Welcome to Harvard Milk Days 2011

2011 Milk Day Queen
Tobi Jo Gustafson


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The idea of having “udder fun” is one that is uniquely near and dear to many that live in Harvard. For 70 years, the community and farmers surrounding Harvard have gotten together at about this time to celebrate what milk and dairy farming has meant to their community at large. The idea came about in 1942, during World War II as a tribute to the dairy farmers that populated the county around Harvard. Those that organized the event understood just how important the dairy industry had been to the growth of the city. For decades, dairy farming was the driving agricultural force that allowed bankers, merchants, retailers and other economic elements of the city to prosper.

The founding chairman of the Harvard Milk Days effort in 1943, Charles A. Minot, is quoted as having said, “I believe it is right and natural that Harvard should honor the producers who have made it the ‘Milk Center of the World.’” His sentiments sustain today, 70 years later.

The Milk Days celebration has grown far beyond what many of the original founders might have envisioned.

Since the 1940s, the dairy farming/milk industry has gone through significant changes, with many farmers retiring and their farms being consolidated within other family farm operations. Though there are fewer farmers working the land than was the case in 1942, the area still supports the significant dairy farming and agricultural operations that remain a major element of the Harvard economy.

As the years have melted into decades, the celebration of Harvard Milk Days has continued and become a bigger event. The ninth annual Milk Days event in 1950 marked the first open cattle show. In that year, were 165 cattle were entered for the judging. The “Milk Maid” style show was begun in 1953 and continues today. The dairy-derby weight-loss contest began in 1954. Later in 1956, a record-breaking 75,000 people attended the Milk Days event.

The new decade of 1960 arrived with the first dairy princess contest being held. Of course, since 1945 when 75,000 people attended the Milk Days event.

The tribute was designed to celebrate area farmers for their milk and food they produced to support the war effort. His sentiments sustain today, 70 years later.

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By James Middleton

The Boone County Journal
Immigration Politics
One View of this Government

Part 1

An anthem from the 1960s prophesized, “Something’s happenin’ here. What is it and it’s not exactly clear.” The song was sung by Buffalo Springfield and predicted an end to the protest movement that flourished in the 1960s before dying a slow death when the Vietnam War ended. The surrealism that Steven Stills wrote of in the song can be compared today with the topic of American immigration policy.

The primary reason why there is surrealism embedded in immigration policy and so little tangible action is because politics plays a pivotal role and stifles action in lieu of mindless talk. A significant roadblock denying rational policy is politics that are so stringent today as to inhibit legislators from exercising their vested duty—to resolve a problem that impedes advancement of the culture. Instead of acting, fingers are pointed, sound-bites are uttered and years lapse into decades without reasonable movement.

Anyone that suggests that America does not need illegal immigrant labor is blinded by denial, ignorant of facts and/or dedicated to a vision askew with reality. Through the ages immigrants, displaced refugees and disenfranchised people have been exploited to do the work that elites need done but will not perform.

Jews endured centuries of slavery at the hands of the Egyptians and the Romans. Chinese and Irish immigrants built American railroads. Italians toiled in lower West Side sweatshops to benefit the elites that lived on Fifth Avenue. Spanish and Asian immigrants experience today what has been repeated over centuries; however, a broader avenue striping

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What’s Goin’ On
At Harvard Milk Days?

Bands in the Entertainment Tent

By Lisa Palmeno

This week what is going on is Harvard Milk Days, and like all really good festivals, there is an entertainment tent where visitors can check out bands and other interesting acts. This year’s tent will feature something each of the three days, with plenty of “country” to keep Milk Days goers of all ages entertained.

On Friday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m., New Odyssey will perform. Billed as “3 Guys, 30 Instruments,” the group opened for Monument Quartet at the 2008 Boone County Fair. The three are known for their sing-a-longs, guest singers from the audience and plenty of covers of standards, popular music and classic country.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To the taxpayers of Belvidere School District 100.

As you reflect on your child’s education during the past school year, and as we all reflect on those many years of teaching in this district, there are some changes happening now that deeply concern me.

Belvidere School District #100 has always done more with less. But just as history shows, a district cannot cut its tax rates around (just check your local real estate listings that advertise that fact!), yet our schools and the students in them must do so as well. This is not a reflection of the fact that all stakeholders, parents, administrators, school board, teachers, and community leaders, have been part of the decision making process. In the last year or two teacher input is no longer sought and, at times, is even discouraged. Decisions such as elementary reading programs, the Washington STEM Academy, and decisions about how interventions will be instituted in the school day are made without teacher input. Why should we be consulted? We are the professionals, your child’s classroom. We all have at least a bachelor’s degree in teaching and the majority of us have a master’s degree. We are the people with the experience and training as well as the people who will deliver these programs to the students in our classrooms.

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Guest Editorial

Editorial Board
Belvidere Township Assessor

UPDATE FROM THE BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP ASSessor’s OFFICE

References to BCJ newspaper article: www.boonecountyjournal.com

The Good News – Our property assessments are finally beginning to near reality and the actual market value of our homes.

The Bad News – Since home prices have dropped significantly there are few people buying homes for the new academy.

And, since this is the quadrennial reassessment year in Illinois, the market value is used as the basis for determining your taxes.

Addressing Staff Changes in the Assessment Office and requested Replacement Funds

For the first time in 14 years due to employee retirements, this office will require staff changes. Many municipal government workers and their families time cut in half even if they met the standards on the ISATs and did not need interventions.

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Belvidere to Get Lowered Revenue

By James Middleton

Governmental officials experienced in the art of composing tax levies for the taxing bodies are also experienced in discovering what the actual tax revenue will be, and they understand that the levy is a request and that levy, at best, is an estimate. Some would agree that the annual levy is mere an educated guess than anything else.

At about this time every year, Belvidere Finance Manager Patricia Chamberlin delivers to city aldermen a report of the results of the city levy request from the previous year and what the actual tax extension from Boone County is. The process of preparing the levy request and receipt of the tax collections is a bit more complex than merely to ask and to receive.

Ms. Chamberlin reported in the Belvidere City Council Committee of the Whole meeting, “Last year our levy request was slightly over the tax limit and as a result we will be getting a lower tax extension.” She delivered a brief written report of the facts from the levy and the tax extension and followed with a sheet showing historical data related to the question.

The report found, “The levy request (Tax Levy Ordinance passed in December 2010) was for $4,337,799 and, according to the county clerk, the city will not receive the full amount of the levy request. The amount will receive in 2011 is for $4,237,013 which is $100,786 less than originally anticipated.”

In an era marked with declining governmental revenues, this was not received as good news by the aldermen. The only real comment was offered by Fifth Ward Alderman Mark Sanderson who commented, “I like tax caps.”

His statement referred to statements from Ms. Chamberlin when she identified the tax cap rate applicable to 2010. The tax cap rate is most often equal to the consumer price index. This rate is important because in the early 1990s, Boone County and other Illinois counties approved the enacting of tax caps to control tax rate increases.

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The second document that Ms. Chamberlin delivered to the aldermen noted historical changes to the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV), the tax rate and the tax extension.

For example, in 2000 the city’s EAV totaled $217,938,708. That rate increased steadily through 2009 when the city began to drop. In 2009 the city EAV decreased to $438,938,620. In 2010 the EAV dropped to $439,816,101, a reduction that amounted to an almost 10 percent drop.

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Little Change in County Redistricting Map

By Bob Balgeiman

The face of Boone County Board District #2 will change somewhat to reflect its population growth since 2000. But beyond that few if any revisions are expected as the county ponders redistricting, which happens after each census.

District #2 now has 19,378 residents, compared with 18,474 in District #1 and 16,313 in District #3. A preliminary revision calls for District #2 to be reduced to 18,036 residents, while District #1 would increase to 18,064 and District 3 to 18,065.

To make that happen there would be shifts in voting precincts as follows:

Every voter north of Illinois Route 173 would vote in District #1. This change would move 141 voters out of District #2.

The area east of Caledonia Road would become part of District #2, moving 551 voters out of District #1. Both of these proposed revisions would affect Precinct #1 in Caledonia.

Precinct #13 in Belvidere would become part of District #3, taking 829 voters out of District #2.

And Precinct #14 in Belvidere would become part of District #3, moving 923 voters out of District #2.

Seven of the 11 in attendance favored keeping board members to stay the same, saying, “There would never be any tie votes and it would save money.”

The number of member districts will remain at three, with membership at 12 members, four from each district. District #3 board member Terri Glass preferred the number to be reduced to nine, saying, “There would never be any tie votes and it would save money.”

Ken Freeman asked if the changes “are there in response to redistricting?”

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Poplar Grove Subdivision
Ready to “Break Ground”

By Bob Balgeman

After several years of minimal construction across Boone County, Gerstad Builders is about to break ground on a new development.

Developer Roger Gerstad said Monday that work will begin as soon as he gets the necessary permits from the village.

Phase I of the “Villas of Countryside Estates” will have 63 condominiums, with the balance of the property containing 20 single-family homes. A 4-acre parcel has been set aside for senior citizen housing of some kind.

In addition, with a total of more than 360 lots, east of the Countryside Mall, bordered by Countryside Drive to the south and Monge Road on the north.

In two model homes are under construction at the Swim Creek subdivision, also developed by Gerstad, off Orth Road. A gas station is under construction at Pacemaker in the Countryside Mall, and a hangar for airplane maintenance is being planned atBlurry Airways.

Gerstad attended Monday night’s Administration Committee meeting and agreed to allow part of the village’s proposed recreation path to go along the back half of the property. That will now become part of the existing Long Prairie Trail path, which goes through downtown Poplar Grove, and connect with Woodstock Road on the south once the various links are paved.

“They’re coming to us with something they don’t have to do,” said Village President Bradley Rightnowar, who has been promoting the recreation path since being elected.

“They’re trying to retrofit a bicycle path into subdivisions that have already gone through zoning.”

While no construction has occurred, enough approvals have been received from county planners along the way to make it feasible to extend the path to Woodstock Road.

The committee voted 2-1, with Neitzel dissenting to the vote, to give final approval of a variance that would allow the subdivision to have the curbs, instead of regular curbs, on Woodstock Road.

Neitzel said he personally was against V curbs, saying, “We have regular curbs in our subdivision.” While he added that Cuurg V curbs “work in this situation,” he had too many questions to vote in favor of the variance.

Member Ron Quimby said his primary concern is that the V curbs slope correctly to ensure proper drainage. The recommendation will go to the village board at its June 13 meeting.

In a related matter, the committee discussed the possibility of having Boone County provide the village with building and code enforcement services but stopped short of making a decision.

Quimby said he didn’t want to rush into a decision, especially since there isn’t much construction happening in the village.

The new budget has allotted $20,000 for such services.
Police Blotter

Belvidere Police Department

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Boone County Sheriff’s Department

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Obituaries

Anderson, Lorraine V., 84, formerly of Belvidere, May 21

Dimond, Eleanor A., 102, Belvidere, May 22

Matz, Thomas P., 57, Belvidere, May 24

Mork, Gerda “Geri” 91, Rockford, May 22

Reynen, Patricia Ann, 71, Belvidere, May 21

White, Raymond R., 78, Belvidere, May 23

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Flags Flying Everywhere

By Lisa Palmeno

Memorial Day, the time fellow Americans commemorate our veterans and fallen soldiers, support current military troops, and celebrate our heritage. Memorial Day and, the weekend in front of it, offers the perfect opportunity for us to share history and participate in events, but it has really become a time of learning about our history. While we’re flying our flags high across the nation, how many of us really know much about those flags, other than what we forget in grade school?

Many flags will be raised, organizational flags, state flags and the grand ole flag of the U.S. of A., but there are even more, said Shirley Dailey, the owner of National Flag Store in Roscoe. National Flag Store carries many flags and telescoping poles, all made in America, and the flags they don’t have they can get, such as the Betsy Ross, (also beloved) Confederate, Navy Jack, Bunker Hill, Alamo and Culpepper flags.

Dailey said the hot item right now, besides the national flag, is the “Don’t Tread On Me” flag, which the Tea Party is fond of. Many of their flags also go to the fire department, because “Most businesses have a flagpole. Most businesses use for giveaways. The other option is to pull out the old encyclopedia set and compare. Sometimes it’s nice to have an actual book with “hard copies.”

Things go on to say that “Weather-vanes, on steeples, towers and private houses, are descendants of the flag. The cock by which they are surmounted on many church towers, was believed to drive away the demons of the night by its effect of its flagging.”

A useful compendium is The Proceedings of the Royal Institution Being the History of the Animal, Mineral and Vegetable Kingdoms, published in 1832 and translated from the French of 1789. It describes how flags date back to ancient times and how they were used to communicate meanings and signals.

In ancient times, flags and banners were raised to display allegiance, to rally troops, and to communicate information. In the Middle Ages, flags were used to denote military units and to symbolize victory. The standard flag was the flag of the Roman emperor, small and made of silk, and sometimes tassels and fringes which would increase the effect of its flagging.

Regardless of the method, learning about flags can be fun for us to share history and participate in events, but it has really become a time of learning about our history. While we’re flying our flags high across the nation, how many of us really know much about those flags, other than what we forget in grade school?
It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion. It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble. It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial. It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote. It is the VETERAN who salutes the Flag.

It is the VETERAN who serves under the Flag.

Madelin Dashney, 12, of Kirkland places flowers and an American flag at the grave of a veteran during a Memorial Day service at Lawrenceville Cemetery in rural Belvidere on Sunday, May 22, 2011. The Garden Prairie Grasshoppers and Sweet Clover 4-H Clubs participate in the service each year. In downtown Belvidere, the Memorial Day parade will step off at 9:30 on Monday, May 30. (Photo by Curtis Cregg)
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2011 Milk Days Queen
Tobi Jo Gustafson
Tobi is a junior at Harvard High School. She is the daughter of Penny Gustafson. Tobi Jo is a member of the National Honor Society and the Trinity Lutheran Church youth group. Her future plans are to attend college to study pediatric nursing.

1st Runner Up
Shannon Ditsch
Shannon is a senior at Harvard High School. She is the daughter of Jim and Yvonne Ditsch. Shannon is president of the National Honor Society. She participated in basketball, soccer, and volleyball. She was also the 1999 Harvard Milk Day Princess. Her future plans are to attend college and major in sports science.

2011 Harvard Milk Days Queen and Court. From Left Brushana Fulks, Shannon Ditsch, Tobi Jo Gustafson, Samantha Herely, Veronica Martinez. (Photo courtesy of Steven Martin)

2nd Runner Up
Samantha Herely
Samantha is a senior at Harvard High School. She is the daughter of Suzanne Herely and Paul Herely. Samantha participates in basketball, golf, and softball. She does volunteer work at the local food pantry and enjoys being outdoors. Her future plans are to attend Illinois College where she will play softball and major in Biochemistry.

3rd Runner Up
Veronica Martinez
Veronica is a junior at Harvard High School. She is the daughter of Alfonso and Maria Martinez. Veronica was the captain of the varsity football cheerleading squad and has also been on the high honor roll. She enjoys collecting dolphin related items. Her future plans are to attend college and study nursing.

4th Runner Up
Brushana Fulks
Brushana is a senior at Harvard High School. She is the daughter of Gina Spiller. Brushana participates in track and field, student council, and the library club. She enjoys reading and writing songs. Her future plans are to attend McHenry County College and Columbia College to study music.

Miss Congeniality
Kailey Soliz
Kailey is a senior at Harvard High School. She is the daughter of Fabiola and Eduardo Soliz. Kailey participates in cheerleading and is a captain for the girl’s track team. She is also involved in the history club. Her future plans are to possibly attend Chicago Art Institute. Kailey was chosen for this award by her fellow contestants.

Miss Photogenic
Claudia Ortega
Claudia is a junior at Harvard High School. She is the daughter of Eugenio and Veronica Ortega. Claudia participates in her church’s youth group and the prom committee. Her future plans are to work and attend college. Claudia was chosen for this award by voting done by the public.
Belvidere Township Supervisor Pat Murphy is questioning cost figures provided by Assessor Diann Helmore used to create a personnel manual for her department.

He said during the May 10 Board meeting, the cost at that point was $13,000, while Helmore said it was $9,000.

On Monday, Murphy said the cost actually was $11,962.25 but that it likely would exceed $13,000 because one legal bill had yet to be received.

Helmore also asked that $27,000 be added to her 2011-2012 Budget to train a replacement for Linda Trea, who is retiring in June as chief deputy assessor, and to allow Trea to return on a part-time basis to help with the quadrennial reassessment.

She also said it had been stated at an April board meeting that the township had plenty of money.

“Do we have the money? Yes,” Murphy said Monday.

“But it won’t stay that way if we continue to spend extra money. I take pride in our having money in the bank so we can survive the worst. We’re prepared for the unknown.”

The township’s unallocated fund balance, or savings, was $812,000 on March 30, end of the 2010-11 fiscal year.

The township board has oversight of the budgets of the assessor and road commissioner. Asked why he was so concerned about spending in the Assessor’s Office, Murphy replied: “No one is trying to prevent Diann from running her office. I’m just concerned about the (budget) increase. I inherited this job with a healthy fund balance and want it to stay that way.”

Assessors in recent years, first Bob Falkenstein and now Helmore, have not spent all of their budgeted amounts. Falkenstein spent 87 percent of his budget in 2007-08 and 88 percent in 2008-09. Helmore spent 89 percent of the 2009-10 budget that she inherited and 97 percent of her first budget, in 2010-11.

The 2011-12 budget is 14 percent higher than last year, which Helmore attributed to increases in salaries, health insurance, legal fees and the quadrennial reassessment.

Belvidere Public Aid Office to Close June 23

The Belvidere office of Public Aid will close June 23 and the county board has asked its chairman, District #1 board member Bob Walberg, to write a letter to the state asking it to reconsider.

District #3 board member Terri Glass said that’s happening in a county with 43 percent unemployment and 42 percent poverty. “Clients will have to take the bus for services,” she said. “They’re closing an office in the county that needs it the most.”

“It could easily take our residents hours to get there,” District #2 board member Cathy Ward said.

State Rep. Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford, is working with Illinois Department of Human Services officials to keep the office open. Should it close, about 5,000 cases would be transferred to the Winnebago County office at 1111 N. Avon St. in Rockford. That’s 20 miles from the Boone County facility.

Paying Auxiliary Police for Fair Duty a Concern

House Bill #2554, which would allow paying auxiliary police to provide security at a county fair, has caused some concern among Boone County Board members.

The bill, sponsored by state Rep. Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford, passed the Senate last week and its next stop is Gov. Pat Quinn’s desk for his signature. Sosnowski said the provision, which is strictly optional, was supported by the state Sheriff’s Association and Fraternal Order of Police.

He added that he would encourage Quinn to sign the bill into law.

But some county board members were wondering during their May 18 meeting why Sosnowski didn’t come to them with the proposal.

“There could be a substantial cost to the county,” District #3 board member Pat Mattison said.

District #3 board member Terri Glass said if the county begins paying auxiliary officers, such issues as workers’ compensation, unionizing and the potential for a strike will arise. “The county board has to decide whether we want to pay them and pass a resolution before this gets out of hand,” she said.

The matter will be placed on the agenda for the June meeting of the Public Safety Committee.
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Boone County

May 27

Boone County Conservation District: 603 N. Appleton Rd., Belvidere, trails, programs, classes, history, historic circa 1800 homes, and more. Info: 815-547-7955.

Summerfield Zoo: 3088 flora Road Belvidere, Open weekends, 7 adults, $5 children. Info: 815-547-4852.


DeKalb County

May 27
Job and Career Expo, Sycamore Public Library, 2-4 p.m. weekly on Mon. Info: 815-895-2500, ext. 33.


May 28
Genoa's Open Air Markets/Quilts of Valor Return: Main and Genoa streets, Belvidere, held 4th Sat. of month through October. Reservations for vendors: www.genoamainstreet.org or genoamainstreet@atcyber.com.

May 29
Desertly Seeking Symmetry: Free Range Radio Program: WNIJ 95.9 FM, 6 p.m.

McHenry County

May 27

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The Boone County Conservation District Cultural Heritage Gardens in Belvidere will be hosting an Heirloom Plant Sale Friday June 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday June 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The sale is a limited availability of rare Old North Sea Strawberries originally obtained from Viking ruins in Denmark. All proceeds will benefit the CDI Cultural Heritage Program. The Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center is located at 603 N Appleton Rd. For more information, call 815-547-7511.

Registration for Flora Grange's 10th Annual Safety Town Days Camp ends Wednesday, June 1. The 4-day camp is free for Boone County children, ages 4 to 6 years old. The camp will take place at the Boone County Fairgrounds at the main dining hall at 8791 Route 76 from Tuesday, June 7 to Friday, June 10 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Features different safety workshops each day along with a take home craft and a snack. Children can register for any of the four camps. To register, please call 815-547-6173 or 815-262-7793.

The Boone County Farmland Review Committee will meet for the annual meeting and public hearing according to the ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX CODE on Tuesday, June 1, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the Boone County Assessment Office at 1208 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008. A public hearing will be held at 9:15 a.m. The committee annually meets to receive public input on the implementation of the farmland assessments and to certify the values per productivity index from the Illinois Department of Revenue for the 2012 assessment year. The values are based on the Assessment Farmland Technical Advisory Committee appointed by the Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue to assess farmland throughout the State of Illinois per soil type. The assessed value of farmland is based on the net income to the land according to land use and soil type. The committee is responsible for certifying the values from the Illinois Department of Revenue for the 2012 assessment year. This is a public hearing and questions and comments are welcomed. For more information, please contact the Boone County Assessment Office at 815-544-2958.

Necro files, families, and friends will support the company’s philanthropic commitment by coming together to complete service projects in their communities on the company’s 150th Anniversary Saturday, May 28th. The Belvidere site, located at 1080 Short Elm Street in Woodstock, will be involved in an outdoor cleanup and beautification project.

The Silver Creek and Stephenson Railroad, the Silver Creek Depot, the Freight House Gift Shop, the Cooper Engine and the Silver Creek Museum will all open for the 2011 season on Sunday and Monday, May 29 and 30 at 11 a.m. The complex is located at the corner of Walnut and Lamm Rd., about ½ mile south of the Stephenson County fairgrounds, at 2594 S. Lamm Rd., Freeport, IL 61032. The first train will leave the depot at 11 a.m. and run every hour on the hour through 4 p.m. each day. The depot and gift shop as well as the large Cooper stationary steam engine will also be open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. The Silver Creek Museum will also be open and will be having their annual ice cream social. Sandwiches, chips, cake, bars and beverages will be served, with all items individually priced. The cost to ride the train is $6 for adults and $3 for children under 12 years of age. The cost to tour the Museum is $3 for adults, with children under 12 being admitted at no charge. For more information visit www.thefreeporthistory.org or call 815-235-2198 on the days of operation, or call Kay at 815-235-7329.

It’s time for spring cleaning! Be green and keep your “stuff” out of the landfill. Drop it off by June 1 for the 35th Annual Womanspace Glitzty Garage Sale on Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. All proceeds benefit Womanspace and a small percentage of donations can be placed in the garage or one of the tents. Please keep water-sensitive items off the ground. See www.womanspace-rocks.org for what will and will not be accepted (i.e., no TVs, computers, monitors.) If you think an item is questionable, call Womanspace at 815-877-0118. Sale dates are June 3-5, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This mega-sale is held under numerous spacios tents, in the garage, and the new 2011 addition. For more information, call 815-877-0118 or email to info@womanspace-rockford.org, or visit www.womanspace-rocks.org.

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By James Middleton

The Ark, who since 1985 has taught students without a high school diploma how to earn a General Education Degree (GED), will likely close effective June 2. The word came from the Regional Board of School Trustees for Boone-Winnebago Counties in Love Park. The Regional Board has provided funding to keep The Ark open since its inception.

The recent recession, resulting in tight financial conditions and a lack of funding from the state of Illinois, according to Harold Sweeney, the director of the Regional Learning Center and the Regional Attendance Co/Op have contributed to the decision to close The Ark.

A retired former teacher at The Ark, Judy Swanson, brought this matter to the attention of The Journal. She explained, “The Regional Clearing Center started The Ark in 1985,” and, “from the moment of inception classes were held adjacent to the First Methodist Church in Belvidere. Recently though, The Ark has had a home on Logan Avenue off downtown Belvidere.

When Ms. Swanson taught there, the school had a roster of teachers and aides that provided training for students to sit for their GED. Today, due to cost cuts, the school has one teacher and no staff.

Ms. Swanson taught at The Ark from 1995 until her retirement in 2006. “I was an English and social studies teacher,” she said. “I estimated the age of most of the students that attended The Ark ranged from 16 to 21 years of age and added that there were often 25 to 26 students at the school.

“Now,” she said, “the school has one teacher and 12 students with a waiting list of some that want to attend.” Ms. Swanson suggested that The Ark is being closed because of the new Belvidere School District #100 Alternative High School that will open in the fall term of school year 2011-2012.

In the April school board meeting at Belvidere School District #100, board members approved the creation of an alternative high school, where students must at-risk to drop out can earn their high school diploma. Joel Moeller, assistant superintendent for Administration and Human Resources said, “The alternative high school is not a GED program.” He said that District #100 Superintendent Michael Houselog and the principal of the alternative high school, Bonnie Brie, met with the regional school board to discuss the plan to open the school.

“An alternative high school,” Mr. Moeller said, “is a credit recovery program for students that have dropped out to bring back up to get their high school diploma.” He said the diploma that students will receive is a full Belvidere District #100 diploma.

Mr. Moeller believes that the alternative high school will not lessen the need for The Ark and their services. He added, “We think we can help these people in both ways.”

However, Mr. Sweeney offered a different explanation for why The Ark might close. He said that the program at The Ark, the Regional District Alternative School and the Trauvmi Program will still be funded through the Regional Board of Education under one grant.

“Over the years, as revenue has diminished, the programs have been reduced,” Mr. Sweeney said. He said that 12 years ago the grant amounted to more than $529,000. This year the grant is slightly more than $340,000, a 36 percent drop. He said that many of the services offered to students is for adolescent and younger students to attend classes with adults. Rock Valley College now provides similar classes but The Ark classes are held in the morning, while the Rock College classes are held in the evening for adult students.

Mr. Moeller believes that the alternative high school and The Ark appear to be a duplication of services. Last year and this year, District #100 announced teacher layoffs that, in part, resulted from the discovery of duplicate services. School districts across the state are evaluating curricula to discover where duplications exist and then closing those areas.

However, when Mr. Sweeney identified his perception of, “the root of the problem,” he said that The Ark is found in Illinois state government. “The state has paid nothing on the grant I identified earlier and they are over $506,000 behind us,” The Journal quoted Mr. Sweeney saying that he is paying for those salaries out of reserves.

He concluded, “Unnecessary money comes in from somewhere, The Ark will have to closed by the end of this school year,” and that date would be June 2. He suggested that the Regional Office is now considering storing the equipment from The Ark at the site where the school was located even though the school would no longer be in operation.

Ms. Swanson was critical of closure of The Ark because the only other option available to students is for adolescent and younger students to attend classes with adults. Rock Valley College now provides similar classes but The Ark classes are held in the morning, while the Rock College classes are held in the evening for adult students. Ms. Swanson believes that programs could develop for those at-risk students when the curriculum or their environment changes without notice.

Ms. Swanson added, “Most of the students at The Ark are those that have fallen through the cracks.” She also said, “Most of the students at The Ark just do not fit,” in a standard school environment.

Part of the problem for the younger students is that many have learning and behavioral disabilities and difficulty managing change. Ms. Swanson is concerned that attending classes with adults could cause the younger students to feel intimidated. She is also concerned that the few at-risk students might just drop out and discontinue GED classes. However, she seems resigned to the probability that the asset that has been The Ark will likely soon disappear.

Mr. Sweeney said he has looked into a wide range of options to keep the doors open at The Ark. However, he explained that the reality of continued use of reserve funding to keep the program alive just cannot be sustained.

Mr. Sweeney added, “We could take voluntary donations to keep The Ark open.” The potential use of voluntary funding to support public governmental functions is an idea being explored by many school districts. Voluntary funding has been used by some school districts to support or to expand athletic programs such as the Belvidere lacrosse program that was privately funded with a $15,000 donation for uniforms and equipment.

Mr. Sweeney also said, “If someone or some group would come forward and offer to fund The Ark, we would have to take a long look at that.” However, funding to keep The Ark open for another year would be just that, a one-year venture and at the end of that year, unless other revenue were found, the donor would be called upon to see if they could fund yet another year. The Regional Board would prefer a more reliable revenue stream to keep The Ark open such as to see state funding to reopen.

For Ms. Swanson and students who benefit from their education at The Ark, memories of their experiences might be all that will survive after June 2.
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 16, 2008, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation, 30 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Barr Ridge, Illinois 60527, Attorney Number 0480422, (708) 794-5300, (708) 794-0476 e x 1320, FAX: (708) 794-0487, published in the Boone County Journal 5/13/20/27, the Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at the hour of 9:45 a.m. in the office of front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, Belvidere, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate:

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$3,000,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300,000, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, and special assessments levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s assigns and in “as is” condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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ficate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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FAROLO SALES OF ILLINOIS LLC will on June 17, 2011, at the hour of 9:45 a.m. in the office of the Boone County, Illinois, Recorder of Deeds, 1601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, for the sum of $37,937.97 Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds at the close of the auction. The net proceeds of the auction will be set aside for the payment of the taxes levied against said real estate, real estate assessments, and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act and The Associative Ownership Property Act. The subject property is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the association fees as required by The Condominium Property Act.

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Illinois construction plan has day in court

By Melissa Leu Illinois Statehouse News

SPRINGFIELD - Road crews have started some of the $3 billion Illinois road construction plan included in Illinois' 10-year, $13 billion construction plan.

And while this summer's projects are guaranteed, the Illinois Department of Transportation next year may be forced to cut projects and reprioritize projects to put the rest of the projects on hold.

The Illinois Supreme Court heard arguments on the contentious legal question of the state's capital construction spending. State lawmakers were appealing a lawsuit filed by W. Rockwell Wirtz, president of Illinois' largest liquor distributor, which sought to prevent the spending of any lottery revenue on roads.

Public Act 96-34 increased taxes on items such as liquor and candy, allowed for the privatization of the state's lottery and allowed road officials to use the proceeds in order to pay for road, school and bridge construction.

Lawyers for Wirtz argued that the law violated the state Constitution's single-subject clause, which requires any laws dealing with appropriations be limited to one subject.

"Doing studies on the fairness of taxes, the appropriate- ness of taxes ... it's not an amendment directly connected to the question of a capital project," said Sam Vinson, Wirtz's lawyer.

In addition to raising revenue, the law also requires the University of Illinois to study the effect of buying lottery tickets on Illinois families.

Assistant Attorney General Richard Huszagh insisted that the study "theoretically" correlated with the goal of raising revenue to fund capital projects. He said it makes sense to study the effect of the lottery tax on those who will be affected by the hike.

"(The Wirtz lawyers) have sort of taken a myopic view. They look at one part of the provision in isolation and focus it on the question of getting the money to-pay for roads," Huszagh said.

But Huszagh didn't predict how the judges would rule. Dawn Netcht, a law professor at Northwestern University Law School, said the courts have become stricter with the single-subject clause.

"The primary purpose of (single-subject) always was to prevent the overloading of a piece of legislation with all kinds of different things (and have lawmakers) get one provision passed that might not be able to stand on its own," Netcht said.

The state's 1st District Appellate Court issued a stay on the capital plan in January, citing that no "natural and logical connection" existed between the construction and the taxes to pay for them.

The state of Illinois disagreed with that ruling.

"Our position is that ... the permissible single subject of (Public Act) 96-34 and all these other bills is the capital program. The fact that all of these do have provisions that relate to the above subject (are single subject) makes them valid," Huszagh said.

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Bob Thomas pushed the Wirtz's legal team to identify a "natural and logical connection" that would prove their case.

"A once-in-a-decade capital works bill. By its very nature, it's going to be enormous ... It contains a lot of provisions. It's not an amendment directly connected to the question of a capital project," Thomas asked.

Lawmakers could vote for the entire measure - even if they disagreed with portions of the law - to keep capital projects they supported, Vinson said.

It means that every legislator who has a project in the appropriations bill or who has something in the revenue bill - if he cares about that, he's compelled to vote for both bills - we're going to think that he should be doing," Thomas said.

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita Garman questioned Vinson further on what would happen if the entire law was thrown out.

"You submit that if there is a single-subject violation with regards to any of these bills, they all go down?" Garman asked.

Vinson concurred, and said the state should no longer be authorized to spend that amount on construction plans.

Even without the decision, the state expects to spend bil- lions of dollars over the next decade on construction, which trans- portation officials insist they will have enough money to fund either way the court decides.

"We are proceeding with designing this important matter on an expedited basis and look forward to its decision," said Brie Callahan, spokeswoman for Gov. Pat Quinn.

If the Illinois Supreme Court has not announced when the court will rule on the case, ISBAN Bureau Chief Benjamin Yount contributed to this report.
**Weekly Recap**

**County Teams Perform in Regional Track Meets**

By Bob Balgallen

Belvidere North, Belvidere and North Boone high schools and Belvidere Central Middle School all had their successes over the weekend at sectional and state track meets.

Based on performances at the Grayslake North Regional Friday and Saturday, the Blue Thunder will be sending nine individuals and one relay team to this weekend’s 2A state meet. North Boone is sending the individuals to the 1A meet.

Girls had their state meet last weekend with athletes from North and Belvidere scoring points through the places they earned.

North’s Emma Clapp and Belvidere Central South middle schools competed in the Illinois Elementary School Association state meet for seventh and eighth grade teams. Central’s Eryk Yunk, a seventh grader, finished second in the mile and third in the 800-meter run.

**Girls’ State Meet**

Belvidere North tied for 19th place with 16 points.

Senior Kristen Levi fared the best, taking third place in the two-mile run with a time of 11:31.42, just 0.6 of a second out of the runner-up spot. Another senior, Cetrena Simmons, tied for fourth place in the high jump by clearing 5 feet, 4 inches.

Sophomore Kim Seger was seventh in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:18.42; and junior Katie Doty dopo malle was ninth in the shot put with a toss of 36 feet, 9 ½ inches.

**Boy’s State Meet**

Belvidere North and North Boone qualified 12 individuals and one relay team for this weekend’s state meets.

The Blue Thunder were led by senior Paul Zeman and sophomores Will Crocker and Tyler Yunk with first-place finishes in the mile run, 800-meter run and two-mile respectively.

Zeman, who winning time of 4:21.03 was the best among all the sectionals, with Joe Calio of Matthsson a close second at 4:21.44. Crocker’s first-place effort of 1:56.41 was third-best among state qualifiers. And Tyler Yunk’s 9:22.23 ranks second in the state. Senior Brynn Yunk, who took second in the 800, coming in at 1:56.75, has the sixth best time in the state.

Sophomore Garrett Lee was in the middle and his time of 4:24.79 was fourth best statewide.

Here are the other Blue Thunder qualifiers:

The 4-by-800-meter relay team finished first in a time of 8:04.40, which is fifth best from all the sectionals.

Josh Whitcomb, second in the 400-yard dash in :52.18 seconds, his time ranking 30th in the state.

Mike Kolb, third in the pole vault, height of 13 feet, 3 inches ranking 16th among state qualifiers.

Passon Menard, third in the two-mile, his 9:25.80 time is fifth best from all the sectionals.

Josho Dummer, fourth in the discuss with a throw of 149 feet, 7 inches, which is 19th statewide.

North Boone’s qualifiers are Kyle Johnson, who won the 400-yard dash in :50.35 seconds; Kyle Garman, who tied for second in the high jump; and Armon Kennedy, who came in second in the 800-meter run in 2:04.33. Johnson’s time is seventh best among 1A qualifiers; Garman’s height is tied for fourth with four others; and Kennedy’s time ranks 39th.

**Middle School State Meet**

As a team, Belvidere Central’s eighth-grade boys tied for 10th place with 14 points while the seventh-grade boys tied for 11th place, also with 14 points. Central’s seventh-grade girls scored four points, good for 38th place; the eighth-grade girls didn’t score any points and neither did Belvidere South participants.

In the seventh-grade boys’ meet Central’s 4-by-400-relay team finished 12th while Jared Cantu took 15th in the long jump. The 4-by-100-relay team was 19th; the 4-by-200-relay team finished 27th; and Josh Yunk was 39th in the 200-meter dash. Cantu also competed in the 100-meter dash, Andrew Olszewski in the 100-meter high hurdles and Yunk and Forest Shattuck in the high jump. Central’s eighth-grade boys were led by the 4-by-100-meter relay team that finished second; by Nathan Dalgar who finished sixth in the 110 high hurdles; and by the 4-by-400-meter relay team that came in sixth.

Others placing were Alex Fulk, 15th in the pole vault; Jace Bankord, 18th in the 100-meter dash; Josh Hartfiel, 1-for-3; Fuller, 2-for-3; Devoe, 2-for-3; Blake, 2-for-3; and Morris, 1-for-3.

**Lacrosse Team Loses Final Game of Season**

Minooka’s bus didn’t show up Saturday morning, meaning the Indians had to car pool to Burlington for the game.

East threatened to make a game of it in the first inning when a hit batter, error and walk loaded the bases with two out. But Blankenship used her strikeout pitch to quell the potential rally.

**Belvidere North High School’s Jamie Spate (left) races a Marian Central player for the soccer ball during the first half of the Blue Thunder’s 5-0 loss to the Hurricanes in the IHSA Class 2A Burlington Central Sectional in Burlington, Illinois on Tuesday, May 24, 2011. It was the team’s first-ever appearance in a sectional tournament. (Photo by Bob Balgallen)**
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