

BOONE COUNTY ILLINOIS YEAR BOOK



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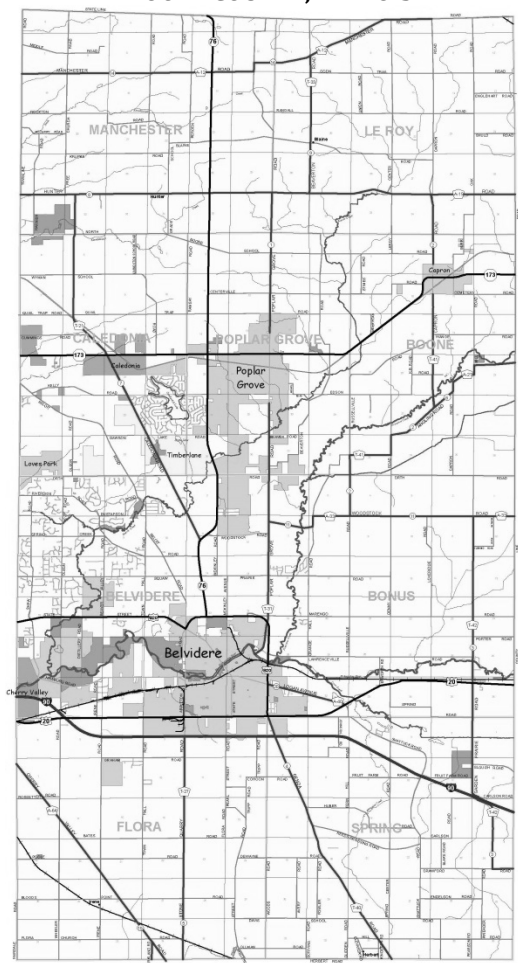
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Boone, and Parts of Winnebago, Kane and Dekalb

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Parts of Boone, DeKalb and Kane

JUSTICES OF THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT

www.state.il.us/court

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DISTRICT

First:	Hon. Anne M. Burke, Chief Justice Hon. P. Scott Neville, Jr Hon. Mary Jane Theis
Second:	Hon. Michael J. Burke
Third:	Hon. Robert L. Carter
Fourth:	Hon. Rita B. Garman
Fifth:	Hon. David K. Overstreet

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Hon. Liam Brennan	Hon. Robert D. McLaren
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Hon. Donald C. Hudson	Hon. Kathryn E. Zenoff
Hon. Susan Fayette Hutchinson	

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDGES

www.illinois17th.com

Hon. Eugene G. Doherty, Chief Judge

Hon. C. Robert Tobin III, Presiding Judge Boone County

Hon. Joseph P. Bruscato	Hon. John S. Lowry
Hon. Lisa R. Fabiano	Hon. Brendan A. Maher
Hon. Gwyn Gulley	Hon. Joseph G. McGraw
Hon. Janet R. Holmgren	Hon. Ronald J. White

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Hon. Jennifer J. Clifford	Hon. Donald P. Shriver
Hon. John T. Gibbons	Hon. Ryan Swift
Hon. Mary Linn Green	Hon. Robert R. Wilt
Hon. Donna R. Honzel	Hon. John H. Young, Boone Co.
Hon. Francis M. Martinez	

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Thomas R. Jakeway

Director of Court Services

Debra Jarvis

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Plumbing Inspector IDPH

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Ronald A. Barch

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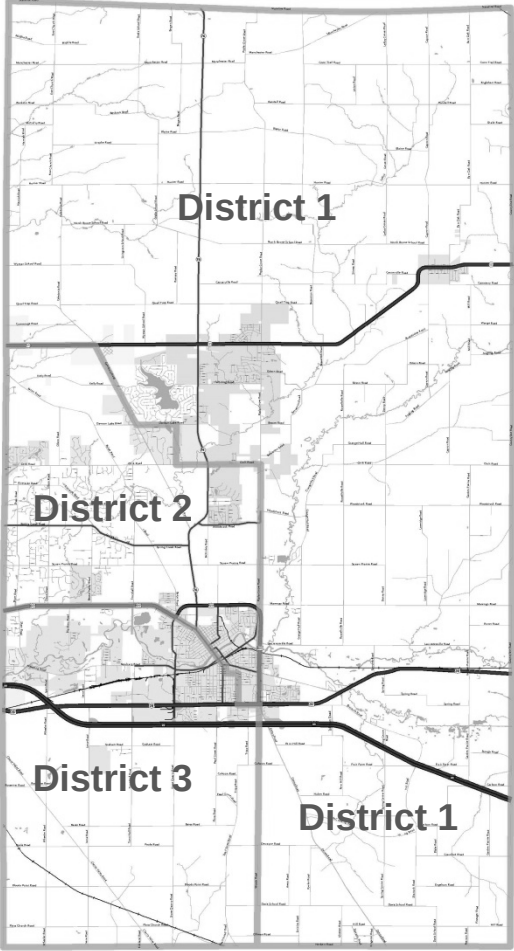
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Animal Services Officer

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BOONE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICTS



BOONE COUNTY BOARD

County Board Chairman: Karl Johnson

County Board Vice Chairman: Sherry Giesecke

Clerk: Julie A. Bliss

DISTRICT I

Consisting of Townships Part of Caledonia 1, all of Caledonia 2 & 3, Manchester, Spring, Bonus Precincts 1, 2, 3, Boone Precincts 1, 2, LeRoy, and Poplar Grove Precincts 1, 2, 3.

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Term Expires

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Clerk

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Assessor

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Highway Commissioner

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Clerk

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9325 Garden Prairie Rd., Garden Prairie ..	815-391-1275

Assessor

Kathi Hendrickson	2025
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Highway Commissioner

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7458 Lawrenceville Rd., Garden Prairie..	815-544-2331
Brad Peters.....	2025
9595 Squire Ln., Belvidere	815-547-4566
Todd Walberg	2025
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BOONE TOWNSHIP

Supervisor	Term Expires
Norman Stimes	2025
10876 Angling Rd., Capron	815-262-5360
Clerk	
Jessica Seng.....	2025
15566 Capron Rd., Capron	815-739-3211
Assessor	
Glen E. Gratz.....	2025
PO Box 8, Capron	815-569-2211
Highway Commissioner	
Shane Munro	2025
9155 Centerville Rd., Capron	815-790-2104
Trustees	
Chad Cunningham	2025
11222 Cemetery Rd., Capron	815-482-9683
Carlo Ferretti	2025
11207 Angling Rd., Capron.....	847-989-6928
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Jason Hagberg.....	2025
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Clerk	
Theresa Balk.....	2025
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Assessor	
Kathi Henrickson.....	2025
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Highway Commissioner	
Jeff Morelock.....	2025
2616 Il Route 173, Caledonia.....	815-739-1557

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Trustees

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Supervisor

Term Expires

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Clerk

Don Banks	2025
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Assessor

Glen Gratz	2025
PO Box 8, Capron	815-569-2211

Highway Commissioner

Michael A. Frank.....	2025
77 Poole Rd., Cherry Valley.....	815-332-4853

Trustees

Todd Aves	2025
1105 Pearl Street Rd., Belvidere.....	847-815-4797
Gary Blake.....	2025
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Kerry Lee.....	2025
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LEROY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor	Term Expires
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Clerk

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Assessor

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Highway Commissioner

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Trustees

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Andrew Kitson	2025
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MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

20904 Grade School Rd. • Caledonia, IL 61011

Supervisor	Term Expires
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Clerk

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Assessor

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Highway Commissioner

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2475 Stateline Rd., South Beloit.....815-292-3250
Julie Mattelig 2025
346 Middle Rd., South Beloit.....608-481-1983
Randall E. Williams..... 2025
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Supervisor

Term Expires

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poplargrovetownship@gmail.com

Clerk

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Assessor

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Highway Commissioner

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poplargrovetownship@gmail.com

Trustees

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Michael Oliver..... 2025
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POPLAR GROVE TOWNSHIP (CONT)

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Clerk
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Highway Commissioner
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1281 Spring Center Rd., Belvidere.....815-509-6614
Benjamin Nash 2025
5205 Fern Hill Rd, Belvidere815-509-1958
Mike Paulson..... 2025
10310 Davis School Rd., Garden Prairie..815-509-2018

COUNTY OF BOONE – CITY/VILLAGE OFFICIALS

BELVIDERE CITY OFFICERS

401 Whitney Blvd.

815-544-2612

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Office:

Term Expires April 30

Mayor

Clinton Morris..... 2025

mayor@ci.belvidere.il.us.....

City Clerk & Collector

Sarah Turnipseed..... 2025

cityclerk@ci.belvidere.il.us

City Treasurer

Cory Thornton..... 2025

treasurer@ci.belvidere.il.us.....

ALDERPERSONS

Ward

Term Expires April 30

First: Tom Porter..... 2025

901 Nevin Ct.815-544-6184

tporter@ci.belvidere.il.us.....

Clayton Stevens..... 2023

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cstevens@ci.belvidere.il.us.....

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Daniel Snow 2023

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dsnow@ci.belvidere.il.us.....

Third: Wendy Frank..... 2023

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wfrank@ci.belvidere.il.us.....

Sheryl Prather..... 2025

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sprather@ci.belvidere.il.us.....

BELVIDERE CITY OFFICIALS (CONT)

Fourth:	Mike McGee	2023
	203 E. Lincoln Ave.....	815-298-1284
	mmcgee@ci.belvidere.il.us	
	Matt Fleury	2025
	507 Taylor Ridge.....	815-975-9777
	mfleury@ci.belvidere.il.us	
Fifth:	Ric Brereton	2023
	527 S. State St.	815-544-2055
	rbrereton@ci.belvidere.il.us	
	Marsha Freeman	2025
	1528 S. State St.....	815-914-5990
	mfreeman@ci.belvidere.il.us	

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Fire Chief	Alan Hyser, 815-544-2242
Director of Public Works	Brent Anderson, 815-544-9256
Community Development	
Planner	Gina DelRose, 815-547-7177
Director of Buildings	Kip Countryman, 815-547-7177
Plumbing Inspector	815-547-7177
Electrical Inspector	R & R Electric, 815-547-7177
Fire & Police Commission	815-544-2612
	Edward Gonzalez, John Hunter, Michael Phillips

CALEDONIA VILLAGE OFFICERS www.villageofcaledonia.com

President	Term Expires
Bill Komerska.....	2025
2359 Randolph St Caledonia	815-955-2997
bkpresident61011@gmail.com	
Village Clerk	
Betsy Komerska.....	2025
2359 Randolph St. Caledonia.....	815-955-3001
bkclerk61011@gmail.com	

CALEDONIA VILLAGE OFFICERS (Cont.)

Village Treasurer

Sue Pfaffinger 2025
2351 Main St. Caledonia 815-871-1055
Treasurer61011@gmail.com

Trustees

Lori Axtell 2025
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axtelllori@gmail.com
Jamie Harnish 2025
2387 South St Caledonia 815-985-8663
jamieharnish10@gmail.com
Mike Hoopengarner 2025
14828 Oak St Caledonia..... 815-329-4565
mhoop73@gmail.com
Michael Gillett..... 2023
2362 Main St. Caledonia 815-519-7010
gillett7010magg@yahoo.com
Joanne Nicholson..... 2025
2414 North St Caledonia 815-543-6945
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Michael Pfaffinger 2023
2351 Main St. Caledonia 815-394-9954
mjppfaffinger@gmail.com

CAPRON VILLAGE OFFICERS

250 W. Main Street • Capron, Illinois 61012

Phone 815-569-2351

Mayor

Term Expires

Steven Bank..... 2025
405 Cloud Mist Dr, Capron

Village Clerk

Crystal Maxwell Appointed
vcapronclerk@gmail.com.....

Village Treasurer

Vacant

CAPRON VILLAGE OFFICERS (Cont.)

Trustees

Shirley Berghorn.....	2023
205 N. 5 th St., Capron	
Ryan Wakeley.....	2025
130 Rainbow Dr. Capron, IL	
Camille Wilcox.....	2023
345 E. Grove St. Capron	
Rachael Agee	2025
325 S. East St. Capron	
Linda Wohlfarth	2025
305 S. Show St, Capron	
Jordan Duerksen	2023
340 Cloud Mist Dr. Capron	

CHERRY VALLEY VILLAGE OFFICERS

806 E. State • Cherry Valley, Illinois 61016

Phone 815-332-3441 Fax 815-332-3414

www.cherryvalley.org

Village President	Jim E. Claeyssen
Village Clerk.....	Kathy Trimble
Village Treasurer	Maureen Gumowski
Director of Public Works.....	Vacant
Chief of Police	Roy Bethge, 815-332-7144

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www.cityoflovespark.com

Mayor

Greg Jury	815-654-5030
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City Clerk

Bob Burden.....	815-654-5034
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Treasurer

John C. Danielson.....	815-654-502
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POPLAR GROVE VILLAGE OFFICERS
200 N. Hill St. • Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065
Phone 815-765-3201 • Fax 815-765-3571
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President **Term Expires**

Don Sattler..... 2025
 121 Boeing Trl, Poplar Grove815-494-0702
 dsattler@villageofpoplargrove.com

Village Clerk

Karri Anderberg..... 2025
 304 Ridgestone Trl, Poplar Grove 815-543-4635
 clerk@villageofpoplargrove.com

Village Deputy Clerk

Katie Jaster Appointed
 kjaster@villageofpoplargrove.com

Village Treasurer

Carina Boyd Appointed
 treasurer@villageofpoplargrove.com

Trustees

Jeffrey Goings..... 2023
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 rquimby@villageofpoplargrove.com.....
 Dan Cheek 2025
 144 Bullard St. Poplar Grove816-298-2727
 dcheek@villageofpoplargrove.com
 Edward Wethington..... 2023
 409 Brooke-Linsee Pl, Poplar Grove.....815-621-2644
 ewethington@villageofpoplargrove.com
 Vacant 2025

Public WorksMitch Hilden, **815-765-3201**

Village Attorney Sosnowski Szeto **815-900-7272**

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www.villageoftimberlane.org

President	Term Expires
Stephen M. Rapp	2025
3873 Silver Fox Dr Belvidere	815-547-4275
smrapp56@gmail.com	cell 815-985-4514

Village Clerk

Debra K. Marner	2025
12909 Reginald Drive, Poplar Grove	815-765-3916
trees12909@aol.com	

Village Treasurer

Stacy Kleyn	Appointed
12345 Woodchuck Drive, Belvidere	815-703-0777
stacykleyn@aol.com	

Trustees

Vacant	2023
Greg Hills	2023
2957 Rolling Meadows Ct. Belvidere	951-454-2917
Ghills64@outlook.com	
Donna Leone	2023
3915 Silver Fox Dr Belvidere	815-262-5546
donnal@dickersonnieman.com	
Jonathan M. Lipscomb	2025
12924 Wild Prairie Close Belvidere	815-222-6939
Jmlipscomb68@yahoo.com	
Darcy Hills	2025
2957 Rolling Meadows Ct. Belvidere	951-454-2917
Dhills01@hotmail.com	
Vacant	2025

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DISTRICT NO. 1

John Cleland.....	
9828 Angling Rd., Capron	815-569-2719
Gayle Kruckenberg	
165 Rainbow Dr, Capron	815-572-5637
Carol Berglund.....	
10487 Randall Rd, Capron.....	815-978-9814

DISTRICT NO. 2

1777 Henry Luckow Ln. Belvidere, IL 61008
Phone 815-544-3336 • Fax 815-544-4682

Jeff Spradling,	
5742 Shattuck Rd, Belvidere	815-544-0167
Todd Endress,	
11181 Meadowlark Ln, Belvidere.....	815-703-4953
Matt Zickert,	
294 High Ridge Trl., Rockford, IL 61107.....	815-494-4924

DISTRICT NO. 3

PO Box 114 Poplar Grove, IL 61065
815-765-3366

Glen Guthrie III,	
1937 Hunter Rd Caledonia.....	815-703-5102
Leslie Ragland	
109 Sequoyah Ct Poplar Grove.....	815-608-9489
Shannon Baraconi	
312 S. State St. Poplar Grove.....	
Gail Worley	
7151 Rte 173, Poplar Grove	815-703-5063
Bob Cassidy	
482 Shaded Rue Dr Poplar Grove	815-405-4518

DISTRICT NO. 4

Kerry Kenney.....	2025
22879 Leroy Center Rd, Capron.....	815-914-4851
Julie Van Laar	
7760 Coon Trail Rd., Capron.....	815-737-1833
Karen Kenney	
22879 LeRoy Center Rd., Capron.....	815-560-2625

DISTRICT NO. 5

Royce Harnish.....	
19952 Harnish Rd., Caledonia	815-494-6233
William Hall.....	
1552 Rockton Rd., Caledonia	815-494-5569
Joel Nussbaum	
2259 Manchester Rd., South Beloit	815-389-2139

CHERRY VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

202 E. State St., • P.O. Box 540

Cherry Valley, Illinois 61016

Non-Emergency 815-332-5382 • Fax 815-332-3159

www.cvfpd.com

Karl Ericksen	President
Bill LeFevre	Treasurer
Rebecca Ihne.....	Secretary
Joseph Corl	Fire Chief
Doug Hayes.....	Deputy Chief

CAPRON RESCUE SQUAD DISTRICT

Name, Address	Term Expires
Jeff Reininger, President	2022
17073 Beaverton Rd, Capron.....	815-703-5702
Norm Stimes, Vice-President	2022
18687 Burr Oak Rd., Capron	815-569-2415
Barbara Sager, Secretary	2021
17620 Capron Rd., Capron	815-289-5279

CAPRON RESCUE SQUAD (Cont.)

Martha Suhr	2021
4522 Country Ln., Poplar Grove.....	815-742-3270
Vacant	2021

BOONE COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD – 911

Greg Holmes (Rural Fire District).....	Dec. 30, 2021
120 W. Ogden St, PO Box 434, Capron	
Pat Molloy (Boone County Sheriff)	Permanent
615 N. Main St., Belvidere	815-544-9322
Shawn Schadle (Belvidere Fire Department)	Permanent
123 S. State St., Belvidere	815-544-2735
Matt Wallace (Belvidere Police Department).....	Permanent
615 N Main St., Belvidere	815-544-9626
Marshall Newhouse (County Board Member)	Permanent
13407 Capron Rd., Capron	815-569-2248
Paul Moses (Citizen at Large Chairman).....	Permanent
9584 Wilcox Dr., Belvidere	815-544-9686
Curtis P. Newport (County Treasurer).....	Permanent
1212 Logan Ave., Belvidere	815-544-2666
Theresa Nyman (Citizen At Large Secretary)	Permanent
615 N. Main St., Belvidere	815-544-9322
Jeanine Kaplan, 911 Coordinator	Non-Member
615 N. Main St., Belvidere	815-544-9322

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Superintendent: Scott Bloomquist

Assistant Superintendent: Allison Pierson

School Trustees

Term Expires

Robert Phelps, President – Rockton, IL..... 2023

Annetta Parker, Vice-President – Loves Park, IL..... 2023

Bob Walberg – Belvidere, IL 2025

Chuck Johnson – Roscoe, IL..... 2025

Char Remer – Winnebago, IL 2023

Todd France – Rockford, IL 2027

DISTRICT 100

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATION

Administration Office

1201 - 5th Avenue • Belvidere, Illinois 61008

Phone 815-544-0301 • Fax 815-544-4260

www.district100.com

Superintendent: Dr. Daniel Woestman

Term Expires

Allison Reid-Niemiec, President..... 2023

250 Willow Dr Belvidere815-519-3161

areid-niemiec@district100.com.....

Matt Zickert, Vice-President..... 2025

294 High Ridge Trail Belvidere815-494-4924

mzickertt@district100.com.....

Holly Houk, Secretary..... 2023

6861 Pin Oak Lane Garden Prairie815-988-7789

hhouk@district100.com.....

Karla Maville 2025

121 Titleist Trail Poplar Grove815-494-5566

kmaville2@district100.com.....

DISTRICT 100 (Cont.)

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jherrera@district100.com	
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tbucher@district100.com	
Lisa Whitcomb.....	2025
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lwhitcomb@district100.com	

DISTRICT 200 SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATION

Administration Office

6248 North Boone School Rd • Poplar Grove, IL 61065

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www.nbcusd.org

Superintendent: Dr. Michael J. Greenlee

Term Expires April

Ed Mulholland, President.....	2023
emulholland@nbcusd.org	
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maxey@nbcusd.org	
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BHaselhorst@nbcusd.org	
Joe Haverly	2023
jhaverly@nbcusd.org	
Judy Hutchinson.....	2025
jhutchinson@nbcusd.org	
Becky Self	2025
bself@nbcusd.org	
Nan Schilling	2025
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ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Jared Funderburg, Chair	2025
Paul Gorski, Vice-Chair	2025
Bob Trojan, Secretary	2023
Gloria Cardenas Cudia	2025
Lynn Kearney.....	2023
John Nelson.....	2027
Crystal Soltow.....	2027
Evelyn Molina, Student Trustee	2021-2022

BELVIDERE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

1121 N. Main St. • Belvidere, IL 61008

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6 Year Term	Term Expires May 3
Roger Pope, President	2027
John Maville, Vice President.....	2024
Sharon Beu, Treasurer/Secretary.....	2022
Paul W. Gardner, Trustee	2024
James Hanson, Trustee	2024
Edward Marx, Trustee.....	2027
Karen Neibarger, Trustee	2027
Cheryl Russell-Smith, Trustee.....	2024
George Thomas, Trustee	2024

CAPRON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

6 Year Term	Term Expires Feb 1
Michael Meier, President	2024
Dale Purvis, Vice President.....	2022
Diane Cleland, Secretary/Treasurer.....	2024
Marshall Newhouse, Trustee.....	2027
Vacant	2027
Vacant	2027

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

Meeting to organize on or before the first Monday of
June. Final adjournment on or before September 7th.

Term Expires June 1

Judy Schabacker (Republican),	2023
9077 McKinley Ave, Belvidere	
David Worrell (Republican).....	2022
1305 Iles Ave, Belvidere	
Mike Guthrie(Democrat).....	2023
18459 Grade School Rd, Caledonia	
Jessica Muellner.....	Clerk

BOONE COUNTY FARMLAND REVIEW COMMITTEE

Larry Anderson
John Cleland
Michael Guthrie
Judy Schabacker
Jessica Muellner

BOONE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

5 Year Term

Term Expires June 1

Tony Savino (Poplar Grove Twp), Chair.....	2022
17750 Beaverton Rd, Capron,.....	815-405-5185
Rob Schlicting,(Caledonia Twp).....	2026
12116 Leighton Dr., Caledonia.....	815-222-5145
Brad Fidder (LeRoy Twp).....	2024
18687 Burr Oak Rd., Capron	
Joan Krumm (Manchester Twp).....	2025
18731 Rt. 76, Poplar Grove	815-765-2062
Vacant	2026

BOONE COUNTY BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Term Expires June 1

Jeffery W. Ernest.....	2026
9714 Marengo Rd., Garden Prairie	
Vacant	2026
Vacant	2026
Vacant	2025
Vacant	2024

BOONE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

3 Year Term

Term Expires Dec. 31

Phil Newhouse, Chair.....	2023
207 Bear Dusk Way, Belvidere	
Natalie Mulhall, Vice-Chair	2021
120 W. Boone St., Belvidere	
Nate Sroka	2021
310 W. Park St., Poplar Grove	
Jonathan Giesecke.....	2024
505 Pebble Beach Ct, Poplar Grove	
Vacant	2023

BELVIDERE CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

5 Year Terms

Term Expires May 1

Robert Cantrell.....	2023
624 E. 5th St., Belvidere	815-979-5766
Alissa Maher, Vice Chair	2022
107 W. 4 th St, Belvidere	630-664-9131
Paul Engelman	2025
647 Clarksen Dr, Belvidere.....	815-262-8922
Carl Gnewuch	2024
515 Carpenter St., Belvidere	248-840-8458
Arthur Hyland	2026
513 W. 5th St., Belvidere.....	815-547-5233
Vacant	2026

BELVIDERE CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (Cont)

Andrew Racz..... 2025
1716 – 8th Ave., Belvidere815-544-9496

VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION Phone: 815-765-3201 www.villageofpoplargo.com

David Allgood..... 13152 Leonard Ln, Poplar Grove
William Brandenburg.....910 Waco Way, Poplar Grove
George Fowler 123 Cross Dr., Poplar Grove
Jessica Roberts.....406 Bree Dr., Poplar Grove
Nate Sroka 310 W. Park St., Poplar Grove
Al Tilford 219 N. State St., Poplar Grove

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH Email: info@boonehealth.org www.boonehealth.org

Name	Term Expires July 1
Jim Cox, President	2024
1875 Dunbarton Ln	815-885-3348
Belvidere, IL 61008	jcox@boonehealth.org
Dr. James Phoenix, M.D., Vice President	2023
2562 Malmaison Rd	815-222-2481
Belvidere, IL 61008	jphoenix@boonehealth.org
Jen Jacky, Secretary	2024
2210 Clear Water Dr	815-762-4391
Belvidere, IL 61008	jjacky@boonehealth.org
Barbara Thrun, Treasurer	2024
704 John St	815-901-3984
Belvidere, IL 61008	bthrun@boonehealth.org

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (CONT)

Ryan Curry, County Board Member	Dec. 2022
rcurry@boonecountyil.org	
Dr. Dennis Corcoran, M.D.	2022
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Dr. Dan Lendman, D.V.M.	2023
255 Jones Way	815-544-0751
Poplar Grove, IL 61065	dlendman@boonehealth.org
Dr. Pacita Pumilia, D.D.S.	2022
755 S. Mulford Rd	815-398-2410
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Lee Revels	2022
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Dr. Andrew Giamalva	2023
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BOONE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

603 North Appleton Rd. • Belvidere, Illinois

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www.bccdil.org

Executive Director: Dan Kane

Trustees	Term Expires June 30
Anthony Phelps	2024
David Balzer	2025
George Thomas	2022
John Stanfill	2023
Susan C. Peterson.....	2026

BELVIDERE PARK DISTRICT
1006 W. Lincoln Ave. • Belvidere, Illinois 61008
Phone 815-547-5711 • Fax 815-544-4648
www.belviderepark.org
Executive Director: Vacant

Commissoners:

Daniel Noble, President.....	2025
Amy Grafton, Vice President	2025
Mary Marquardt, Secretary	2023
Jean Twyning, Treasurer	2025
Sam An	2023

Organization:

Michael Scheurich.....	Park Attorney
Kim Kirkpatrick.....	Superintendent of Human Resources
Todd Bex	Superintendent of Parks
Rick Wulbecker.....	Superintendent of Recreation

ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT
401 S. Main St. • Rockford, IL 61101
Phone 815-987-8800
www.rockfordparkdistrict.org
Executive Director: Jay Sandine

BOONE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Term Expires June 30

Pat Molloy	2022
7788 Belmar Dr., Belvidere	
Vacant	2022
Vacant	2022

COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPLEX
Committee of Boone County
111 W. First St. • Belvidere, Illinois 61008
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www.communitybuildingcomplex.org
Director: Julie Sullinger

Committee Members	Term Expires June 30
Don Banks	2023
1018 Irene Rd., Cherry Valley	815-751-6228
Bonnie Beck.....	2023
1729 Wheeler Rd, Kirkland	815-979-6870
Bob Bowley	2024
303 East Wood Ln, Belvidere	815-547-5600
Greg Brown.....	2023
10477 Glen Abbey Cl, Belvidere	815-262-1601
Brad Fidder	2023
18687 Burr Oak Rd, Capron	815-218-1518
Kris Hall	2023
3875 Blaine Rd., Poplar Grove	815-292-3221
Katie Humphrey.....	2021
3409 Ridge Ave., Rockford	815-298-0452
John McMorrow.....	2019
12244 Squirrel Tree Lane, Belvidere	815-544-9504
Robert Turner.....	2022
8600 Olympus Dr, Belvidere	815-703-6523
Ron Wait	2023
110 E. 2 nd St., Belvidere.....	815-547-7000

**BOONE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT**
211 N. Appleton Rd • Belvidere, IL 61008
Phone 815-544-2677 • Extension 3

Josh Franks	District Conservationist
Jennifer Becker	Administrative Coordinator
Bill Hall.....	Chairman

BOONE COUNTY SOIL & WATER (CONT)

Mike Frank..... Vice Chairman
Jack Ratcliffe Secretary-Treasurer
Karrie Gustafson Director
Richard Nelson..... Director

COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BOONE

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Email: alan@wchauthority.com
Executive Director: Alan Zais

Name, Address	Term Expires Jan.
Allen Sisson, Chairman.....	2023
Robert Johns, Vice Chairman.....	2023
Jerrica Cole	2023
Julaine Drake	2024
Jennifer Jacky	2025
Ron Wait	2022
Elsie Brown.....	2024

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www.idapubliclibrary.org
Director: Mindy Long

President Sue Holmes
1st Vice President Janice Knutson
2nd Vice President Donna Donato
Secretary Dawn Brooks
Treasurer..... Denise Leonard
TrusteesJames Lee, Wendy LaFauce, Gayle Steltenpohl

CHERRY VALLEY DISTRICT LIBRARY

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www.cherryvalleylib.org
Director: Jane Lenser

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Director: Mary M. Petro

BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM DISTRICT

314 South State St. • Belvidere, Illinois 61008

Phone: 815-544-8391

5 Year Term

Term Expires June 30

Teresa Keegan, President	2024
Lois Ramon, Secretary	2023
Cheryl Sturges, Treasurer	2022
John Wolf, Vice President.....	2025
Ed Branom	2026

BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

314 South State St. • Belvidere, Illinois 61008

Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9-5 • Sat. 9-3

Phone: 815-544-8391 • Fax: 815-547-1691

E-mail: director@bcmuseumofhistory.org

www.bcmuseumofhistory.org

Museum Director: Anna Pivoras

Member

Term Expires Dec 31

Micki Ernest, President	2022
John Ellingson, Vice President.....	2022
Karen Neilbarger, Secretary	2020
Mindy Long, Treasurer	2022
Gina DelRose	2020
Michael Doyle.....	2020
Cheryl Lindberg	2020
Carol Rowe	2021
Naomi Schultz.....	2021
Ann Turner.....	2021
Richard Van Evera	20

BELVIDERE CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Lisa Kummerow.....	2022
127 W. Locust St., Belvidere	815-298-5180
David Kummerow, Chair	2023
127 W. Locust St., Belvidere	815-298-5844
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Timothy Pester, President	2023
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6555 Prairie St., Garden Prairie	
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Susan Banks Secretary
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Executive Director: Kelly Hillan

PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSON REPUBLICAN PARTY

Owen Costanza, County Chairman
Eric Miller, Vice Chairman
Curtis Newport, Treasurer
David Wiltse, Secretary
Johnathon Giesecke, Public Relations Chairman

Precinct	Name & Address	Votes Cast
Belvidere 1		67
	Ric Brereton, 527 S. State St., Belvidere	
Belvidere 2		58
	Rodney J. Riley, 909 Pearl St., Belvidere	
Belvidere 3		27
	*Eric Miller, 304 Ridgestone, Poplar Grove	
Belvidere 4		48
	Clayton D. Stevens, 610 W. 9 th St., Belvidere	
Belvidere 5		32
	*Jennifer Johnson, 10500 Saddlepath Rd, Belvidere	
Belvidere 6		45
	Don Menge, 303 W. Boone St., Belvidere	
Belvidere 7		45
	*Bill Robertson, 1027 S. State St., Belvidere	
Belvidere 8		62
	Anthony Delmore, 406 Applewood Ln., Belvidere	
Belvidere 9		64
	Wendy Frank, 712 ½ Logan Ave., Belvidere	
Belvidere 10		15
	*Becky Newport, 12258 Squirrel Tree Ln, Belvidere	
Belvidere 11		70
	*Mitch Hilden, 997 List Ln, Belvidere	
Belvidere 12		118
	Michael McGee, 203 E. Lincoln Ave, Belvidere	
Belvidere 13		37
	Marion Thornberry, 528 E. 8th St., Belvidere	
Belvidere 14		49
	George Frake, 1636 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere	
Belvidere 15		76
	Darrell M. Reidinger, 1625 Wildrose Dr., Belvidere	
Belvidere 16		314
	Johnathon Giesecke, 505 Pebble Beach Ct., Poplar Grove	
Belvidere 17		181
	Jerene Stevens, 204 Pebbles Ave, Belvidere	
Belvidere 18		82
	LeRoy Blum, 8803 Sheffield Dr., Belvidere	

REPUBLICAN PARTY (CONT)

Precinct	Name & Address	Votes Cast
Belvidere 19.....	Mary Watson, 10295 Horseshoe Close, Belvidere	75
Belvidere 20.....	*Jeremy Ramsey, 4 Thistle Rd, Caledonia	99
Belvidere 21.....	*Karl Johnson, 10500 Saddlepath Rd, Belvidere	75
Belvidere 22.....	*Anup Amin, 12830 Prairie Meadow Way, Belvidere	92
Flora 1.....	Keith Brodhacker, 129 Club Circle, Belvidere	85
Flora 2.....	*Carrie Petersen, 127 Queensbury Pl NE, Polar Grove	89
Caledonia 1.....	Curtis P. Newport, 12258 Squirrel Tree Ln., Belvidere	193
Caledonia 2.....	David Wiltse, 1709 Candlewick Dr. SW, Poplar Grove	108
Caledonia 3.....	Michael D. Petersen, 127 Queensbury Pl NE, Poplar Grove	104
Manchester.....	*Scott Yunk, 3710 Hunter Rd, Poplar Grove	96
Spring.....	Danny Anderson, 3021 Shattuck Rd., Belvidere	83
Bonus 1.....	Vacant	80
Bonus 2.....	Robert Walberg, 12000 Russellville Rd., Belvidere	91
Bonus 3.....	Steve Pierce, 2601 E. Fairfield Tr., Belvidere	97
Boone 1.....	Norman Stimes, 10876 Angling Rd., Capron	62
Boone 2.....	*Jeff Goings, 397 W. Park St. Poplar Grove	54
Leroy.....	Vacant	57
Poplar Grove 1.....	Owen Costanza, 199 W. Edson St., Poplar Grove	122
Poplar Grove 2.....	Vacant	56
Poplar Grove 3.....	Benita M. Marron, 2508 Candlewick Dr. SE, Poplar Grove	50
TOTAL VOTES CAST.....		3158
*Appointed		

PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSON **DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Jessica Muellner, County Chair
Michael Simms, 1st Vice Chair
Walter Stephens, 2nd Vice Chair
Freddy De La Trinidad, Secretary
Wayne Borchardt, Treasurer

Precinct	Name & Address	Votes Cast
Belvidere 1	Jessica Muellner, 903 Garfield Ave., Belvidere	93
Belvidere 2	*Dawn Rogers, 1028 5 th Ave, Belvidere	60
Belvidere 3	*John Harvey, 917 Garfield Ave, Belvidere	52
Belvidere 4	Vacant	128
Belvidere 5	Wendy La Fauce, 523 Gaynor St., Belvidere	60
Belvidere 6	*Tim Malone, 4206 Hubbard Trail, Belvidere	49
Belvidere 7	*Sheryl Strack, 1112 Oakley St, Belvidere	100
Belvidere 8	Walter Stephens, 1013 W. Perry St., Belvidere	109
Belvidere 9	*Peggy Malone, 4206 Hubbard Trail, Belvidere	85
Belvidere 10	Vacant	50
Belvidere 11	Vacant	103
Belvidere 12	Kim M. Fisk, 406 E. Lincoln Ave, Belvidere	175
Belvidere 13	Freddy De La Trinidad, 414 Highland St., Belvidere	84
Belvidere 14	Vacant	79
Belvidere 15	Dennis Logan, 916 Jefferson St., Belvidere	128
Belvidere 16	Vacant	269
Belvidere 17	Trina Holmes, 264 Edgewood Ln, Belvidere	236
Belvidere 18	Vacant	98

DEMOCRATIC PARTY (CONT)

Precinct	Name & Address	Votes Cast
Belvidere 19.....		101
Vacant		
Belvidere 20.....		123
Vacant		
Belvidere 21.....		93
Vacant		
Belvidere 22.....		114
Vacant		
Flora 1.....		166
Cherie Bartelt, 2200 Sunrise Dr., Belvidere		
Flora 2.....		92
Michael Simms, 4293 Ratcliffe Dr., Belvidere		
Caledonia 1.....		265
Emmanuel Oteng-Bediako, 725 Trent Ln., Loves Park		
Caledonia 2.....		174
Susan J. Flanders, 107 Redman Way SW, Poplar Grove		
Caledonia 3.....		139
Vacant		
Manchester.....		115
Vacant		
Spring.....		73
Vacant		
Bonus 1.....		59
Marilyn Spradling, 7505 Bel Mar Dr., Belvidere		
Bonus 2.....		95
Vacant		
Bonus 3.....		260
Wayne Borchardt, 507 Jamestown Ave., Belvidere		
Boone 1.....		51
Vacant		
Boone 2.....		74
Vacant		
Leroy.....		36
Vacant		
Poplar Grove 1.....		223
Vacant		
Poplar Grove 2.....		62
Vacant		
Poplar Grove 3.....		92
Vacant		
TOTAL VOTES CAST.....		4365

*Appointed

TOWNSHIP VALUATIONS 2021

Belvidere	569,575,212
Bonus	94,572,337
Boone	34,383,022
Caledonia	167,798,693
Flora	84,531,875
LeRoy	19,654,510
Manchester	32,575,197
Poplar Grove	85,163,142
Spring	39,029,553
BOONE COUNTY VALUATION	1,069,542,560

CITY & VILLAGE VALUATIONS 2021

Belvidere City	366,779,855
Caledonia	4,011,968
Capron	15,968,023
Cherry Valley	12,924,195
Loves Park	46,645,532
Poplar Grove	99,200,172
Timberlane	26,267,976

SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUATIONS 2021

School District No. 50	4,130,916
School District No. 100	936,367,681
School District No. 200	173,905,206
School District No. 205	3,280,904
School District No. 426	7,249,310
School District No. 131	290,327
School District No. 207	290,327
Community College No. 511	1,117,618,206
Community College No. 523	7,249,310
Community College No. 528	4,130,916

2020 OFFICIAL CENSUS
Data Not Available At Time of Print

FACTS TO BE REMEMBERED

County Board Meeting

Monthly Meeting, third Thursday of each month.

Annual Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting, second Tuesday in April.

Town Trustees Meeting

First Tuesday in April

Tax Levies

All Units of Government should certify their tax Levy to the County Clerk by the last Tuesday in December.
(CH. 120 Par. 638)

NOTARIES PUBLIC

Names and address of all notaries public are registered in the Boone County Clerk's Office.

SCHEDULE OF ELECTIONS

In Even Numbered Years:

General Primary Election Third Tuesday in March

****General Primary of 2022 moved to June 28, 2022**

Nomination of:

Federal Officers

Judicial Officers

State Officers

County Officers

Legislative Officers

Election of:

Political Party Officers

(State Central, Precinct Committeemen, Delegates
to National Convention)

General Election..... First Tuesday after the First
Monday in November

Election of:

Federal Officers

Judicial Officers

State Officers

County Officers

Legislative Officers

Retention of: Judicial Officers

In Odd-Numbered Years:

Primary Election Last Tuesday in February
Nomination for Municipals

Consolidated Election First Tuesday in April
(If the election date conflicts with Passover, the election is
then scheduled the first Tuesday following Passover.)

Election of:

Municipal Officers

Township Officers

Park District Officers

School District Officers

Community College District Officers

Fire Protection District Officers (if applicable)

Officers of Other Special Districts (if applicable)

Polls open 6 o'clock a.m., close 7 o'clock p.m.

Important

The County Clerk should be notified of any change in
address of registered voters.

New registrations are taken in the County Clerk's Office,
1212 Logan Ave., Belvidere, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to
5:00 p.m. Two forms of ID are required in order to register.
One MUST have a current address. For more information
about local registrars phone the County Clerk's office, 815-
544-3103. Residency requirement for registration is 30 days in
the precinct. Registration is closed 28 days before an election.

BOONE COUNTY POLLING PLACES

Belvidere 1	Community Building 111 W. 1st St.
Belvidere 2	Community Building 111 W. 1st St.
Belvidere 3	Community Building 111 W. 1st St.
Belvidere 4	Community Building 111 W. 1 st St.
Belvidere 5	VFW Post #1461 1310 W. Lincoln Ave.
Belvidere 6	Ida Public Library 320 N. State St.
Belvidere 7	First Baptist Church W. Jackson & Appleton
Belvidere 8	Manley Belvidere Ford - Lincoln 1800 N. State St.
Belvidere 9	Boone Co. Administration Campus 1212 Logan Ave
Belvidere 10	Salvation Army 422 S. Main St.
Belvidere 11	Evangelical Covenant Church 220 E Harrison St.
Belvidere 12	First Presbyterian Church 221 N. Main St.
Belvidere 13	Community Building 111 W. 1 st St.
Belvidere 14	Community Building 111 W. 1 st St.
Belvidere 15	Boone Co. Administration Campus 1212 Logan Ave.
Belvidere 16	Poplar Grove Airport, EAA Hangar 5151 Orth Rd, Poplar Grove
Belvidere 17	Boone County Conservation District 603 Appleton Rd.
Belvidere 18	Kunes GMC of Belvidere 1855 N State St.
Belvidere 19	Keen Age Center 2141 Henry Luckow Ln.
Belvidere 20	Christ Lutheran Church 425 Riverside Rd.

BOONE COUNTY POLLING PLACES (CONT)

Belvidere 21	Swanhills Golf Course 2600 Gustafson Rd.
Belvidere 22	Keen Age Center 2141 Henry Luckow Ln.
Flora 1	UAW Hall Local 1268 1100 W. Chrysler Dr., Belvidere
Flora 2	Flora Town Hall 3100 Town Hall Rd., Belvidere
Caledonia 1	Timberlane Village Hall 2940 Charleston Ct., Caledonia
Caledonia 2	Candlewick Lake Rec. Center 1812 Candlewick Dr., Poplar Grove
Caledonia 3	Candlewick Lake Rec. Center 1812 Candlewick Dr., Poplar Grove
Manchester	Manchester Town Hall 20904 Grade School Rd., Caledonia
Spring	Spring Town Hall 3150 Shattuck Rd., Belvidere
Bonus 1	Garden Prairie Fire Station 19044 Rt. 20, Garden Prairie
Bonus 2	Bonus Township Building 9015 Marengo Rd., Garden Prairie
Bonus 3	Logan Ave Self Storage FNA Doc's Upholstery 6544 Logan Ave., Belvidere
Boone 1	Fire Station 120 W. Ogden St., Capron
Boone 2	Capron Lion's Community Building 305 E North St., Capron
LeRoy	LeRoy Town Hall 9743 Blaine Rd., Capron
Poplar Grove 1	Poplar Grove Village Hall 200 Hill St., Poplar Grove
Poplar Grove 2	Poplar Grove Fire Station 305 W. Grove, Poplar Grove
Poplar Grove 3	Poplar Grove Fire Station 305 W. Grove, Poplar Grove

EARLY HISTORY OF BOONE COUNTY

Compiled by Bessie C. Bowley

First Published in the 1950 Yearbook

What is now Boone County with its population of more than 28,000 people was once a part of the Northwest Territory. In 1800 this was divided into the territories of Ohio and Indiana, the latter comprising the present states of Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. From this, in 1809, the Territory of Illinois was formed, including Wisconsin and Peninsular Michigan, but in 1818 the State of Illinois with its present boundaries became a member of the Union.

McHenry, Winnebago, Kane and Whiteside counties were organized in 1836, Boone being at that time a part of Winnebago. By an act of legislature, approved March 4, 1837, the re-organization of Winnebago was provided for with the creation of Stephenson and Boone. Boone County, as organized at that time, comprised an area eleven miles wide and twenty-four long. For six years there was much controversy concerning a mile strip of land on the east side of Winnebago. In 1843 the Legislature consented that this strip be transferred to Boone County subject to the approval of its residents. Voting took place at Newburg in the home of Samuel Keith, when ninety-five votes were cast with a majority of seven in favor of Boone, increasing our county to twelve miles in width.

Settlement

Before its settlement by white men this area was the home of the Potawatomi Indians, a "Friendly and superior race" under the leadership of the famous chieftain Big Thunder.

First permanent white citizens were John M. Towner, Erastus Nixon and Cornelius Cline who traveled to Illinois from New York in 1835 and following the trail made a few years earlier by the army of General Winfield Scott in his campaign against the Black Hawk Indians, eventually arrived at the banks of the Kishwaukee River. A descendent of Mr. Towner later became Governor of Puerto Rico. "Little Boone" seems to have been fortunate in the quality of its pioneers. Many emigrated from Norway and Scotland to settle mostly in the northern part while Belvidere has many families of English, Irish and German descent.

Railroads influenced greatly the localization of the towns. Newburg was once a thriving community with a school, a sawmill, grist mill and two-story tavern known as the Half-Way House; but when, in 1848, the Chicago and Galena railroad failed to pass that way "the town's hope of prosperity was ended." Early plans for

Belvidere located the city on the north side of the Kishwaukee River but after the vent of the railroad, the town moved rapidly southward. For one hundred years the Chicago and Northwestern railroad has served our country and it was with regret that Belvidere saw its last passenger train removed on April 14, 1950.

Names

Boone County was named in honor of Colonel Daniel Boone, first settler of Kentucky and leader in protecting the frontier against Indian attacks. Many of our town and township names have changed from the originals. Bonus was once "Deerfield," LeRoy was originally named "Lambertson," for a pioneer family. Caledonia was named in memory of their old home by its many Scottish settlers, Flora was once "Fairfield" than "Benton" Herbert was "Will" Spring was known as "Ohio Territory," later "Concord," Poplar Grove was once "Shermantown" and Capron, "Halgisaw."

The County is Organized

In May 1837, Milton S. Mason, Cornelius Cline and John Q.A. Rollins met to organize a County Commissioner's Court of Boone County, Illinois. By recent election Simon P. Doty had been chosen sheriff; John Handy, coroner; Seth S. Whitman, recorder and S.P. Hyde, surveyor. In the same year the County Commissioners established the "Permanent Seal of Justice" at the present location of our county grounds. There they planned a building to be used both as a courthouse and jail. "By the then existing laws the county officers were to be kept within one-fourth mile of this point. When in 1838 it was discovered that the county clerk maintained his office outside this limit, the Commissioners declared the office vacant and appointed a new clerk."

On June 3, 1850, came the first Board of Supervisors, its members being Nathaniel Crosby, Frederick P. Low, Hiram C. Miller, Isaac D. Miller, Henry Jencks, William Raymond, Charles Libby and Charles B. Lord.

In 1854 began the erection of the Court Building as it now stands and in 1870 a "fire-proof building for the safe-keeping of all county records" - our present Record Building - was completed, also steps were placed in front of both the Record Building and the Court house "to aid old and infirm persons to get out of and into their vehicles."

During the year 1882, one hundred and fifty trees had been set out in the county grounds. For many years this park was known only as the City Park but in 1940 a request was made by the Historical Society for a name to distinguish it from Belvidere

Park. Judge R. V. Carpenter supplied the name "Big Thunder" as it was on the Court House hill that the great chieftain was buried. A sheriff's residence and jail was completed by March 1898.

Churches, Schools and Industries

Among the early schools of Belvidere was Newton academy. By chance it was visited by Margaret Fuller, noted authoress, friend of Emerson and member of the "Concord Group". The school so impressed her that she "immediately made arrangements to buy it for her brother, Arthur B. Fuller, who later conducted the Academy".

The year 1844 seems to have been a particularly active time in the religious life of the county. In that year the first Catholic Mass was held, the Bergen Evangelical Lutheran church of Manchester established, also the Lutheran church at Capron and the Willow Creek Presbyterian church at Argyle. Long before this, however, religious services had been held wherever the settlers made their homes – the first by the Baptist congregation of Belvidere in 1836.

As at the present time, Boone County seems to have divided its early activities between agriculture and manufacturing. Early grist-mills did a thriving business. Baltic Mill – boyhood home of former county clerk William Bowley and now the site of Belvidere Park – was the first established and served the farmers for miles around. It also served the Indians who made this their favorite resting place and council ground on their journeys because of its fair surroundings and the welcome always given them by the owners of the mill. Two of the stones used for grinding grain may still be seen at Belvidere Park.

Carrying on this tradition in a larger way, Boone County farms now supply the Rock Valley Canning Company with other types of produce to be shipped from there to all parts of the globe. Dairying also is one of the major industries.

Among early manufactories the National seems most representative, having been for years the second largest sewing machine company in the world. It was established in Belvidere in 1886.

Wars

When in 1861 President Lincoln called for volunteers a meeting was held in Belvidere at which a young man Stephen A. Hurlbut "made one of the most ringing and soul-stirring speeches that ever electrified an audience." Under his direction a company was formed and taken to Freeport to join the 15th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. Before the Civil War ended, Stephen A. Hurlbut had become a Major General in the Grand Army of the

Republic. According to history he "has the credit of forming the best line of - battle and saving the day to the Union Army at the battle of Shiloh." In later life he was sent as United States Minister to Columbia, also served two terms in Congress. Other notable veterans of the same war were adjutant General Allen C. Fuller, Colonel L. O. Gilman, Major R. E. Osgood and Major C. B. Loop. It is not possible to tell here of the heroic service given at that time by other men and women of the county.

Thirty-one men represented Boone County in the Spanish-American War, though only eighteen are listed in the state registry. Two of them were casualties from tropical fever.

Of the two World Wars, it is difficult to speak. They are so bitterly close to our hearts that they can be remembered only with mingled pride and regret. In World War I, 629 Boone County men were in service with 22 casualties, 9 in action. World War II, men in service, 1800; casualties, 52.

First Stage Coach, Frink & Walter - 1835

First Hotel (Ames Tavern) - 1836

First County Fair - 1836

First Industry, Longcor's Plow Works - 1840

First Lodge, Big Thunder Lodge No. 381 I.O.O.F. - 1847

First Newspaper, "Prairie Beacon" -1847

"Republican" - 1847

First Sidewalks - 1857

First Public Library - 1857



On May 3rd, 1837, Milton S. Mason, Cornelius Cline and John Quincy Adams Rollins, the first County Commissioners, met at the home of Simon P. Doty and organized the County Commissioners Court of Boone County. Prior to this time, Boone County had been part of Winnebago County. They appointed Daniel H. Whitney as Clerk of their Court and John K. Towner, the County Treasurer. On the next day they met and reviewed the returns of an election and declared the following elected: Simon P. Doty, Sheriff; John P. Handy, Coroner; Seth S. Whitman, Recorder; S.P. Hyde, County Surveyor; Daniel H. Whitney, Clerk and Benjamin Sweet, School Commissioner.

The county was divided into two precincts: Belvidere, Bonus, Flora, Spring, and that part of the town of Boone south of the Piscasaw constituted Belvidere precinct: the rest of the county was Lambertsburg precinct.

The original public square was laid out to include one large plot of land not divided by Main Street as it is today. The Belvidere Company, a group of local investors, agreed to donate the public square (or Mound as it was known) provided the courthouse would be erected on that hill. The location of the courthouse was decided upon by James H. Woodworth and John M. Wilson on October 31, 1837 but the building wasn't erected until 1843. In November of 1837, the commissioners designated the "Permanent Seat of Justice" at its present location, on the mound.

In April of 1839, Mr. Doty completed a jail where the courthouse now stands. This was removed in 1843 when they built the first courthouse. They planned the construction of the courthouse, 40 feet by 30 feet with a basement of stone, the basement to be finished one half for a jail and the other half as a family room. The first story would have three offices and a corridor and one room for a family's occupancy. The second story would be finished with a courtroom and two jury rooms. In the

meantime, S.P. Doty's building was to be used for a jail. In April of 1839, the jail was completed and the keys delivered to H.C. Walker, Sheriff. Then in July of 1840, they discovered that the jail had been built on the site selected for the courthouse; the jail was ordered removed to the correct site. Within a few years, the courthouse was built and survived until a new larger one was started in 1845 and completed in 1855. The following story appeared in the Belvidere Standard on September 25, 1855: "Now that the painting has been completed and the beautiful walls are dry, it really presents an elegant appearance - the walls of the court room of the size of about 36 feet by 50, are ornamented by a splendid cornice, and considerable molding and scroll-work which are all very neat and beautifully designed and executed. The judges' bench is oak grained, and neatly done." The cornice, scroll work and moldings were found intact and are restored in the renovated portion of the courthouse. This courthouse, completed in 1855 stands today, and is part of this dedication. It is the second oldest surviving Courthouse in the State of Illinois. The cost to build the original courthouse was about \$14,000. In 1879 the Records building to the south was built, and this building also is part of this dedication. 1898 saw the completion of the sheriff's residence, including the jail, erected to the north of the courthouse. This was demolished in 1975 when the new Belvidere-Boone County Public Safety building was erected to the rear of the courthouse. This brick-faced, low profile building blends in well with the surrounding neighborhood. It contains office space for the Belvidere Police Department and the Boone County Sheriff's Department. The modern security area has bright colored walls to make it more cheerful. There is a joint records room and unified communications system for police, sheriff, and fire departments.

In 1985, the Boone County Board authorized the restoration of the existing courthouse and the existing records building, with a new addition to be built in the center and connecting the two existing buildings, at a cost of about \$3,000,000. Now once again, for the first time in many years, all county government units are housed in one building. The lower level contains the Boone County Health Department, the Boone County Assessor's office, and the Boone County Planning and Building Departments. The first floor contains the Boone County Clerk's office, the Boone County Treasurer's office, the Boone County Administrator's office and the Boone County Board Room. The second floor contains three courtrooms, jury rooms, witness rooms, Judges' chambers, as well as the Boone County Circuit Clerk's office, the Boone County States' Attorney's office and the Boone County Probation office. The second floor also

contains detention rooms to hold prisoners waiting court appearances. The courthouse building is connected to the jail area by a secure underground tunnel, and a prisoner elevator exists to move prisoners from the jail to the courtrooms for trials. Due to the lay of the land, and the different elevations of the existing courthouse and the existing records building, six different floor elevations exist and the passenger elevator has door openings on 2 different sides to accommodate the different floor elevations. It is ironic to note that the original courthouse was dedicated on September 28th, 1855 and it was almost 130 years to the date that the new structure was dedicated, September 20, 1987.

In November, 1997, the County purchased the building at 1204 Logan Avenue which now houses the Boone County Health Department. In April of 1999, a referendum was successfully passed to institute a public safety tax to be used for public safety purposes. In June of 1999 the County sold bonds in the amount of \$9,300,000 to begin construction of a new jail - east of the present jail. The public safety tax pays the annual fees on the bonds. The Sheriff started moving in to the new facility in April 2003.

**Additional Information Provided by
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In December 2009 the County completed a remodel of the Courthouse property and added a jury courtroom, jury assembly room, and office space for the State's Attorney, Circuit Clerk's, and Probation Departments. Additional parking was also added to the Courthouse property. The Logan Avenue location was expanded to accommodate the Administration, County Clerk, Building, and Treasurer's Departments. This remodel/expansion served to add courtroom and justice related functions to the Courthouse, and have non-court departments at one campus to better serve the public.

THE HISTORY OF THE BOONE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

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The First Annual Fair of the Boone County Agricultural Society was held October 26-27, 1855, near the grounds now known as Big Thunder Park, by the Court House. Some of the exhibits were of mares and colts, farm teams, Durham Bulls, oxen, garden vegetables, butter and cheese articles. According to organizer, Allen C. Fuller, this was a fine exhibition of products of the county, exceeding all expectations with approximately 5,000 people attending. Also at the first Fair was a competition of Lady Equestrians judged on the best evidence of good riding and Horsemanship. First prize was a Gold Bracelet worth \$12.

The Boone County Fair would have qualified as one of the oldest Fairs in Illinois, but it was discontinued during the Civil War.

In 1867, The Fair Association sold the land at Big Thunder Park and purchased the property which is now Spencer Park. Here, along the Kishwaukee River, permanent buildings were erected along with a Grandstand and a Racetrack. In the infield were displays of the latest in farm machinery of all kinds.

In 1955 the Boone County Fair had barely enough people -attending to pack down the grass in the carnival area. Several members of the Boone County Pomona Grange were attending a concert of the Belvidere High School Band when the Master of Ceremonies asked for a show of hands of all the people there from Boone County, those from Wisconsin and etc. Surprisingly, there were more people there from Wisconsin than from Boone County. After much discussion it was decided that the Grange would take over the operation of the Fair. The new officers found it was very difficult to take an almost dead Fair and breathe new life into it. The Boone County Pomona sponsored the Fair at Spencer Park from 1957 to 1962 when the Grange voted to drop their sponsorship. However, in the Winter of 1962 the present Fairgrounds became available sparking new interest from the Pomona Grange. Through perseverance and -several dedicated Grange members, signing their farms as collateral, the land was purchased. With the help of campaigns by the local 4-H clubs, buildings were started. Also through the help of the Livestock Feeders, Pork Producers and other civic organizations, other improvements were made until the Boone County Fair was built into one of the "Top 7" Expositions in the State of Illinois and one of the "Best Shows" in the Midwest with over 180,000 people visiting each year.

The Boone County Fair is constantly expanding and out-growing its original 84 acres, each year improving its exhibits. Through the help and dedication of the Grange, the Fair will service for many more generations.

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