually stop and spend money.

Conversely, We have been told by tax-supported planners that substantial numbers of urban dwellers are itching to spend several days in Boone County just to see farm animals. And that we should invest in developing Boone County Tourism! So, we ask, just how many of the folks at this week's fair are visiting us from east of the Des Plaines River or west of the Mississippi River specifically to gaze at the sheep and marvel at the swine? We humbly suggest it's fewer than those who are stopping at the unique Belvidere Oasis

for fuel, food, and to use the restroom.

Instead of reformatting the Oasis, a natural transit stop, and trying to bring additional notoriety and sales tax revenue for Belvidere (the Oasis is already one of Belvidere's largest sources), we're told that the powers-that-be want it demolished. After all, it would be too much competition for proposed, privately-owned, local truck stops!

They are proposing to tear down a bridge restaurant over the Tollway—a unique asset that helps balance our local budget and can meet our transit needs—to placate a private truck stop developer?

Well, at least it will be a good place to relocate the local massage parlors. Perhaps we should build a pig sty next door as well in order to entertain our urban guests.

Four years after the referendum, we have nothing from our dear, elected leaders but empty, broken promises.

While this farce has been going on, folks in Kankakee have been riding all day, 7 days a week on River Valley Metro buses from Kankakee to Midway Airport, a distance of 50 miles, for \$2 each way. (Compare that to the cost of the livery service between East Rockford and O'Hare.) Had our local politicians been sincere, they could have been providing us with the same kind of connection to Chicago—at least on a temporary basis. They sure had no trouble establishing a temporary casino!

Oh, and, by the way, there is no toll on Interstate 57 between Kankakee and Chicago. Senator Dave Syverson, can you tell us how much the toll is between Belvidere and Downtown Chicago? You've heard of Belvidere, haven't you? It's the place you supposedly have represented for the last few years. And while we have your attention, where is our share of the Rockford Casino proceeds? We are certainly as deserving of one as Machesney Park, aren't we?

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**Harry John Bell**

Harry John Bell, born September 6, 1925, in Rock Island Illinois, passed away at the home of his son on June 29, 2022, at the age of 96. He has joined his sweetheart, Annette Turner Bell, who preceded him in death in 2012. He and Annette were married on April 9, 1948, in Rock Island Illinois. They were in their 64th year of marriage at the time of her death in 2012.

He is survived by his sister, Joann Bell Linke of Madrid Iowa, and his sons John Gaylord Bell (Deborah Olson Bell) of Farmington Utah and Frank Howard Bell (Sandra Ralston Bell) of Caledonia Illinois. He was blessed to have 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, Howard "D" Bell and Emma Brandt Bell and his brother Larry Bell; his daughter, Ida-Kathryn Swank (Roger Swank); his daughter-in-law Gayla Bateman Bell; his granddaughter, Megan Bell and grandsons Lonny Morgan Bell and Christopher Eric Bell.

Harry and Annette began their married life in the upstairs apartment of his grandparent's home in Rock Island and lived for a short time in Green Acres Illinois before moving to Belvidere Illinois where they built the family home and raised their three children: John, Ida-Kathryn, and Frank. Belvidere was their home for their entire marriage.

Harry was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served diligently in many church positions including

serving with his wife Annette as volunteer missionaries in the Church's Family History Library.

Harry was a hard worker and set an example for his children to give an honest day's work. He was always proud of his ability to better himself through his hard work and persistence. While still in high school, he worked at the Rock Island Arsenal during WWII. In 1957, Harry was hired by Red Jacket Pumps and the family relocated to Belvidere. He was a member of the development team that created the submersible pump. He learned accounting skills by studying on his own and taking night classes and he became a bookkeeper for a private school in Rockford Illinois. He was later hired as President of the Winnebago Teacher Federal Credit Union where he worked until he retired.

Harry loved the Chicago Cubs and was a charter member of the Die-Hard Cub Fan Club and proudly carried the membership card issued to him in 1932. He was ecstatic that he "lived long enough" to witness the CUBS win the World Series. He was a long-time member of the Belvidere YMCA where he enjoyed swimming laps and meeting with friends every morning. After retiring, he worked the early shift at the YMCA front desk before swimming his laps. He fulfilled a longtime goal by flying in a hot air balloon on his 90th birthday. Harry spent much of his final years visiting his children and during his final days was able to fulfill another long-time goal of traveling by train cross-country from New York to Illinois to Utah. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the nurses, and staff of the St. Lawrence (New York) County Hospice and Aspire Hospice (Utah) for the care and compassion shown to him during his last few months. We also express gratitude to Ida-Kathryn and Roger Swank for inviting dad into their home and for the care and concern they showed for his health and wellbeing during the last several years.

Harry has been cremated and his remains will be buried next to Annette in Belvidere. The family has decided that in lieu of a funeral service, the family will gather to celebrate his life on his birthday in September.

The family requests condolences and memories be added to this website.

Arrangements by Meyers Mortuary of Layton Utah. <https://www.myers-mortuary.com/layton>



**Dennis G. Norem, M.D.**  
*September 28, 1953-July 26, 2022*

Services are as follows: visitation, funeral services and a luncheon will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2821 N. Bell School Road, Rockford, IL, 61107. Family will receive friends on Friday August 12th, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held the following morning, Saturday August 13th, at 10:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, Dennis requested donations be made in his honor: c/o Miranda Swanson, University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford, 1601 Parkview Ave., Rockford, IL, 61107. He has asked the school to establish a scholarship in his name to support medical students working on social determinants of health or health disparity projects. Please visit this link <http://go.uic.edu/COMRgiving> if able to donate to his memorial scholarship fund. After opening the link, go to the bottom and add "Dennis G. Norem, MD" to the recipient box.

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found that would come to the Fair. Mr. Beachey dazzled the crowds and saved the experience of flight for many in Belvidere and Boone County that could previously have only imagined such an experience.

As the years progressed, the exhibits grew larger. Larger crowds trooped across the fairgrounds, the competition for prize ribbons was stronger and the Boone County Fair grew every year. Even during the Great Depression in the 1930s, the crowds were huge. People from across the region came to Belvidere to experience a diversion from the Great Depression.

Boone County 4-H was started in 1930. Shortly thereafter, the Fair Board started erecting a tent each year for the 4-H project animals. It was located west of the grandstand, near the dairy and beef barn. That tent was there each year until the move to the new Fairgrounds on Rte. 76.

The Boone County Agricultural Society,  
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**Glen F. Lehr**

Glen F. Lehr, 87, of Harvard, died Mon., Aug. 1, 2022 in his home.

Glen was born Dec. 11, 1934 to Boyd and Florence (Singleton) Lehr in Champion, NE.

On Dec. 23, 1954, Glen married Virgie Ancelet in Basco, IL. He was in the Army and served during the Korean War. In life, he was a veterinarian and owned and operated his own veterinary clinic.

Glen is survived by his wife Virgie A. Lehr of Harvard, son Randy (Eileen) Lehr of Harvard, daughter Cindy (Glenn) Goszinski of Milton, WI, grandchildren Justen (Ashley) Lehr, Emalee (Curtis) Stahl, Jenny (Mike) Salvo, and Joshua (Darcy) Stoppie, and great-grandchildren Easton, Everett, and Elijah.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Ed, Charles and Boyd, sisters Maggie, Rosa, Louise, and Frances, and two infant brothers.

The visitation will be 4 – 8 PM Tues., Aug. 9 at Saunders & McFarlin Funeral Home, 107 W. Sumner St., Harvard, IL 60033. On Sat., Aug. 13, there will be a 10 AM graveside service in Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw, IL.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book at [www.saundersmcfarlin.net](http://www.saundersmcfarlin.net).

Call Saunders & McFarlin Funeral Home for more info at 815-943-5400.

**OBITUARIES**

- Blake, Janice, 77, Belvidere, August 1
- Dawson, Mary, 97, Belvidere, July 13
- Dow, Tony, 77, Topanga, CA, July 27
- Lehr, Glen F. 87, Harvard, August 1
- Meyers, Arlenm, 82, Belvidere, July 21
- Norem, D. Dennis, 68, Belvidere, July 26
- Russell, Bill, 88, West Monroe, WA. July 31
- Scully, Vin, 94, Los Angeles, CA, August 2
- Steffens, Raymond, 84, Poplar Grove, July 12
- Vander Weit, Martin "Marty", 78, Bel, July 30
- Ward, Judith, 83, Poplar Grove, July 11

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time in the new 20th Century, the "Birdman," a pilot that barnstormed around the Midwest in a newly manufactured airplane arranged to come to the Boone County Fair. Air travel was a new phenomenon that many in Belvidere and Boone County had only read about in the newspapers. With the "Birdman" coming to the Fair, he and the Fair Association offered a new entertainment feature to draw even more people. The idea was thrilling, and people came to the Fair merely to savor the experience seeing the airplane flying above the city. Harry Lowers, the "Birdman," was to fly into town in his bi-wing Curtiss airplane but a series of accidents and unfortunate incidents led Mr. Lowers to cancel his visit to the disappointment of many. However, another pilot, Lincoln Beachey, was

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**History**

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which had so successfully started and produced the Boone County Fair continued operating the Fair until 1938. The membership of the Society changed many times over that period. Not nearly all of them, but the names of some of them during those years were: Robert Hawkey, P.H. Sanford, George Ralston. Carl Ralston, August Engelke, W.F. Paulson, Simon Luhman, Robert Cummings, G.A. Ralston, Harold Biester, Fred Gallano, Alfred Pulse, A.B. Hammond, Stanley Pulse, and Roy Lett.

In 1938, the Society seemed to have lost its enthusiasm for the Fair. In 1938, 39, and 40 the Pomona Grange managed the Fair. They, for some unknown reason, said-"no more." It was not because of World War II, because Pearl Harbor didn't happen until December 7th.

However, the 4-H Federation under the leadership of farm adviser, Del Chalcraft, came to the rescue. They planned and operated a one-day Fair in 1941. It was so very successful and created so much enthusiasm that the 4-H Federation sponsored a 3-day Fair in 1942 and 43. These too, were highly successful. In fact, the newspaper stated that the big crowd came away well pleased with the Fair in every respect and as evidence of their appreciation the Federation received a gift of \$75 from implement dealer, Berg and Kindgren, and another one of \$25 from Kemp's Hatchery. (One must realize that by today's standards that wasn't much of a gift, but by the standards of those years it was generous. In that era, one dollar would buy a meal at a restaurant and a dime would buy a hamburger or a matinee ticket to a movie.)

No one knows if the 4-H Federation was the inspiration, but in 1944, a group known as the Northern Illinois Fair Association took over and sponsored the Boone County Fair. The Fair Manager was George P. Marshall, but the 4-H Federation was still involved. It was a 3-day Fair, and Saturday, September 9th was designated as 4-H Day.

They had the 1945 Fair all planned and then suddenly canceled it in an effort to reduce the infantile paralysis epidemic. The Fair resumed in

1946 under the new management, but enthusiasm all around must have been lacking. After a very few years Hugh Funderburg, Dr. Lester Gadde, (a local dentist) and Vincent Spencer stepped in to save the Fair. They were great racehorse enthusiasts and didn't want to see the Fair die. In 1951, as part of the Fair, these three enthusiasts held a rather famous horse race. Funderburg owned no race horses and had never driven in a race before, so

he borrowed one from Spencer. The race ended with Gadde first, then Spencer, then Funderburg. The interesting thing about the race, though, was Dr. Gadde and Vincent Spencer had a bet. It was double or nothing for a set of false teeth that Spencer had just received. Spencer ended up with an expensive set of teeth, but the spectators enjoyed it!

Vincent Spencer died May 20, 1952. At the '52

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# 2022 Boone County Fair Schedule Of Events



Breakfast Served Daily at the Grange Food Complex, 6 AM - 11 AM  
All Livestock Shows & Events are FREE

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH

NON-LIVESTOCK BLDG. CLOSED TODAY ONLY FOR JUDGING  
Commercial Exhibit Halls Open At Noon

9 AM	4-H Horse Speed Event	Outside Horse Arena
12 PM	Flag Raising - VFW Color Guard	Grandstand
12 PM	Harness & Colt Racing	Grandstand (Free)
<small>(Rain Date: Wednesday, 12 Noon)</small>		
12-1 PM	Music by Hallie & The Milestone Singers	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
	<small>(Country/Bluegrass)</small>	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
2:30-5:30 PM	Galaxy (Classic Country Band)	Swine Barn
4-8 PM	Weigh-In Swine Jr. & Open Show	
7-10 PM	Dale Rhode & The Crossroads Band	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
	<small>(Country)</small>	
7:30 PM	QUEEN PAGEANT & LITTLE MISS PAGEANT	Grandstand (Free)
	<small>(Sponsored by Byron Bank &amp; 95.3 "The Bull")</small>	

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH

All Exhibit Halls Open at 10 AM  
Midway Opens at Noon. Ride Specials from Noon - 5 PM

8 AM	Open Rabbit Show	Rabbit Show Room <small>(Behind Livestock Arena)</small>
9 AM	4-H Purebred Swine & 4-H Sheep Show	Livestock Buildings
9 AM	4-H Horse Speed Show	Pony Arena
10-11:30 AM	Kids Day (Games & Contests)	Gazebo Park (Free)
	<small>(Sponsored by Midland States Bank)</small>	<small>(Behind Exhibit Hall #3)</small>
	<small>Compete in Sack Races, Balloon Blowing, Bubble Gum Chewing, Egg Toss &amp; Watermelon Eating for Trophies &amp; Prizes. Ages 8 &amp; Under</small>	Midway
12-5 PM	REDUCED CARNIVAL RIDES	
	<small>(Rides individually priced. No wristbands.)</small>	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
12-3 PM	95.3 The Bull's Chip Messiner	
	<small>(One-Man Country Band)</small>	
	<small>Contests held during band breaks - Ages 15 &amp; Older</small>	
	<small>Watermelon Eating, Seed Spitting, Bubble Gum Blowing, Twinkie Eating, Soda Drinking. Prizes: 1st \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5 Each Contest</small>	
1 PM	Dairy VIP Classes	Dairy Arena
3 PM	Mule & Pony Team Driving	
	Obstacle Course	Outside Horse Arena
4 PM	4-H Beef Carcass Show	Livestock Arena
4 PM	Mule & Horse Team Driving	
	Obstacle Course	Outside Horse Arena
4-5 PM	Jung's Tae Kwon Do Demonstration	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
5 PM	Antique Tractor Parade	Grandstand (Free)
5 PM	Horses (Draft or Light) Team Driving,	
	Obstacle Course	Outside Horse Arena
6 PM	4-H Rabbit Show	Livestock Arena
6 PM	Team Feed Race Obstacle Course	Outside Horse Arena
6:30 PM	4-H Driving Drill Team	Outside Horse Arena
6:30 PM	DIESEL & GAS TRUCK SHOOTOUT	Grandstand (\$10)
	<small>(Sponsored by Alta Equipment Co.) Featuring - 1,050 lbs. Super Stock Garden Tractors &amp; 6,800 lbs. Gas Stock Truck (2-day total distance event)</small>	
7-10 PM	Grass Attack Band (Bluegrass/Country)	Entertainment Pav. (Free)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH

All Exhibit Halls Open at 10 AM • Midway Opens at 11 AM.  
Ride Specials from 11 AM - 5 PM  
BBQ Pulled Pork Dinners at Grange Food Complex from 11 AM until Gone.

8 AM	4-H Goat Show & Junior Sheep Show	Livestock Buildings
9 AM	4-H Crossbreed Swine Show	Swine Barn
9 AM	4-H Dairy & Beef Shows	Livestock Buildings
10 AM	Kids Day (Games & Contests)	Gazebo Park (Free)
	<small>(Sponsored by Midland States Bank) See Wednesday Schedule</small>	
10 AM	FARM TRACTOR PULLS	Grandstand (\$5)
11 AM-5 PM	REDUCED CARNIVAL RIDES	Midway
	<small>(Rides individually priced. No wristbands.)</small>	
11:30 AM-2 PM	Gene Shepherd & Mike Schneider	On The Grounds
	Country Band	<small>(Grange Food Complex)</small>
12-2 PM	Matthew Wundrow Band (Polka /Country)	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
1 PM	Junior Dairy Goat Show	Goat Show Arena
2 PM	Local & Regional Tractor & Truck Pulls	Grandstand (\$5)
	<small>Featuring 6,800 lb. Gas Street Stock Truck Challenge - 2 Day Total Also Super &amp; Altered Farm Tractors, Super &amp; Street Stock Trucks, Stock Diesel 4WD Trucks &amp; Open 8,000 lb. Diesel Trucks</small>	
2:30-4:30 PM	Acoustic Millennium Band	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
	<small>(Classic/Folk Rock)</small>	
4 PM	Jr. Draft Horse Performance & Cart Classes	
	Ending w/An Open 6-Horse Hitch - Classic Series	Outside Horse Arena
	<small>(Sponsored by Byron Bank)</small>	Livestock Arena (Free)
5 PM	4-H Livestock Auction	
5:30-10 PM	Kevin Burns - Good Vibrations	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
	Beachside Music Show	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
6 PM	Mother/Daughter Look Alike Contest	
	<small>(Sponsored by Parnell Foods)</small>	
	<small>Sign up at 5:30 PM behind Entertainment Bldg. 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$40, 3rd - \$30</small>	Grandstand (\$12)
6:30 PM	ILLINOIS STATE PULLERS	
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7 PM	Father/Son Look Alike Contest	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
	<small>(Sponsored by Parnell Foods)</small>	
	<small>Sign up at 5:30 PM behind Entertainment Bldg. 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$40, 3rd - \$30</small>	

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12TH

All Exhibit Halls Open at 10 AM • Midway Opens at Noon  
Fish Dinners at Grange Food Complex from 11 AM until Gone.

8 AM	Dairy Goat Show - Open Class	Goat Show Arena
8:30 AM	Junior Market Barrow Show	Swine Barn
9 AM	Open Sheep, Dairy & Beef Shows	
	Plus Junior Dairy & Beef	Livestock Buildings
9 AM	Draft Horse Halter Show	Inside Horse Arena
9 AM	Pony Halter & Performance Classes	Pony Arena
10 AM - 1 PM	ATV 4-Wheeler Racing	
	<small>(Sponsored by Hammertime Sports)</small>	Grandstand/Bleachers (Free)
12-3 PM	Audrey Fontana Band	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
	<small>(Nashville Country Music)</small>	
3:30-4:30 PM	Magic by Herb Rosene	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
4:30-7 PM	Gene Shepherd & Mike Schneider Band	On The Grounds
5 PM	4-H Master Showmanship Contest	Livestock Arena
5-6 PM	Mary Lee's School of Dance	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
6:30 PM	Open Wether Show	Sheep Barn
7-10 PM	Silver Creek Band (Country)	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
7 PM	NEXT LEVEL PRO BULL RIDING	Grandstand (\$12)
	<small>(Sponsored by Berg Industries, OSF Lifeline Ambulance LLC, Cosmopolitan Club of Belvidere, Bel Rock Asphalt, Gallano Trucking, Twin Towers)</small>	

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH

All Exhibit Halls Open at 10 AM • Midway Opens at Noon  
Charcoal-Broiled Chicken Dinners at Grange Food Complex from 11 AM until Gone.

7 AM	Weak End Antique Tractor Pulls	Grandstand (Free)
7:30 AM	Rock County Pullers	Grandstand (Free)
8 AM	Amateur Garden Tractor Pulls	Grandstand (Free)
9 AM	Open Sheep Show	Sheep Barn
9 AM	Open & Jr. Steer Judging	Livestock Arena
9 AM	Open Dairy Show Cow Classes	Dairy Show Arenas
	<small>Holstein &amp; All Other Breeds</small>	
9 AM	Pony Performance & Hitch Classes	Pony Arena
9 AM	Boer Goat Open Show	Large Tent Near Gate 3
9:30 AM	Amateur Talent Contest Sign Up	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
	<small>Jrs. Up To Age 14, Seniors Ages 15-21</small>	
10 AM	Draft Horse Wagon Hitch Classes	Horse Arena
	<small>Starting with 6 Horse Hitch</small>	
	<small>(Sponsored by Byron Bank)</small>	
10:30 AM	Junior Talent Contest Begins	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
12:30 PM	Senior Talent Contest Begins	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
	<small>1st Place - \$200, 2nd Place - \$150, 3rd Place - \$100</small>	
1 PM	Pony Hitch Classes	Pony Arena
2 PM	Supreme Gr. Champ. Dairy Selected	Dairy Arena
3 PM	Fur & Wether Auction	Livestock Arena (Free)
4-5 PM	Main Street Players of Boone County	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
	Theatre Group	
4:30-7 PM	Gene Shepherd & Mike Schneider Band	On The Grounds
5-6 PM	Celia's Dance Center Performance	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
7-10 PM	The Missing Links (Classic Rock/R&B)	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
6:30 PM	NEAL MCCOY	Grandstand/Track (\$25)
	<small>With Special Guest Jo Dee Messina</small>	
	<small>(Neal McCoy at 8 PM &amp; Jo Dee Messina at 6:30 PM)</small>	

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH

All Exhibit Halls Open at 10 AM • Midway Opens at Noon  
Charcoal-Broiled Pork Chop Dinners at Grange Food Complex from 11 AM until Gone.

8:30-9:30 AM	Church Service	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
	<small>Conducted by Gideon's International</small>	
9 AM	Alpaca Costume Show	Goat Barn Show Arena
9:30 AM	No. Illinois Outlaws Riding/Shooting	Pony Arena (Free)
	Exhibition	
10 AM	Junior Dairy Cattle - Pee Wee Show	Dairy Arena
10 AM	Pedal Pushers Pull	Livestock Arena (Free)
	<small>(Sponsored by A.R. Henninger Family)</small>	
12 PM	Wood Carvings & Blacksmith Auction	South of Gate 2
12:30-1:30 PM	Lip Sync Contest	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
1 PM	DEMOLITION DERBY	
	By Robbo's Extreme Derby Promotions	Grandstand (\$12)
1:30 - 3 PM	Karaoke Contest	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
5-8 PM	The Boone Boys' Band	Entertainment Pav. (Free)
6 PM	DEMOLITION DERBY	
	By Robbo's Extreme Derby Promotions	Grandstand (\$12)

Schedule subject to change, but we do our best to adhere to it.

SHOW TICKETS on sale all day at  
Gate 1 Ticket Office or at  
Grandstand Ticket Office before shows!

### Updates to Schedule:

Tuesday - Take out...9am Horse Speed Event and Put in ...8:30am...4-H Horse & Pony Show...Outside Horse Arena  
Weds - Add...3:00pm...4-H Dairy Steer Show...Livestock Arena  
Thurs - Add...9:00am...Pony Classes...Pony Arena  
Fri - At 8:30am it should read....Open & Junior Market Barrow Show  
Sat - At 9:00am it should read....Open & Junior Dairy Show Cow Classes  
At 3:00pm it should read...Fur and Feather Auction

## HORSE EVENTS

### TUESDAY

9 AM	4-H Horse Speed Events	Outside Horse Arena
12 PM	Harness & Colt Racing	Grandstand (Free)

### WEDNESDAY

9 AM	4-H Horse Speed Show	Livestock Buildings
3 PM	Mule & Pony Team Driving	
	Obstacle Course	Outside Horse Arena
4 PM	Mule & Horse Team Driving	
	Obstacle Course	Outside Horse Arena
5 PM	Horses (Draft & Light) Team Driving	
	Obstacle Course	Outside Horse Arena
6 PM	Team Feed Race Obstacle Course	Outside Horse Arena
6:30 PM	Driving Drill Team	Outside Horse Arena

### THURSDAY

4 PM	Junior Draft Horse Performance & Cart	
	Classes Ending With An Open	Outside Horse Arena
	6-Horse Hitch - Classic Series	
	<small>(Sponsored by Byron Bank)</small>	

### FRIDAY

9 AM	Draft Horse Halter Show	Inside Horse Arena
9 AM	Pony Halter & Performance Classes	Pony Arena

### SATURDAY

9 AM	Pony Performance & Hitch Classes	Pony Arena
10 AM	Draft Horse Wagon Hitch Classes	Outside Horse Arena
	Starting With 6-Horse Hitch	
1 PM	Pony Hitch Classes	Pony Arena

### SUNDAY

9:30 AM	No. Illinois Outlaws Riding/Shooting	Pony Arena
	Exhibition	

FREE ADMISSION TO ALL HORSE EVENTS LISTED HERE

# Entertainment Pavilion

Located East Side Of Exhibit Hall #1. Free Admission.

(Sponsored by: Concessions Unlimited, George's Fun Foods, McKinney's Foods, DRS Skinners' Amusements, Thornberry's Concessions & Parnell Foods)

## TUESDAY

Music by Hallie & The Milestone Singers (Country & Bluegrass).....12-1 PM  
Galaxy (Classic Country Band).....2:30-5:30 PM  
Dale Rhode & The Crossroads Band (Country).....7-10 PM

## WEDNESDAY

95.3 The Bull's Chip Messiner-One Man Country Band.....12-3 PM  
Contests held during breaks – Ages 15 & Older  
Watermelon Eating/Seed Spitting, Bubble Gum Blowing,  
Twinkie Eating and Soda Drinking.  
Prizes for Each Contest 1-\$15, 2-\$10, 3-\$5.  
Conducted by Arnie Pearse

Jung's Tae Kwon Do Demonstration.....4-5 PM  
Grass Attack (Bluegrass/Country).....7-10 PM

## THURSDAY

Matthew Wundrow Band (Polka/Country).....12-2 PM  
Acoustic Millennium Band (Classic/Folk Rock).....2:30-4:30 PM  
Kevin Burns 'Good Vibrations' (Beach Music).....5:30-10 PM  
Sign-Up For Look-A-Like Contest.....5:30 PM  
Mother/Daughter Look-A-Like Contest.....6 PM  
Father/Son Look-A-Like Contest.....7 PM  
(Look-A-Like Contests Sponsored by: Parnell Foods)

## FRIDAY

Audrey Fontana Band (Nashville Country Music).....12-3 PM  
Magic by Herb Rosene.....3:30- 4:30 PM  
Mary Lee's School of Dance.....5-6 PM  
Silver Creek Band (Classic Country).....7-10 PM

## SATURDAY

Amateur Talent Contest Sign-Up.....9:30 AM  
Free to sign up. Must pay admission to fair.  
Junior Talent Contest (Ages up to 14).....10:30 AM  
Senior Talent Contest (Ages 15-21).....12:30 PM  
1st Prize \$200 \* 2nd Prize \$150 \* 3rd Prize \$100  
Main Street Players Theatre Group Presents.....4-5 PM  
Celia's Dance Center Performance.....5-6 PM  
The Missing Links (Classic Rock/R&B Band).....7-10 PM

## SUNDAY

Church Service by Gideon's International.....8:30-9:30 AM  
Lip Sync Contest conducted by Arnie Pearse.....12:30-1:30 PM  
1st Prize \$75 \* 2nd Prize \$50 \* 3rd Prize \$25  
Karaoke Contest conducted by Arnie Pearse .....1:30-3:00 PM  
1st Prize \$75 \* 2nd Prize \$50 \* 3rd Prize \$25  
(Contestants must pay admission to fair at the gate)  
The Boone Boys (Classic Rock/Country).....5-8 PM

# FREE GRANDSTAND SHOWS

## TUESDAY

Flag Raising - VFW.....12 PM  
Harness & Colt Racing.....12 PM  
The Queen & Little Miss Pageant.....7:30 PM

## WEDNESDAY

Antique Tractor Parade.....5 PM

## FRIDAY

ATV Racing.....10 AM - 1 PM

## SATURDAY

Weak End Antique Tractor Pull.....7 AM  
Rock County Pullers.....7:30 AM  
Amateur Garden Tractor Pull.....8 AM

# FREE ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT

Located At Various Locations - See Map On Back Page!



Watch These **TALENTED RESCUE DOGS** From Around The Country Perform Amazing Feats!

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Watch These **BARNYARD BUDDIES** Present A Show Featuring Fabulous Stunts And Laughable Antics!

South of Antique Tractors, South of Big Thunder Rd.

### SHOWTIMES:

Tuesday-Thursday 2 & 5 PM • Friday & Saturday 12, 2 & 5 PM  
Sunday 12:30 & 2:30 PM

(Sponsored by: Anderson Funeral & Cremation Services, Boone County Family Restaurant, Countryside Fresh Markets, Swedish American Hospital, The Smokin' Coop BBQ, Union Savings Bank & Hammertime Sports)

### Mr. D's Amazing Magic House on Wheels

Located West Side of Flora Rd. Near Gazebo  
SHOWTIMES: Tuesday-Friday 12, 2, 5 & 7 PM • Saturday 12, 1:30, 3 & 5 PM  
Sunday 11 AM & 12 PM (Sponsored by: Byron Bank, Blackhawk Bank, Culvers of Belvidere, Boone County Shopper and Mike & Darcie Chamberlain)

### Zoli's Chainsaw Wood Carving

On Prairie Road South of Gate 2  
SHOWTIMES: Wednesday-Saturday 11 AM, 2 & 5 PM • Sunday Auction at 12 Noon  
(Sponsored by: Area Services Inc., Lee Auction Service, Minnihan's Tree Service, Pleasant Hill Construction Inc., Tractor Town, Watson & Son Excavating)

### ATV Racing by Kickabuda Promotions

Grandstand Bleachers - SHOWTIMES: Friday, 10 AM  
(Sponsored by: Hammertime Sports)

### Kids Day Games & Contests

Behind Exhibit Hall # 3 - SHOWTIMES: Wednesday & Thursday, 10 AM  
(Sponsored by: Midland States Bank)

### Pedal Pushers Tractor Pull

Livestock Show Arena - SHOWTIMES: Sunday, 10 AM  
(Sponsored by: Henninger Family)

### Antique Tractors On Display with Antique Gas Engines

County Line Rd. - ON DISPLAY DAILY - 200 Plus Tractors

### Wee Farm Petting Zoo

Behind Exhibit Hall 3 # - OPEN DAILY - 9:30 AM - 8:30 PM

### One Room School House

South End of Track - OPEN DAILY - 10 AM - 6 PM

### The New Boone County Grange Hall Museum

North of The Sheep Barn - OPEN Tuesday - Sunday 9:30 AM - 8:30 PM

### Gene Shepherd & Mike Schneider Band

Strolling The Grounds  
SHOWTIMES: Thursday, 11:30 AM - 2 PM, Friday & Saturday, 4:30-7 PM

### Magic Mike

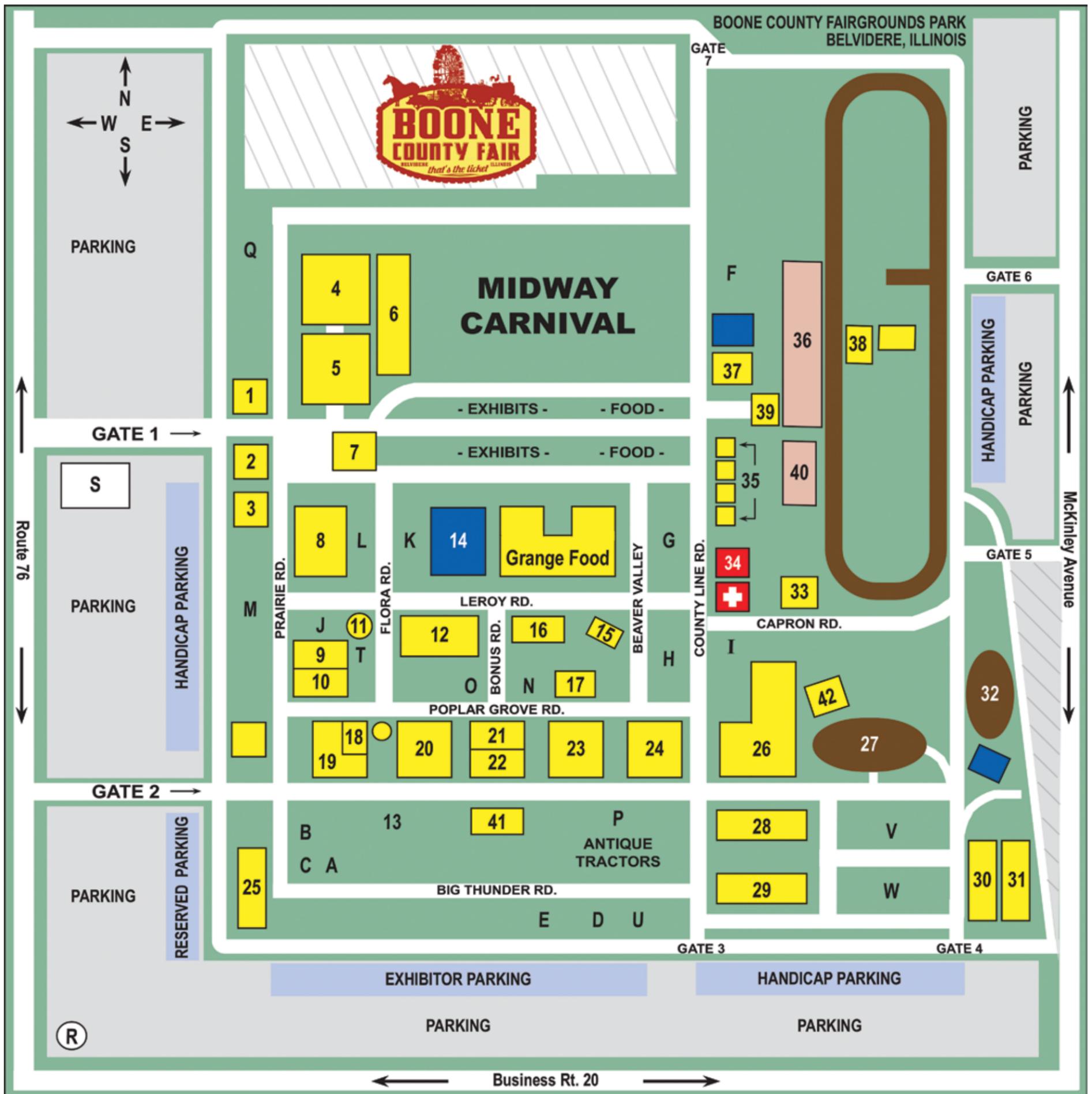
Strolling the Grounds Afternoons & Evenings Wednesday - Sunday

### Alpaca Exhibit & Demonstration

By Gate 3 South of Big Thunder Rd.  
SHOWTIMES: Thursday & Friday 1 PM, Saturday 1 & 4 PM  
Sunday Costume Parade & Judging from 9 AM - 12 PM In Goat Barn Show Arena  
(Sponsored by: Selective Superior Seeds)

### 1800s Blacksmith Demonstrations

On Prairie Rd., South Of Gate 2  
SHOWTIMES: Tuesday - Sunday 12 - 6 PM  
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Along With Wood Carvings at 12 Noon.  
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**History**

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Fair they held a Spencer Memorial Race between Funderburg and Gadde. Funderburg had since bought a horse and now was driving his own, not a Spencer horse. The results were the same, Gadde won again. After 2 more years, Funderburg and Gadde decided they no longer wanted to own the Fair, so now Mrs. Spencer was the sole owner of the Fair, which by this time seemed to be dying.

Oral history recorded by Don Ellingson of Don Paulson follows: It was 1955 when the Fair hardly had enough people attending to pack down the grass in the carnival area. We were sitting in the grandstand, listening to the Belvidere High School Band when the Master of Ceremonies asked the audience for a show of hands for all the people from Boone County, Wisconsin, etc. There were actually more people from Wisconsin than Boone County. That year, Les Carlson was showing Shetland ponies, I was showing Duroc hogs, and Lew Hawkey was showing sheep. We had a little talk later that day about the fact that this looked like the end of the Boone County Fair. Lew and I had some deep roots in the Fair as his Dad had been on the Fair Board with my Dad. But at the end of 1962, it was voted at a Pomona Grange meeting to discontinue the sponsorship of the Fair. During the winter of '62, the land where the present Fairgrounds is became available. This sparked new interest, since we had previously offered Mrs. Spencer \$1,000. per acre for the 40-acre Fairgrounds. She said she previously had it appraised and wanted \$87,000. We did not buy because we thought it was rather small and overpriced. When this new 84-acre parcel on Rte. 76 became available we certainly were interested, but had one problem: No money to pay for it. Then, luckily, the local Supervisor of the P.C.A. (Production Credit Association, a federal entity created through the Farm Credit Act of 1933 to provide short- and intermediate-term credit to farmers) came forth and offered to loan us the money. This was great, except it took six of us to put our name on the back of the note. (End of Paulson's)

Mr. Ellingson stated, I think those six farmers were "heroes of the day" for taking a risk, with no security, that really started things rolling to create where we are today. I'm sure Les Carlson and Don Paulson were the instigators of it, but the other four that signed for it were Stuart "Red" Salley, Ralph Fair, Lewis Hawkey, and John Engelson.

With the purchase, a new era of quality and growth for Boone County Fair was ushered in. The Grange sponsored the last Fair at the old Fairgrounds in 1963, and the first Fair at the new Fairgrounds in 1964. The first addition to the new Fairgrounds were restrooms in 1964. In 1965, the beef barns and a roofless grandstand, then in 1966, the dairy barn, in 1967, the hog barn, in 1968, the sheep barn and on and on to what you see today: Three exhibit halls, an entertainment tent, a draft horse barn, 2 pleasure horse and pony barns, a goat barn, a poultry building, and seemingly endless exhibit tents, food stands, an enormous midway, and even more.

After starting at the new Fairgrounds, Ray Nimtz became the dairy superintendent. He did an outstanding job of increasing the numbers and the quality of the dairy show. He contacted potential exhibitors throughout the state, even in Southern

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**OP-ED**

**America has Lost its Way**

*By Jim Nowlan*

America has lost its way, or so I worry. Can we get back on track?

What do we mean by The American Way? Each of us might define it differently, though I think there are some common threads. In 1937, social commentator William Herberg gave it a shot in a lengthy paragraph, from which I extract here some key words: self-reliant, striving, success, humanitarian, idealistic, stewardship, character.

America helped save the globe during World War II, with our sacrifice and materiel. When I grew up post-WWII, America was on top. The rest of the developed world was prostrate from war devastation. We had some swagger. We were positive and generous. It was a great time to grow up. I thought of America as perfect, though we weren't. After all, blacks were still being casually lynched in the South, and until this year Congress hadn't been able to pass a simple anti-lynching law.

Since my childhood, other nations have been catching up with us, as would be expected of energetic, well-educated, emerging nations. We also lost some of the kick in our step with our failure in Vietnam.

In the 1970-80s, we allowed our manufacturing base to be hollowed out. And we can't seem to climb up from mediocrity in educational achievement. This may not have been important when I was a kid, but is now. Our university and government-sponsored research have been top drawer, yet China is investing much more in their rapidly developing research centers and universities (they know where the future lies!) than are we.

Nor can we seem to resolve our "us v. them" squabbles among whites, blacks and browns; elites v. rural folks, and regarding gender roles.

Further, luxury has a corrosive effect on the spirit, I would contend, possibly weakening our resilience as a people. On my three visits to China as a visiting professor over the past 15 years, I found that the Chinese are not that impressed with us, maybe agreeing with their supreme leader Xi Jinping that Americans have become soft.

Then, we have the mind-bending, unsettling, warp speed rate of change in our world, with digital devices pushing the human aside, or threatening to do so. And, of course, the pandemic. And now, medieval bestiality in Ukraine, which I had hoped, naively, we had evolved away from in the 21st Century.

So, we have little swagger left. Where are we? Where are we headed?

Many of my senior generation appear to have given up, taking their still fertile brains to Florida and the links. The political class on the Left appears to think the way out of our plight, if such we be in, is to shower us with government money. On the Right, the objective appears to be to protect the incredible wealth being scooped up by a tiny fraction of us.

From what I see among my former university students, our well-educated young are buoyant with energy and optimism, which is great. At 81, I think my generation, with its immense aggregate wealth, needs to do a better job of supporting my former students, and our grandchildren.

I have cynically mused that the U.S. could use a "good little war" to unite us in behalf of a renewal, an awakening. We have such a little war in progress in the Ukraine, plus an economic war with China. In the Middle Ages, war was economic development;

today economic development is "war." This can be seen by China's efforts to extend its sphere of dominant influence, from Southeast Asia to Africa.

Yet most Americans are so consumed with our pursuit of material stuff that we are blithely ignorant of what is transpiring in the world beyond our border.

If anything, The American Way has been about success, achievement, stability, example. These are the really big issues that aspiring national leaders should be trumpeting to the American public. Yet, I fear many so-called leaders fear such declarations would fail to capture voter imagination and spirit, and so they tap into voter fears and anger. One of the downsides of democracy is that, to stay in office, leaders often become followers.

I smile when I see the bumper stickers: "Ask me how much I love my grandkids!" How much, indeed? Enough to provide them a stable nation and world? If we can do that, we will have reclaimed The American Way.

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**LM Contestant # 1**

**Harper Beverly Sweeney**

She is the daughter of Tiffany and Joseph Sweeney of Belvidere. This fall, Harper will be entering 2nd grade. Her favorite books are Dr. Seuss. Harper is sponsored by Grandpa Joe Sweeney.



**LM Contestant # 2**

**Emerson Margaret Tobin**

She is the daughter of Cooper and Jonathan Tobin of Belvidere. This fall, Emerson will be entering 2nd grade. Her favorite books are by Jojo Siwa. Emerson is sponsored by Big Jon's Dogs & More.



**LM Contestant # 3**

**Olivia Grace Paulsen**

She is the daughter of Cassandra and Timothy Paulsen of Belvidere. This fall, Olivia will be entering 2nd grade. Her favorite book is "I can be a Farm Vet." Olivia is sponsored by Mom and Dad.



**LM Contestant # 4**

**Elizabeth Alejandra Quiroz**

She is the daughter of Stacy Kellems and Roberto Cruz of Belvidere. This fall, Elizabeth will be entering 2nd grade. Her favorite book is "I Broke My Trunk." Elizabeth is Sponsored by Midwest Millright Services.



**LM Contestant # 5**

**Taylynn Miracle Pearse**

She is the daughter of Amanda Pearse and Dawayn Evans of Belvidere. This fall, Taylynn will be entering 2nd grade. Her favorite book is "Big Red Dog." Taylynn is sponsored by Sweet Carolyn.



**LM Contestant # 6**

**Ivanna Marie Pasillas**

She is the daughter of Jenifer Munoz and Arnulfo Pasillas of Belvidere. This fall, Ivanna will be entering 1st grade. Her favorite book is "Anything about Animals." Ivanna is sponsored by 815 Healthy's.



**LM Contestant # 7**

**Emerson Rosemarie Matz**

She is the daughter of Brittany and Daniel Matz of Belvidere. This fall, Emerson will be entering 1st grade. Her favorite book is "Brown Bear." Emerson is sponsored by Crosby & Crosby Law Firm.



**LM Contestant # 8**

**Cheyenne Skye Lachmann**

She is the daughter of Brooke and Frank Lachmann of Poplar Grove. This fall, Cheyenne will be entering 3rd grade, her favorite books are all of the Barbie Books. Cheyenne is sponsored by Poplar Grove Floral.



**LM Contestant # 9**

**Kasia Kapri Meyer**

She is the daughter of Kelly and Peter Meyer of Poplar Grove. This fall Kasia will be entering 4th grade. Her favorite books are the Clementine Series. Kasia is sponsored by True Blue Painting.



**LM Contestant #10**

**Maisie Kelleher**

She is the daughter of Ashley and James Kelleher of Belvidere. This fall, Maisie will be entering 3rd grade. Her favorite book is "Pete the Cat." Maisie is sponsored by Mom and Dad.



**LM Contestant #11**

**Nora Mae Branom**

She is the daughter of Tara and Matt Branom of Rockford. This fall, Nora will be entering 3rd grade. Her favorite book is "Charlotte's Web." Nora is sponsored by Treat Yourself Aesthetic Studio.



**LM Contestant # 12**

**Avery Nicole Ortgiesen**

She is the daughter of Jessica and Jake Ortgiesen of Caledonia. This fall, Avery will be entering 3rd grade. Her favorite book is "The Day the Crayons Quit." Avery is sponsored by Kunes GMC Belvidere.



**LM Contestant # 13**

**Haven Rain Asbury**

She is the daughter of Dawn Bueche and John Asbury of Belvidere. This fall, Haven will be entering 2nd grade. Her favorite books are All the Cat in the Hat Books. Haven is sponsored by: Mom and Dad.



**LM Contestant # 14**

**Sophia May Ouiroz**

She is the daughter of Stacy Kellems and Roberto Cruz of Belvidere. This fall, Sophia will be entering the 1st grade. Her favorite book is "The Outer Space Stories." Sophia is sponsored by Midwest Millright Services.



**LM Contestant # 15**

**Riley Marie Mace**

She is the daughter of Ashley and Warren Mace of Belvidere. This fall, Riley will be entering 3rd grade. Her favorite book is "Ginger Bread Man." Riley is sponsored by Mom and Dad.



**LM Contestant # 16**

**Naomi Hernandez**

She is the daughter of Micaela Yukan and Sergio Hernandez of Belvidere. This fall, Naomi will be entering 3rd grade. Her favorite book is "The Three Little Pigs." Naomi is sponsored by Mom and Dad.



**LM Contestant # 17**

**Gianna Lily Belvedere**

She is the daughter of Carrie and John Belvedere of Poplar Grove. This fall, Gianna will be entering 2nd grade. Her favorite book is "Pig The Stinker." Gianna is sponsored by Mom and Dad.

Little Miss  
Contestants  
2022



Thompson Center in the Chicago Loop

entire building for \$105 million and use \$75 million of that to buy another building nearby in the central Loop area, at 115 S. LaSalle, currently the headquarters of BMO Harris Bank which plans to relocate.

JRTC Holdings will perform the renovations on the LaSalle building to accommodate the state's operations after BMO Harris Bank vacates the building. The improvements there are expected to take 18 months with partial occupancy expected within eight months from the closing, the governor's office said in a news release

"This trade was a huge win-win for everyone," Reschke said. "Google was able to secure 100 percent of this iconic building for future headquarters and the state will now own 50 percent more space on LaSalle Street at 50 percent less cost."

Google, which is headquartered in Mountain View, California, has had a presence in Chicago since 2000. It currently employs about 2,000 employees in the city's Fulton Market area.

Karen Sauder, Google's president of global clients and agency solutions, said the company eventually plans to buy the building itself in

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## Thompson Center Sale Finalized With Google to be Building's Lone Occupant

*State will use proceeds to purchase another nearby building in the Chicago Loop*

*By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois*

After years of failed efforts that spanned multiple administrations, the state has finalized the sale of the controversial James R. Thompson Center in Chicago to a company that will make it the new Chicago home of tech giant Google.

Gov. JB Pritzker made the announcement during a news conference at the building, along with Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and officials from the development company and Google. Pritzker said the sale will save the state millions on deferred maintenance costs.

"When the project is done, the first Googlers will be walking into this atrium for an entirely redeveloped and truly magnificent experience, one that comes as Google continues to dramatically expand its footprint in Illinois," Pritzker said.

Designed by architect Helmut Jahn, the 17-story structure first opened in 1985, featuring a large atrium, food court and 1.2 million square feet of office space that currently houses offices of 50 state agencies.

But its unique, postmodern design, which some have compared to a spaceship, has long been the subject of both praise and criticism, and its high cost of maintenance and operations, estimated at \$17 million a year, has been a drain on state resources.

In 2003, then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich, a Democrat, proposed selling the building, but that deal never went through and with state funding cuts, it began to fall into disrepair. Former Gov. Bruce Rauner, a Republican, also proposed selling it in 2015 and again in 2017, but lawmakers at that time could not agree on a plan amid the ongoing two-year budget impasse, which led to further deferred maintenance on the building.

A 2016 cost study estimated it would take \$300 million to bring the building into good repair, and the governor's office said that cost is projected to increase to over \$525 million if maintenance needs are not addressed by 2026.

In 2019, Pritzker signed legislation that had originally passed the General Assembly two years earlier authorizing a new process of trying to sell the building through a competitive bidding process. And in January 2021 officials announced plans to begin moving employees out

of the Thompson Center into another building the state had purchased for \$73.5 million at 555 W. Monroe.

Then in December 2021, officials announced tentative plans to sell the building for \$70 million to JRTC Holdings LLC, a firm managed by real estate developer Michael W. Reschke and the Capri Investment Group. Under that deal, the state would have purchased back 425,000 square feet of newly renovated office space and it would have contributed \$148 million for its share of the renovations.

Under the new agreement announced Wednesday, however, the state will sell the

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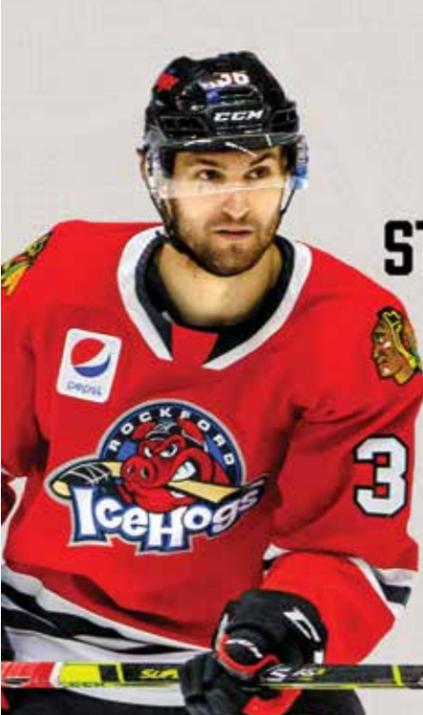


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order to bring its employees into the downtown area.

“The way we see it, the Thompson Center is more than just a building,” she said. “Establishing a presence here in the loop allows us to get in on the ground floor of revitalizing and breathing new life into the very heart of the city. Just as we’re proud of the role we played in turning Fulton Market into one of the most vibrant and energetic neighborhoods in the city, we have the opportunity to do it all over again here.”

The moves by the state are part of a larger effort to optimize its real estate holdings in downtown Chicago.

Prior to those efforts, the state owned three buildings in the area, including the Thompson Center, and leased office space in seven other buildings. Together, according to the Department of Central Management Services, those properties exceeded 2.3 million square feet.

Cathy Kwiatkowski, deputy director of CMS, said in an email that the state only needs about 1.7 million square feet, a need that could be met by buying two buildings, terminating six private leases and maintaining leases only in publicly owned buildings.

CMS estimates the optimization effort will reduce its downtown Chicago real estate portfolio by more than 475,000 square feet by 2024.

The governor’s office estimated the consolidation will save the state nearly \$1 billion over 30 years.

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# State Announces Plan for \$760 Million in Opioid Settlement Money

Attorney general was part of lawsuits against manufacturer, distributors

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker and Attorney General Kwame Raoul announced plans Friday for how the state will distribute its share of funds from a national settlement with opioid companies.

Illinois expects to receive approximately \$760 million over 18 years from a \$26 billion national settlement with three opioid distributors – Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen – and one opioid manufacturer, Johnson & Johnson.

“The opioid crisis will go down as one of the most disturbing examples of corporate greed and medical mismanagement in human history, giving way to an epidemic that has become more deadly almost every year of the last 40 years,” Pritzker said at a news conference in Chicago.

Under an executive order that Pritzker said he would sign Friday, the money will flow through a new Office of Opioid Settlement Administration to be set up within the Illinois Department of Human Services.

That agency will also appoint a Statewide Opioid Settlement Administrator to ensure that the funds are used in accordance with the State Overdose Action Plan, which Pritzker announced earlier this year, and that they are used to fund recovery and treatment programs in the counties and municipalities with the most urgent need.

Allocation of funds will be based on recommendations from a newly created advisory board, chaired by the state’s chief behavioral health officer and made up of state and local appointees. The board will work with an existing state opioid steering committee led by Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton and the state’s directors of the Illinois Department of Public Health and IDHS.

“This crisis has reached into urban, suburban and rural areas, every kind of community,” Stratton said at the news conference. “It’s also true that opioids have disproportionately hurt BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color) communities. In fact, in Illinois alone, the opioid fatality rate for Black communities was 55.3 per 100,000, and that is the highest of all demographics.”

The settlement, which was first announced in July 2021, resolves more than 4,000 lawsuits that were filed across the country by state and local governments against the drug companies.

In Illinois, Raoul said, 94 counties and 77 municipalities have signed on to the agreement. Terms of the settlement spell out what percentage of the proceeds each community will receive, and they require that at least 85 percent of the funds be used for programs that will help address the ongoing opioid crisis through treatment, education and prevention efforts.

Raoul noted that the state stands to receive even more money in the future from other national cases. He said Illinois is part of a national settlement to resolve opioid claims against drug manufacturer Mallinckrodt. That settlement was

finalized in a bankruptcy plan that took effect last month and will bring about \$36 million to Illinois over nine years.

Raoul also announced last week that state attorneys general have reached settlements in principle with drug manufacturers Teva and Allegan that will bring as much as \$6.6 billion of additional relief to states and local governments nationwide.

“It’s important to highlight the abatement and remediation of the crisis is the primary goal of the settlements and the resources that come from the settlement,” Raoul said. “Unlike major settlements of the past, the vast majority of funds Illinois receives through the settlements will go towards a remediation fund. This fund will be used to pay for abatement programs throughout the state instead of being used to pay for other unrelated initiatives.”

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## Drug Overdose Leaves One Dead and Two in the Hospital

(Press Release)

On Sunday, July 31, 2022, at approximately 10:26 p.m., the Belvidere Police Department responded to the area of 1111 Fairgrounds Road, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, Prairie Fields Park, for a 911 call reporting a medical emergency.

Belvidere Police Officers arrived along with the Boone County Sheriffs Department, Winnebago County Sheriffs Department, Cherry Valley Police Department and Rockford Park District Police.

On arrival Belvidere Officers located two males, 31 years old and 44 years old, unconscious. One male, 26 years old, indicated he was overdosing. Belvidere Officers began life saving measures including administering Narcan until paramedics arrived. All three men were transported to area hospitals for further medical care.

Belvidere Police Detectives were called to the scene and began an investigation.

On August 01, 2022 at approximately 9:20 am the Belvidere Police Department was notified the

44-year-old male died.

Any additional information regarding the deceased male can be directed to the Winnebago County Coroner’s Office.

Belvidere Police Detectives are continuing to investigate leads regarding this incident.

The Belvidere Police Department continues to work with the Belvidere Park District and community partners to gather additional information.

The Belvidere Police Department is asking anyone with information regarding this incident to call (815)-544-2135. Anonymous reports can be made by contacting, 24 hours a day, Boone County Crimestoppers at 815-544-7867(815-547-STOP) and BOONECOUNTYCRIMESTOPPERS.COM. Persons with information leading to an arrest can be awarded a cash reward of up to \$1000.00

## Independent Candidate for Sheriff Enters the Race

(Press Release)

David Mordt, grew up in Boone County and is seeking the position of Boone County Sheriff in the November 8, 2022 election. Mordt is running as an independent candidate.

Mordt has served in law enforcement for over 35 years. As a law enforcement officer (LEO), he has served as a corrections officer, patrol deputy, K9 handler, Federal Task Force Officer (DEA), detective and supervisor. Mordt has trained and mentored LEO’s from numerous departments throughout Northern IL. Mordt started the K9 program for the Belvidere Police Department and the Boone County Sheriff’s Department, as well helped several other area agencies with their K9 programs.

As a Law Enforcement Officer (LEO), Mordt feels that his role is that of a guardian; someone who protects, helps, guides and comforts during the storms of life. Law Enforcement has always been more than “just” a job for Mordt. Mordt has always had a deep compassion for all of the people of Boone County! Mordt believes, together (citizens and law enforcement), we can provide a safe community to live, work and play in. Mordt’s goal is, “Bridging the gap between law enforcement and the community”.

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# History

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The first Fair President of this era, with Pomona Grange owning and operating the Fair, was Les Carlson through 1975, then John Ratcliffe in 1976 through 1982, Don Paulson from 1983

through 1990, Al Henninger in 1991 through 2009, and Lyle Lee 2010 through 2022. With the hard work of these Presidents, the assistance of the Directors, and the enthusiastic help from between 500 and 1,000 volunteers, the Fair has made miraculous strides to where it is today. In recent years the attendance has been two hundred thousand, or there abouts, every year. The goal of all these people was to make this the best County Fair they possibly could and the result has been -- THE TOP COUNTY FAIR IN THE MIDWEST.

The Fair, racetrack, and grandstand are found north of Belvidere at the intersection of Route 76 and US Route 20 bypass. The fairgrounds are even easier to find today than in previous years, with the impressive, life-size bronze statue to identify the Boone County Fairgrounds. The bronze sculpture of "The Babysitter" was commissioned to serve as a permanent landmark to identify the Boone County Fairgrounds.

The current fairgrounds today contain more than 175 acres of land outside Belvidere, where the Fair has been staged for 60 years. Every year, the Granges of Boone County have made major improvements to the fairgrounds, erecting new buildings, refurbishing existing structures, and working to improve what has been an impressive site for the Fair. On the fairgrounds there are many permanent buildings, paved roadways, and five water wells. Commercial exhibitors and livestock exhibitors come year-after-year because of these amenities, the quality of the event, and because it is good business for them to attend. Visitors are encouraged to return every

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# LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
22 FC 38  
NANCY A LOVE; NANCY A. LOVE, AS TRUSTEE UTA DATED  
08/21/2008 KNOWN AS THE NANCY A. LOVE DECLARATION OF  
TRUST; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE NANCY A. LOVE,  
AS TRUSTEE UTA DATED 08/21/2008 KNOWN AS THE NANCY  
A. LOVE DECLARATION OF TRUST; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND  
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.  
6370 BROADVIEW AVENUE  
BELVIDERE, IL 61008  
JUDGE: PRESIDING JUDGE

## NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU,

Unknown Beneficiaries of the Nancy A. Love, as Trustee UTA dated  
08/21/2008 known as the Nancy A. Love Declaration of Trust  
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants  
defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against  
you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage  
conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT EIGHT (8) OF AL-GER SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION  
OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31,  
TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL  
MERIDIAN, IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 6370 Broadview Avenue  
Belvidere, IL 61008

and which said Mortgage was made by,  
Nancy A Love and Nancy A. Love, as Trustee UTA dated 08/21/2008  
known as the Nancy A. Love Declaration of Trust

Mortgagor(s), to  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Penny-  
Mac Loan Services, LLC

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of  
Boone County, Illinois, as Document No. 2018R04172; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in  
this case, on or before August 22, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE  
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ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

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PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT,  
THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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## STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

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

In the Matter of the Estate of HUMBERTO C GUEVARA, Deceased=  
No. 2022-PR-33 ≡

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of Humberto C Guevara. Letters of  
Office were issued July 25, 2022 on to Maria Guevara, Belvidere, Illinois  
who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate  
is Attorney Charles T. Sewell, 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before February 6, 2023,  
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 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 her attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated: July 27, 2022

Maria Guevara, Independent Administrator  
Charles T. Sewell, L.L.C.

Attorney at Law

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,  
-v- 2022 FC 5

SAMUEL PADILLA JR et al, Defendant

#### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment  
of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 19, 2022, an  
agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September  
12, 2022, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue  
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thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified  
funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be  
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acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential  
real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general  
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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  
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after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no  
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admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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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  
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sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Con-  
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Attorney File No. 14-22-00567

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2022 FC 5

TJSC#: 42-1568

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.

Case # 2022 FC 5

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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

DATE: July 25, 2022

PROJECT: Ventilation Study and Project Implementation for the  
Belvidere CUSD #100

Belvidere, Illinois

LOCATIONS: District-wide

OWNER: Belvidere Unit School District #100

1201 5th Avenue

Belvidere, Illinois 61008

OWNER'S REP.: Cadence Consulting, LLC

Michael A. Hacker

Tel: (414) 610-5470

Email: [Michael.a.hacker@outlook.com](mailto:Michael.a.hacker@outlook.com)

All associated inquiries, outreach, and request for RFP distribution is to  
be directed to Michael A. Hacker at Cadence Consulting, LLC.SCOPE:

The vendor is to complete a district-wide ventilation assessment for  
each of the school district facilities, and would be retained to provide  
implementation services.

DATE DUE: Formal proposals will be accepted until 2:00pm on

Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the office of the Director of Operations,  
Belvidere Community Unit School District No. 100, 1201 Fifth Avenue,  
Belvidere, Illinois.

PRE-PROPOSAL CONF.: A mandatory pre-proposal conference at

10:30am on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 in a virtual setting.

RIGHTS RESERVED The Owner reserves the right to waive any  
irregularities

BY OWNER: and/or reject any or all proposals when, in the opinion  
of the Owner, such action will serve the best interests of the Owner.By  
order of the Board of Education for Belvidere CUSD #100

## STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT BOONE COUNTY

DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT): LAURA ANN  
FRISCH Case No. 2022-MR-10

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from:

LAURA ANN FRISCH to the new name of LAURA ANN DAVIS. The

court date will be held on 09/20/2022 at 10:45 a.m. at the Boone County

Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 in Courtroom #3

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## STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT BOONE COUNTY

DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT): MAKENZIE  
ALAYNA WOODS Case No. 2022-MR-9

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from:

MAKENZIE ALAYNA WOODS to the new name of DAMIEN ORION

WOODS. The court date will be held on 09/20/2022 at 9:30a.m. at the

Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 in

Courtroom #3

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#### NOTICE OF HEARING

### VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Village of Poplar Grove Village Hall, 200 N. Hill Street, Poplar  
Grove IL 61065, a hearing will be held by the Village of Poplar Grove  
(the "Village") to consider forming a special service area, to be called  
"Village of Poplar Grove Special Service Area Number 2" consisting of  
the territory legally described in Exhibit 1 to this Notice.

The approximate location and boundaries of the proposed special  
service area is the parcel commonly known as: 13150 IL Route 76 with  
PIN: 03-26-300-018 located in the Village of Poplar Grove, and is more  
fully described in Exhibit 1 of this Notice.

The general purpose of the formation of the Village of Poplar Grove  
Special Service Area Number 2 is to provide special municipal services to  
the area which include, but are not limited to, connection to the Village  
water supply, surveying, soil testing and appurtenant work, mass grading,  
site clearing, water connection fees and other eligible costs. The special  
services include new construction and maintenance and repair activities.

There will also be considered at the hearing the following method  
of financing the water connection fees associated with the improvements  
within the proposed special service area: the owner of the Subject  
Territory has provided the up-front financing for the costs associated  
with connection to the Village water supply but is in need of the special  
service area to help finance the costs of the associated water connection

fees related to providing connection to the Village water supply to the  
proposed special service area. The special municipal services to be  
provided to the proposed special service area will include connection to  
Village water supply and related engineering, surveying, soil testing and  
appurtenant work, mass grading, site clearing, water connection fees and  
other eligible costs. The payment of the water connection fees associated  
with providing the special municipal services to the proposed special  
service area are anticipated to be approximately \$391,842.23. The  
Village desires to allow the property owner of the Subject Territory to  
pay for such fees by and through the levy of an annual special tax levied  
against the Subject Territory located within the special service area for  
a period of ten (10) years. This tax is to be levied upon the specific and  
identified taxable property within the proposed special service area. The  
proposed amount of the tax levy for special services for the initial year  
for which taxes will be levied is anticipated to be \$39,184.22.

At the hearing, all interested persons affected by the formation of  
such special service area, including all persons owning taxable real estate  
therein, may file written objections to and be heard orally regarding the  
formation of and the boundaries of the special service area and the levy  
of taxes affecting the area. The hearing may be adjourned by the Village  
Board without further notice other than a motion to be entered upon the  
minutes of its meeting fixing the time and place of its adjournment.

If a petition signed by at least 51% of the electors residing within the  
Village of Poplar Grove Special Service Area Number 1 and by at least  
51% of the owners of record of the land included within the boundaries of  
the Village of Poplar Grove Special Service Area Number 2 is filed with  
the Village Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove within 60 days following  
the final adjournment of the public hearing objecting to the creation of  
the special service area or the levy of taxes affecting the area, no such  
area may be created or taxes levied or imposed.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING POPLAR GROVE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Poplar Grove Planning and  
Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 24,  
2022 at 6:00 pm in the Village Board Room, 200 North Hill Street, Poplar  
Grove, Illinois, 61065 upon the following:

The applicant, Jose Tamayo, 12750 Caledonia Road, Belvidere, IL  
61008 is applying for a Special Use Permit to allow for an off street  
parking area. This property is located in the GB (General Business  
District). Section 8-6-9 B 2 of the Village of Poplar Grove Zoning Code  
allows this type of use only through a Special Use. The property also  
contains portions of R-1, but the proposed parking area is limited to the  
GB zoning district portion of the lot.

The proposed Special Use Permit documents are available for public  
review at the Poplar Grove Village Hall (200 North Hill Street, Poplar  
Grove, Illinois, 61065) during regular business hours.

All persons interested in the petitions may attend and be heard at the  
stated time and place.

Ken Garrett

Village of Poplar Grove Zoning Administrator

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT-BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS  
INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE

FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs. CASE NO. 2022FC46

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JIMMY E. WOODARD;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendant(s).

Property Address: 815 WHITNEY BLVD BELVIDERE, IL 61008

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is  
hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JIMMY  
E. WOODARD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS ; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has  
been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court  
for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a  
certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT FOUR (4) IN BLOCK THREE (3) IN COHOON'S ADDITION  
TO BELVIDERE; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND  
STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N.: 05-36-111-010

Said property is commonly known as 815 WHITNEY BLVD,  
BELVIDERE, IL 61008 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and  
recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number  
2012R08681 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of  
the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now  
pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants,  
file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make  
your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at  
Boone County on or before SEPTEMBER 5, 2022, a default may be  
taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in  
accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory  
for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you  
must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp).

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME - DO NOT IGNORE  
THIS DOCUMENT. By order of the Chief Judge of the Seventeenth  
Judicial Circuit, this case is subject to Residential Mortgage Foreclosure  
Mediation Program. For further information on the mediation process,  
please see the NOTICE OF MANDATORY MEDIATION on file with  
the Clerk of the Circuit Court by contacting the Plaintiff's attorney at  
the address listed below.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any  
information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC

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Service E-mail: [midwestpleadings@dallegal.com](mailto:midwestpleadings@dallegal.com)

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PO 925811

In the Circuit Court of the 17th judicial circuit Boone County, Illinois  
In the Matter of: MILAN F. HLAVA, Decedent

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2022PR12

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of Milan F. Hlava on January 19,  
2022. Letters of Office were issued on March 14, 2022, to Andrew  
Hlava, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for  
the estate is Attorney Charles G. Popp, P.C., 215 South State Street,  
Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before February 15,  
2023, 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, 400 West State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61101, 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 days after it has been filed.

15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100  
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527  
630-794-5300  
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com  
Attorney File No. 14-22-00567  
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Case Number: 2022 FC 5  
TJSC#: 42-1568

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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## ASSUMED NAMES

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

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a eyelash extensions in said County and State under the name of YS BEAUTY at the following post office address: 2610 Francis Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: YAJAIRA SOTO, 2610 Francis Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # (815) 762-7180.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 22nd day of July, A.D. 2022

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk

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

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact an evening/overnight daycare business in said County and State under the name of ANGELA'S FUNCARE at the following post office address: 1619 West Chrysler Drive (P.O. Box 163), Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Angela Williams, 1619 West Chrysler Drive (P.O. Box 163), Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # (815) 980-8241.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 14th day of July, A.D. 2022

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk

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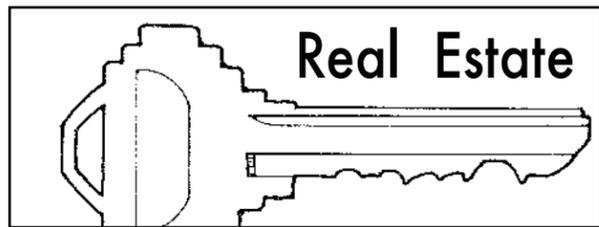
### ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a concrete business in said County and State under the name of MEDINA'S CONCRETE at the following post office address: 2027 Southwick Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Mauricio Medina, 2027 Southwick Lane, Belvidere, IL 61065; phone # (815) 494-1204.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 29th day of July, A.D. 2022

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE S  
EVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
2022 FC 5  
SAMUEL PADILLA JR et al, Defendant  
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 19, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 12, 2022, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 107 NEW BRUNSWICK LANE SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 03-28-429-008

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The 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, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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## Democratic Party Chair Bows Out In Re-Election Bid, Paving Way For State Rep. Lisa Hernandez

By Jerry Nowicki *Capitol News Illinois*

A contentious race for leadership of the state's Democratic Party appears to be down to a single candidate ahead of a Saturday morning vote after the party's current chair pulled herself from the running Friday.

State Rep. Lisa Hernandez, backed by Gov. JB Pritzker and House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, appeared to have the race sewn up less than 24 hours before the scheduled Saturday morning Democratic State Central Committee meeting in Springfield.

It's the second time in two years the election of DPI chair has proved a power struggle between some of the state's most prominent Democrats.

Congresswoman Robin Kelly, a Matteson Democrat, was elected to the post in March 2021 following the resignation of former House Speaker Michael Madigan, who had been the party's chair since 1998. With the backing of U.S. Sen Dick Durbin, Kelly defeated Pritzker's preferred candidate, Chicago Ald. Michelle Harris, by a vote tally of about 52-48 percent.

The party chair is chosen by a weighted vote of the Democratic State Central Committee, which is made up of one man and one woman from each of the state's 17 congressional districts, based on the number of Democratic ballots pulled.

Kelly announced in a statement Friday afternoon that she did not have the support to gain a full four-year term.

"I was elected as the first woman and the first Black chair of the DPI because of my vision for an inclusive, diverse, and people-first party," she said in a statement. "Unfortunately, it has become clear that support for my re-election as chair will come up just shy of the necessary majority. Therefore, I have decided to withdraw my name from the running."

Durbin, who has served in the Senate Washington, D.C., since 1997, quickly issued a statement of his own after his preferred candidate bowed out.

"Congresswoman Robin Kelly made history as the first African American woman to chair the Illinois Democratic Party," he said. "Her challenge was not just to build a Democratic team, but to move from one man rule to a diverse leadership reflecting our party. She worked hard, and I was proud to back her re-election. Representative Lisa Hernandez has always been a friend. I wish her well, and I look forward to working with her."

The "one man rule" cited by Durbin referred to Madigan, who largely used the DPI chairmanship to elect state House Democrats.

That's something Pritzker alluded to at an unrelated news conference earlier in the day.

"And that's not how state parties normally operate," he said of the way Madigan ran things. "And so with the changing of the guard, the hope was that that would free the organization to

do the things that it really needs to do across the state – building field organizations, for example, and lifting up the Democratic Party in areas of the state where really, Democrats have been sort of forgotten, but there are plenty of Democrats, but they just need some organizational help."

Pritzker's camp and Hernandez's backers have frequently cited a concern that was raised before Kelly's election in 2021 – that she was prohibited from directly raising money for state races because she was a sitting congresswoman.

It's a concern that Kelly and the party addressed by creating a separate committee to raise funds for state races.

The party maintains two main campaign funds, one regulated by the Illinois State Board of Elections and the other by the Federal Election Commission. DPI's spokesperson earlier in the week noted the two funds raised more than \$2 million between them during Kelly's leadership, not including money that Pritzker himself had pumped into the party.

Still, Pritzker said Friday, he believed that workaround "wasn't working," so he backed Hernandez with the hope that Kelly would stay on as a newly-created "federal chair."

A spokesperson for Kelly, however, said she had no plans to serve in such a position.

In Kelly's statement, she noted her time as chair had been a "true honor."

"Over the past 16 months, I have had the immense privilege of serving as chair of the Democratic Party," she said. "In that time, the DPI has taken dramatic steps forward by modernizing our party operations, developing new and impactful programming, and re-engaging with the National Democratic Party in a way not seen in decades. Simply put, our party has made amazing progress in a short amount of time."

Pritzker, who bankrolled a handful of central committee candidates in the June primary, ended up flipping enough seats to sway the vote in favor of his candidate. Friday afternoon support from Latino Coalition members U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, state Rep. Delia Ramirez and state Sens. Cristina Castro and Omar Aquino appeared to tip the scales toward Hernandez, along with the support of U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush.

Still, Kelly maintained staunch support from many.

State Rep. Will Davis, a member of the state's Legislative Black Caucus known for his independent streak in the General Assembly, praised Kelly as the first Black and female party chair who "built out a robust, diverse, and accessible party."

"Now we have a governor who wants her out. Why?" he said in a statement. "Because he has to control the party. It's shameful that he wants this fight now on the eve of an important November election, and while concurrently jeopardizing our chance of getting the DNC Convention in Chicago."

Officials from the Democratic National Committee were in Chicago earlier this week, downplaying the role the party chair vote would play in their decision between Chicago, New York City, Atlanta and Houston as a 2024 nominating convention host city.

Pritzker was asked Friday if the rancor the fight created was "worth it."

"Is it worth it? Look, what we're looking to accomplish, I think all of us who care about the Democratic Party, is to make sure that we have representation from all the diverse constituencies, and making sure that we have leadership that can accomplish the goals that we want to set out to do, which is to beat Republicans and make sure that the party is doing what it needs to do," Pritzker said.

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# Six-Year, \$45 Billion Spending Plan Passed on Bipartisan Lines in 2019

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

When state lawmakers voted on bipartisan lines in 2019 to double Illinois' motor fuel tax and raise several driving-related fees, it laid the groundwork for a \$45 billion infrastructure plan, the largest in Illinois' history and the first in nearly a decade.

The plan, spanning six years, dedicates \$33.2 billion to road, bridge and other transportation-related infrastructure.

The fruits of that spending can be seen statewide in the program's fourth year, which includes \$350 million for projects on interstates 24 and 57 in Southern Illinois, and \$100 million for railroad, bridge and other transportation projects in the Springfield area among several others.

"It's why I proposed and signed the historic, largest-ever in the history of Illinois, bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital plan – so that we could deliver the repairs that our residents needed on a fast-tracked timeline," Gov. JB Pritzker said Wednesday in one of two news conferences highlighting recent or upcoming expenditures. "And we are seeing the effects of that legislation in real time."

The Rebuild Illinois plan also included a "vertical infrastructure" component for state buildings such as crime labs, schools and colleges, as well as other non-transportation infrastructure. Those portions of the bill are funded through a gambling expansion and a \$1-per-pack cigarette tax increase, both of which were also approved in 2019.

Both revenue bills and the Rebuild Illinois spending plan passed with broad supermajority support from members of both parties. The gas tax hike passed 48-9 in the Senate and 83-29 in the House, while the gambling expansion was approved 46-10 in the Senate and 87-27 in the House.

The original Rebuild Illinois spending plan passed on even broader margins, 95-18 in the House and 53-6 in the Senate.

One lawmaker voting against all three of the bills was then-state Rep. Darren Bailey, of Xenia, who was later voted to the state Senate and is now the Republican nominee for governor against Pritzker, the plan's biggest champion.

Bailey has frequently criticized the 2019 gas tax increase, which was indexed to inflation. He's attacked not only Pritzker, but also state Rep. Avery Bourne, of Morrisonville, the running mate of his main primary rival who voted for the infrastructure plan in 2019.

Pritzker, meanwhile, has made a near-weekly commitment to publicizing the state's infrastructure spending since the bill's passage in his first year as governor.

On Wednesday that included stops in Cahokia Heights in the Metro East and Whittington in Southern Illinois to publicize funding for sewer improvements and renovations at the Rend Lake Beach Resort.

Projects in Cahokia Heights, the newest city in Illinois which incorporated in 2021, will re-

ceive \$21 million, including \$9.9 million to revamp its sewer system – correcting a problem that residents said has existed in the area for more than 50 years.

State Sen. Christopher Belt, D-Swansea, said at a news conference Wednesday he was raised in Centreville, which is now part of Cahokia Heights.

"The stench of sewer backup – I grew up with it. You grew up with it so much that it became the norm," he said.

"When the weather forecasts growing up said rain or thunderstorms in Centreville, Allerton, Cahokia, what is now Cahokia Heights – that meant something totally different," he added. "Anxiety set in and you're like 'oh my God,' you know, you start boxing things, precious things to you, because you didn't want to lose them."

The \$9.9 million would be immediately released by the state, Pritzker said, focusing on, among other things, repair or replacement of 35 lift stations and several thousand feet of pipeline repair.

Cahokia Heights Mayor Curtis McCall Sr. said at the news conference "there has never been this type of money" available from the state to fix chronic problems in the area.

"I'm 60 years old, all of my life I've been dealing with this," he said. "Once we have this \$10 million that the governor brought down today, we would probably say, according to the engineers, three to five years before this project is completely done. But I can tell you that our residents will start seeing tremendous progress as early as two months."

At another news conference in Franklin County later in the day, Pritzker announced \$17.5 million from Rebuild Illinois will go toward the renovation of the Rend Lake Resort at the 3,300-acre Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area, which is operated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

It had been closed since December 2016 after IDNR found mold and other maintenance issues on the property.

The resort site features a hotel, conference center, cabins, restaurant, boatel, gift shop, pool, tennis courts and more, most of which will be renovated under the state construction plan, once again enabling the resort to host guests, conferences and other events.

State Rep. Dave Severin, R-Benton, voted for all three components of the capital plan in 2019. He said the announcement marked one of his two best days in the past six years, the other being when he was elected to the House in 2016.

"The potential is amazing, what it's going to bring back to Southern Illinois as far as jobs," he said of the resort. "Of course, people who have jobs, what are they doing? They're paying taxes. With those taxes we're able to help with the things here in Southern Illinois."

Jason Ashmore, mayor of Sesser, praised the economic potential as well.

"The river resort is an important part of the regional economic engine and the return of the resort will continue to offer more opportunities to the over 2 million visitors to the Red Lake area each year and capitalize on more tourism dollars," he said.

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