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The Last President to Visit Belvidere

By David Larson

This picture was on the front-page of the *Belvidere Daily Republican* November 5, 1932 and headlined "10,000 Cheer Hoover in Belvidere". Not since President Ulysses S. Grant came to Belvidere in the 1870s had a President visited the city nor has one since.

The day began with a retinue of Belvidere city dignitaries to include the publisher of the *Belvidere Daily Republican*, Frank T. Moran, traveling in the early morning hours from Belvidere to Rockford's South Main Street train station. There the crowd was shoulder-to-shoulder for several blocks from their destination. With great effort, the band wedged there way to the platform to meet the 8AM Chicago NorthWestern Railway train and the President of the United States. They made it just in time. Hoover gave a speech, which most were unable to hear, because the crowd had grown so large. Many were not even able to see the President for being so far back. The Belvidere group traveled on the train back to Belvidere with the President.

The Presidential train arrived on schedule at 9:30AM. Crowds had began to arrive at the Belvidere rail yards several hours earlier and by the 9 o'clock hour, a steady stream spilled in through the side streets. Parking was impossible for a dozen or more blocks in all directions. At that time, the Belvidere train station was about where Main Street, Pleasant Street and Buchanan Street meet today. Main Street was not a through street because the train station depot blocked it. A train coming from Rockford would have placed the location of this photo at about Main Street between Pleasant and Buchanan. The entire area to the west would have been full of people spilling north and south on Whitney Boulevard and north and south on each side of Main Street. The building that is City Hall today was a different building, built in the 19th century. The newspaper was located in the 100 block of West Pleasant Street.

Hoover had been on a several day city-by-city campaign train through the Midwest. The day before, Hoover was in Indiana and Peoria. After making his way to Belvidere, his schedule would take him to St. Paul, Minnesota, and finally to St Louis on Sunday. The election was the following Tuesday, the 8th of November. Hoover, a resident of Palo Alto California, needed to return to cast his vote on Election Day!

Meanwhile Franklin Delano Roosevelt's confidence was high, as the general opinion was that he would win. On the day Hoover was in Belvidere, Roosevelt was at Madison Square Garden in New York, giving his concluding campaign speech. Both candidates had plans to give a radio address on Monday to finish their campaigns. Humorist Will Rogers, a commentator of the day, was quoted in the *Daily Republican* as saying that, while he never voted, he predicted it would be a tighter race than people thought. In the end, Roosevelt walked away with 472 electoral votes and 22.8 million popular votes to Hoover's 59 electoral votes and 15.7 million popular votes. Hoover's campaign--that FDR's promise of change and a new deal were vague--didn't persuade.



The 1932 election was perhaps the most significant election in United States history. Roosevelt enjoyed a supportive Congress and despite a resistant Supreme Court the constitutional process prevailed. The Roosevelt years brought among many benefits to America including Social Security and winning World War II. In Belvidere, it specifically brought us the Community Building and the Belvidere Park Pool. Roosevelt's programs put people to work on public projects that improved the quality of life. The depressed stock market anticipated this change and in the days running up to the election, it began to tick up. On that Saturday in November before the election, the country had been in depression three years and one week and pessimism in the stock market had been the dominant sentiment. In the pre-election optimism, commodities were up as well, with wheat up 2 cents in one day to 42 cents a bushel.

That issue of the *Daily Republican* also reported that Samuel Insull, was captured in Greece. Insull was American business magnate; an innovator and investor based in Chicago, who greatly contributed to creating an integrated electrical infrastructure in the United States that included Commonwealth Edison. As a result of the collapse of the world wide economy in 1929, he lost his fortune, but was in the end acquitted of all criminal charges. He had been accused of knowingly selling worthless stock. He died in 1938, 14 million dollars in debt.

In 1932, the *Belvidere Daily Republican* was 3 cents a copy and been published for 38 years by Mr. Moran.

The election of 1932 was a watershed in American history and is still at the core of the Democratic party. The New Democrats, the Clintons and Obama were a very conservative version of the FDR influence. New progressives,

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Hoover

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and, in particular Senator Bernie Sanders, is a return to that fundamental philosophy of Franklin Roosevelt. When the train arrived, it slowly made its way to the station as people cleared the tracks and the train progressed. Soon, at the back of the train, Mrs. Hoover appeared and different community groups gave her several bouquets of flowers. The Belvidere retinue alighted including the district Congressman, John T. Buckbee of Rockford.

As the crowd settled in around the train, waiting for the President to appear, a quietness among the crowd developed. Upon his entrance on to the rear platform of the train car standing next to his wife, the crowd of 10,000 from Belvidere and surrounding towns burst into cheers. As President Hoover began to speak. Frank T. Moran, the newspaper publisher, observed, "the president's earnest bearing and forceful words..." as Hoover gave a 7-minute speech, asking for four more years. He argued that the tariffs he had imposed would bring the country out of the depression. Upon Hoover's conclusion, the crowd went wild as the train left the station with the couple waving and Mrs. Hoover holding bouquets of flowers.

Pritzker's Office Releases Tax Estimate Data

20,000 taxpayers would provide 80 percent of added revenue

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SPRINGFIELD – Fewer than 20,000 Illinois millionaires would account for 80 percent of an estimated \$3.4 billion in added income tax revenue under a graduated tax plan being touted by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, his office said in a release Friday.

Per Pritzker's projections, 19,939 Illinois taxpayers whose income exceeds \$1 million would pay an added \$2.72 billion in combined taxes to the state; 37,391 filers earning between \$500,001 and \$1 million would pay an added total of \$629 million; and 117,535 filers earning between \$250,001 and \$500,000 would pay an added total of \$361 million.

The other 6 million-plus Illinoisans would see their total combined tax burden shrink by about \$177 million.

In recent days, conservative think tank Illinois Policy has suggested Pritzker's estimates for increased tax revenue were exaggerated by

\$1 billion or more, and the Civic Federation, a nonpartisan government research organization, said it could not duplicate Pritzker's estimates.

A news release from Pritzker's office said the Governor's Office of Management and Budget worked with the Illinois Department of Revenue "to arrive at a realistic projection for the amount generated by the fair income tax."

The graduated tax would require a constitutional amendment, which needs approval from voters to become law, so its passage is not possible until 2021 at the earliest.

Because of this, Pritzker's team used data from the 2016 tax year and assumed filers' income would grow at the most recent five-year compound annual growth rate, accounting for a baseline 2021 estimate.

"To ensure the estimate was conservative, (it) included a one-year income stagnation in the event of a slowing economy," the release said.

The estimates also accounted for \$230 million of the new revenue being used for property tax relief and child tax credits which are part of Pritzker's plan. It also assumed 6 percent of the new revenues would go to the local government distributive fund which has been shorted in recent years.

Per the plan, different margins of income would be taxed from 4.75 percent to 7.85 percent for those earning \$1 million or less, while those earning more than \$1 million would pay a rate of 7.95 percent on all income.

To account for the large tax spike at \$1 million, the release said, "the team assumed that 10 percent of filers with net income more than \$1 million and less than \$2 million would try to capture a lower marginal rate."

Pritzker's tax team includes Deputy Governor Dan Hynes, who served as the state's comptroller for 12 years; Department of Revenue Director David Harris, a former Republican lawmaker who served on revenue and appropriations committees; GOMB Director Alexis Sturm, who has worked in government finance for more than 20 years; and GOMB Chief of Staff Cameron Mock, who has worked in government finance for nearly a decade.

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Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor,

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Ric's concern for Belvidere's future has been demonstrated through his leadership of rebuilding the Boone County Republican Club, having served as president and current chairman.

Please cast your vote for Ric Brereton for Belvidere's 5th Ward Alderman. Sincerely,

Wendy Frank

Editor:

The Feb. 22 BCJ laid out our predicament quite well: "The entire foundation of our political system rests on exercising our rights under the First Amendment": on "the importance of giving people the freedom to express their own individual forms of thought," and of our doing so, "regardless of who (we are) or what (we are) sharing with (our) community." Even conservatives!

Over only just the past 36 years, however, in which this poor, white, male, conservative opinion writer has been working hard, submitting letters to a wide variety of newspapers, the reverse has actually come true. Time was, although never really welcome, my views were often published, anyway.

In the 1990's, periodicals everywhere began to realize that as basically liberal propagandists, it's easier for them and safer for their readers not to publish me. This century, my batting average has continued to decline - to near zero, for years. If I had wealth, a title, or prestige, then yes, no doubt they'd occasionally risk airing my so-called thoughts on topical issues.

But, as it is, I'm simply not needed, because our society today is rushing headlong to the left. All that is needed or wanted from citizens is their assent and acclamation for what has already been decided and handed down, from on high.

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State Republicans Continue to Try to Hide Government Legal Notices

By David Larson

Similar to bills sponsored by Rep Joe Sosnowski (R-Belvidere/Rockford) in the past to eliminate public notices for government in newspapers, two other bills have recently been introduced in Springfield.

Senate Bill 189, sponsored by Sen. Jim Oberweis (R-Sugar Grove), would have allowed virtually every public notice required under the Municipal Code be to be posted on a government website instead of in a newspaper. The legislation would have set a terrible precedent and surely allowed for other units of local government to come to Springfield and ask for similar treatment. After testimony from the Illinois Press Association, noting how this would diminish public access and would eliminate an independent, written record of what was actually posted, Senator Oberweis removed the bill from the record and no vote was taken. The measure was sent the following week to subcommittee, where it will likely remain for the rest of session.

Oberweis has sought elective office six times, finally succeeding in the 2012 race for the 25th State Senate district seat. His record of unsuccessful election campaigns and his ownership of a retail dairy business has earned him the nickname of "the Milk Dud." Oberweis is known for extremist, right-wing positions. His latest political quest is an announcement that he is running in the 2020 Republican primary to challenge Democratic U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood in the 14th District, which includes much of McHenry County.

House Bill 2485, sponsored by Rep. Dave Severin (R-Marion), sought to eliminate the

publication of the school statement of affairs in newspapers. This bill was defeated in committee after failing to garner the requisite number of votes to proceed. Representative Severin had sponsored an identical measure last year, which received only 29 votes in favor of passage on the House floor, less than half of the 60 votes required to advance to the Senate.

Illinois Republican legislators have been attempting for several years to hide basic government information. Prior legislators had the wisdom to require publication in newspapers of public record, where discovery is most likely and an independent record of publication is made. But by representing to the public that it would be in their best interest to use government websites to self-publish this information (presumably saving taxpayers money), they neglected to mention that obtaining information would not only require examining 7,000 website, but that each of these websites are fully editable by the various units of government, without any oversight. This would hide not only vital information used by many, but the amounts of the often very generous pensions, benefits and salaries that officials receive at taxpayers' expense would be considerably less visible.

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FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM FROM THE REMAINING CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIPS (VOTE FOR ONE)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019, a Consolidated Election will be held at the usual polling places in the various precincts in the County of Boone and State of Illinois, for the purpose of electing candidates for the following office: CITIES OF BELVIDERE & LOVES PARK

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| CALEDONIA Grove | 3 | CANDLEWICK LAKE REC CENTER – 1812 Candlewick Dr, Poplar Grove |
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HIAWATHA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 426

Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is to consist of 4 members from the congressional township that has at least 75% but not more than 90% of the population, and 3 board members from the remaining congressional townships in the school district.
ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM
FROM Franklin TOWNSHIP 42N RANGE 3E
(VOTE FOR ONE)

No Candidate

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR TWO)

2 shall be elected from Franklin Township 42N Range 3E

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AMANDA FISHER

(VOTE FOR TWO)

2 board members shall be elected from the remaining congressional townships.

The remaining Congressional Townships

NATHAN B. WATSON

SHARON DAVIDS

BRONWYN BURGWEGER

KINNIKINNICK COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 131

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR ONE)

SCOTT D. MEYERS

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR THREE)

DAVID YOUNG

RICK REESE

LYNSEY A. WELCH

NORTH BOONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 200

Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.
ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.

NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 45N RANGE 4E
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(VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF ONE)

Boone Township 45N Range 4E

CARL RUDY

CAPRON LION'S COMMUNITY BUILDING – 305 E North St, Capron
LEROY TOWN HALL – 9743 Blaine Rd, Capron
E 1 POPLAR GROVE VILLAGE HALL – 200 Hill St, Poplar Grove
E 2 POPLAR GROVE FIRE STATION – Route 173, Poplar Grove
E 3 POPLAR GROVE FIRE STATION – Route 173, Poplar Grove
Paid Consolidated Election will be open continuously from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on April 2, 2019. Dated at Belvidere, Illinois on March 14, 2019.

Julie A. Stapler
Boone County Clerk

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NORTH BOONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 200

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF THREE)

- Leroy Township 46N Range 4E
- EDWARD MULHOLLAND
Manchester Township 46N Range 3E
- JOSEPH E. HAVERLY
Boone Township 45N Range 4E
- MARY MAXEY

ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205

DISTRICT D
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR ONE)

JUDE MAKULEC

MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 528

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)

- THOMAS ALLEN
- MAIJA MIZENS
- CARLOS S. AREVALO
- MARY BETH SIDONS
- MOLLY WALSH
- JAMES YOUNG
- ROBERT LUSH

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR ONE)

- ANDREW J. "DREW" GEORGI, JR.
- SUZANNE HOBAN
- CHERYL DAWSON

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR ONE)

- ELIZABETH SPEROS
- PETER SUFFIELD

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 523

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR TWO)

- KATHLEEN WATKINS
- KATHLEEN M. SPEARS
- DON YOUNG

BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

FOR FIRE TRUSTEE
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)

- RICHARD H. NELSON
- MATT ZICKERT
- TODD ENDRESS

PROPOSITION

NORTH BOONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3

PROPOSITION TO LEVY A NEW TAX FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE PURPOSES

Shall the North Boone Fire Protection District No.3, Boone County, Illinois, be authorized to levy a new tax for ambulance purposes and have an additional tax of .01 % of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein extended for such purposes?

- YES
- NO

Early Voting for the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Primary Election will begin on Friday, March 8, 2019 and end April 1, 2019. Early Voting for Boone County residents will be conducted at the Boone County Clerk's Office, 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 5:00PM. The office will also be open on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM

For more information about Early Voting please contact the Boone County Clerk's Office at 815-544-3103.

Julie A. Stapler
Boone County Clerk & Recorder
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ROCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 511

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)

- DAVID A. CUNNINGHAM
- ROBERT YOUNG
- MEREDITH STOLL
- RANDALL J. SCHAEFER
- PAUL GORSKI
- TERRI SCHIERER
- LYNN KEARNEY
- STACY McCASKILL
- JARID FUNDERBURG
- SCOTT ANDERSON
- GLORIA CARDENAS CUDIA
- ANGIE BODINE

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR ONE)

- VALERI DeCASTRIS
- DYANNA ROSE WALKER
- PATRICK MURPHY
- LITESA E. WALLACE

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION

FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES DEKALB COUNTY
(Not more than one may serve from the same Congressional Township)
FULL 6-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)

- CHARLES G. ROSE Township 41 Range 5E (Sycamore)
- LAURA E. FRANKIEWICZ Township 41N Range 4E (Mayfield)

FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES DEKALB COUNTY
UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR ONE)

No Candidate

FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (BOONE AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES)
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)

- CHUCK JOHNSON - WINNEBAGO COUNTY
- BOB WALBERG - BOONE COUNTY

FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES McHENRY COUNTY
TO SERVE A FULL TERM
(VOTE FOR THREE)

No Candidate

BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4

FOR FIRE TRUSTEE
(VOTE FOR ONE)

No Candidate

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

A.M. and G.M.
vs. O.J.A., a minor, Petitioners,
CASE NO. 2019-AD-2
)and ANTHONY THOMAS ADAIR, Respondents
ADOPTION NOTICE

IN THE Matter of the Petition for Adoption of O.J.A, a male child, Adoption no. 2019-AD-2

To: Anthony Thomas Adair
TAKE NOTICE that a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named O.J.A.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, ANTHONY THOMAS ADAIR, and all whom it may concern, file your Answer to the Petition in said suit or otherwise file your appearance therein, the said Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main St, in the City of Belvidere, Illinois on or before the 30 day of April, 2019, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

DATED at Belvidere, Illinois, this 27 day of February, 2019.

Linda J. Anderson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
by Christine K. Miller, Deputy
Attorney Nathan J. Noble, P.C.
504 North State Street Belvidere, IL 61008
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE- HOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-21; Plaintiff,
 vs. 18 CH 60
 JEFFREY BARTHEL; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT 166 IN CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-2875 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 206 Gables Drive SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065. P.I.N. 03-28-229-019-0000.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

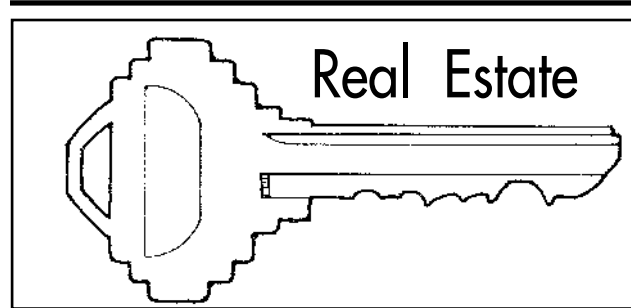
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 981-7385. SMSF.0357

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 STATE BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs. No. 2018 CH 78

CURT A. BOTTCHER, THE DELONG COMPANY, INC., BYRON BANK, HOMEOWNERS= ASSOCIATION, if any, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD LIEN CLAIMANTS, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure herein entered, the Sheriff of Boone County, Belvidere, Illinois, or his deputy, will on Tuesday, the 23rd day of April, 2019, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Main Entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder the property commonly known as 11823 Route 173, Capron, Boone County, Illinois.

The property is residential property. This property will not be open for inspection. Terms of Sale: This real estate is being sold in an "As Is Condition" for cash and the successful bidder is required to deposit 10% of the bid amount at the time of the sale with the Boone County Sheriff and the balance to be paid within twenty-four hours of the sale.

Dave Ernest
 Sheriff of Boone County
 FRANKS, GERKIN & MCKENNA, P.C., P.O. Box 5, Marengo, IL 60152
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Disabled Persons, Lawmakers Look to Phase Out Road Blocks to Living Wage

Federal program allows certain employers to pay disabled workers far less than statutory minimums

By **JERRY NOWICKI**
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SPRINGFIELD – Illinois lawmakers are looking to phase out a system which allows certain employers to pay disabled persons far less than the statutory minimum wage that applies to all other state workers.

Provisions in the federal Fair Labor Standards Act section 14C allow employers to obtain a certificate to hire individuals at less than minimum wage, and advocates say a review of state records shows some certificate holders have paid wages far lower than \$1 hourly.

Despite the fact that the 14C exemption is part of a federal program, state Rep. Theresa Mah, a Chicago Democrat and the bill's lead sponsor, said six states have implemented programs to mandate a living wage at a statewide level, and Illinois' effort would mirror those of other states.

"There's a real sincere drive here to just get right with history," said Ryan Croke, executive director of the Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living.

House Bill 3340, called the Illinois Dignity in Pay Act, would call for the state's Department of Human Services to develop and implement a plan over the next five years to phase out subminimum wage procedures at 14C-licensed sheltered workshops.

"So we can grow as a state and make sure that we are really being a cutting-edge employer for people with disabilities, it's time now to be able to phase out to say that people with disabilities are worth competitive wages," said Rahnee Patrick, director of independent living at Access Living, an advocacy group for disabled persons.

Disability self-advocate Megan Norlin read a statement from fellow self-advocate Mary Hettel at a press event for the bill Tuesday.

"I graduated college with a BSW, and the Department of Human Services paid for my education. I understood that they would help me find employment. This has not happened," Norlin read.

To ensure employment access to disabled persons, the bill would also create a 14C worker protection fund, establish customized work plans for each worker currently in a 14C position, freeze the issuance of 14C certificates, and require reporting and evaluation on the progress of reforms.

Mah said part of the protection fund would go to state subsidies to facilities paying increased wages in certain cases, although the exact percentage of the wage match was not yet defined in the legislation.

She added that the funding for the act would ideally come from already-allocated but unused funding to the DHS Department of Developmental Disabilities. Since 2010, an average of \$120 million in funding for the Division has gone unspent each year, Croke said.

The bill would call for 1 percent of the Division's \$1.7 billion budget in fiscal year 2020 for a total of \$17 million, with one percent added each year until FY 2023, when the funding tops out at \$68 million for future budget years.

There were 112 facilities in the state with 14C licenses as of July 2018, and they employ more than 10,000 disabled persons, Croke said. He added the goal of the legislation is not to demonize or shut down any 14C-licensed facility, and the length of the phase-out plus other state support would allow the facilities to continue their mission.

At the time Maryland passed similar legislation, the state had 41 providers licensed through section 14C in the state, all of which have been able to adapt and continue to provide for disabled persons, Croke said.

Mah said there would be subject matter hearings on the bill in the coming weeks to allow more disability self-advocates to share their stories.

Norlin shared hers at the Capitol press event Tuesday.

"This is what this bill is about, giving people a choice to find or even build a job that they want, or keep working in a workshop, if they wish, but be rewarded accordingly with a living wage, which they can then choose to spend any way they wish, as you all do," she said.

Genoa

The Genoa Chamber will continue small town traditions this spring by holding the 60th Annual Genoa Day's King and Queen Scholarship contest. The Chamber and member businesses recognize the importance of education as well as the increasing costs that come with it. One of the ways we support our students and future leaders is by providing a scholarship contest opportunity open to ALL graduating Genoa-Kingston seniors. This year for the first time we will be opening the scholarship to home and parochial school students who are residents of Genoa and Kingston (and who would otherwise fall in school district boundaries).

To be considered, candidates need to complete an application and submit it on or before April 22nd to their High School Guidance Office. All completed applicants will be reviewed and finalists will be notified. Applications can be found on the chamber's website at genoaareachamber.com.

The finalists will compete in a final judging that will take place on the first evening of Genoa Days Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at Heartland Bank from 6-7:45p.m. Judging will be completed on the main stage in downtown Genoa at 8p.m. where our 2019 Genoa Days King and Queen will be announced and each will be awarded \$1000.

We look forward to crowning the 2019 Genoa Day's King & Queen and we look forward to seeing you at the festivities!

If you have any questions about the scholarship or sponsorship, please call the chamber office at 815.784.2212 or email us at info@genoaareachamber.com.

Come Explore Genoa this spring!

Court To Decide Who Pays for Water Bottle Tax Incorrectly Collected in Chicago

Illinois Supreme Court considers customers' case against Walgreens

By **REBECCA ANZEL**
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SPRINGFIELD — Who should bear the loss when a retailer charges consumers a tax they were not supposed to pay?

That is one facet of a case before the Illinois Supreme Court.

At issue is whether several Walgreens pharmacies in Chicago charged the city's water bottle tax accidentally or purposefully. The tax, instituted in 2008, applies only to still water, but Walgreens also applied the 5-cent tax to sparkling and flavored water.

The customers suing the Illinois-based retailer allege Walgreens misapplied the tax fraudulently. Walgreens's attorneys, in a court document, said it was "collected in error," and point to the fact the stores gave consumers a receipt with a line item for the bottled water tax as evidence it was not trying to hide anything.

But this case has implications outside the Windy City. John Marshall Law School professor Steve Schwinn said the two arguments are relying on competing laws.

"It'll be interesting to the extent we're able, to try to discern which public policy the justices prefer," he said. "The stakes are high on both sides."

The crux of Walgreens' defense is the Voluntary Payment Doctrine, a long-standing rule that says money willingly paid by a consumer does not have to be refunded even if the consumer finds out later he overpaid, or paid an illegal fee, for example.

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There are a few exceptions to that standard, including fraud and improperly benefitting from that payment. David Salmons, the attorney representing the retailer, said because the stores gave the tax money they collected to the city of Chicago, the latter exception is not valid because Walgreens did not benefit.

Attorneys for the customers, in a court filing, wrote they disagree that argument absolves the pharmacy chain from responsibility.

“With only modest exaggeration, Walgreens’ theory is the same as allowing bank robbers to claim the robbery should be excused because they gave the stolen money to charity,” according to court documents. “That is not a valid defense or good public policy.”

The Voluntary Payment Doctrine, the pharmacy chain’s lawyers argued, puts the onus on the customer to be educated about what taxes they must pay and the price of the goods they purchase.

“This idea that consumers are responsible for knowing the law — in fact, at one point, Walgreens’ brief says something about failure to know the law is no excuse — assumes a lot of information on the part of the consumer,” Schwinn said.

Todd McLawhorn, the lawyer who represents the customers, said “consumers would have to be super, hyper-alert” when making each transaction if the justices uphold the retailer’s logic.

He uses Illinois’ Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act to make his case. The law is designed to protect consumers from dishonest tactics, and provides hefty monetary damages. In this case, if successful, his clients could be entitled to damages, attorneys’ fees, costs and other funds the court deems necessary to award.

Justice Robert Thomas, during oral arguments Tuesday, asked McLawhorn about the

implications of his lawsuit, should the Supreme Court decide in his clients’ favor. Local governing bodies across the state levy taxes, and retailers must comply, he pointed out.

“These tax ordinances are all over the place. I would imagine there’s a lot of mistakes going on, so in every one of those situations, a mistake or fraud could be inferred,” Thomas said. “Isn’t there going to be a ton of cases filed?”

That is an argument the Taxpayers’ Federation of Illinois made in a document submitted to the justices in support of Walgreens. In it, the group wrote it “believes retailers should not be subject to crippling liability for good-faith mistakes in applying complex tax laws.”

The Supreme Court is being asked to decide whether the customers sufficiently argued Walgreens engaged in fraud when it charged its customers Chicago’s water bottle tax on sparkling and flavored water.

If it rules in favor of the McLawhorn’s clients, the lawsuit can move forward. If it rules in favor of Walgreens, the suit will be thrown out.

Status? or Something Else?

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – When I read that some rich parents were indicted last week for allegedly paying bribes to get their kids into some hoity-toity schools, I couldn’t help but just scratch my head.

It would appear these parents weren’t seeking educations for their children, but status for themselves.

Pursuing an education is fulfilling. But seeking a higher social status is just plain boring.

You know the types of folks I’m talking about. They have to be chosen by the “right” sorority or fraternity,

later they just have to belong to the “right” country club and then live in the “right” neighborhood and later have their kids admitted to the “right” colleges.

Such behavior is alien to me. I grew up in Galesburg, a blue-collar town.

Many of my high school classmates sought to work in factories, farm or just be good parents. No degrees were required.

Kids who went on to a university were about as common in some neighborhoods as a purebred dog.

If you told someone you would attend someplace like Wellesley, Vassar or Grinnell, you’d inevitably be asked, “Now, are those four-year schools?”

Those youngsters who went off to college were special -- often the first in their family.

The idea of going to the “right” college was alien. Just going to college made you extraordinary.

A number of years ago, Rock Island attorney Thomas Kilbride was running for the Illinois Supreme Court against a politician with a Harvard law degree.

I asked Kilbride if he was intimidated and his response has stuck with me: “I’ve never had someone come to my office with a legal problem and ask where I went to law school.”

The voters apparently agreed. Justice Kilbride has served a distinguished 18 years on the Illinois Supreme Court.




About a decade ago, the University of Illinois was enmeshed in a scandal in which it was admitting less qualified students with political connections. Illinois politics being what it is, no one should have been surprised.




After all, children of alumni and donors as well as athletes have long been given advantages in the admissions process at elite universities across the country. We shouldn’t be surprised that less qualified but politically connected students got a break too.

Now we are learning that the wealthy parents are bribing their kids’ way into elitist universities.

Those who participate in a system that gives a leg up to the children of the privileged but fails to give a hand up to those who have overcome obstacles deserve the antipathy of those passed over.

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.

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