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Luhman & Thies an Essential Business in 1903

by David Larson

Charles W. Thies partnered with John H. Luhman to open Luhman & Thies Flour & Feed on September 1, 1903. It originally opened in the former Decker Feed Store on Buchanan Street in Belvidere. While on Buchanan Street, their trade was limited to all kinds of animal feed, but specialized in chicken feed. The store phone numbers were Belvidere exchange phone number 144 and Bell phone number Brown 1901, according to a legal notice in the *Boone County Republican* on September 1, 1903, announcing the change of ownership. The *Boone County Republican* was a weekly newspaper published in the county from 1901 to 1903.

Fred Thies came to the United States shortly after the Civil War in 1867. Fred Thies was the father of Charles and Minnie. John Luhman was married to Charles' sister, Minnie, so aside from being business partners, Charles and John were brothers-in-law, as well as next-door neighbors on West Lincoln Avenue in Belvidere.

They soon moved the store to the northwest corner of State and Locust, in part of what was known at the time as the Northwestern Block. The photo shows John Luhman and Charles Thies in front of this store; with displays of some of the products they sold. Luhman is in the foreground, and Thies is in the doorway. To their right is the photo of a famous pacing racehorse of the time, Dan Patch, to advertise Dan Patch Horse Feed. Surprisingly, the building had a lower level entrance, which today has been filled and paved over.

Charles, using a wagon pulled by a draft horse named Roy, made deliveries for the store. Charles' granddaughter, Carol Simon, recalls seeing a horseshoe of Roy's that her grandfather held onto for many years. She speculates that Roy must have been huge. The 1906-1907 Belvidere and Boone County City Directory had a large ad for Luhman & Thies. In addition to selling flour and feed for livestock, they also made real estate loans and dealt in land in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Canada. The newspapers of the day were frequently adverting property represented by them.

By 1906, Luhman became more interested in the real estate side of the business and formed a partnership with his brother to sell real estate. This led to a splitting of the business: Thies taking the feed and flour business, and Luhman taking the real estate business. Shortly after, Thies found a new partner who bought into the business and the firm's name changed to Thies & Wresche. By March of 1908, Thies bought out his new partner in less than two years.

The November 1906 issue of a trade publication called "Flour & Feed" contained an announcement that the Luhman & Thies partnership was dissolved, and Charles Thies would thereafter conduct the business. Charles Thies was known to still be operating the business in 1910, according to that year's city and county directory. It is not known when Thies got out of the feed business, but he eventually sold cars for Manley Motors, which opened in 1917. Perhaps that was a logical move as times had changed, and Belvidere was home to an



Luhman on the left and Thies on the right

automobile manufacturer, the National Sewing Machine Company. With in a few short years, the use of horses for transportation and farm work had ended. It was not uncommon several decades later to see the tackle used on teams of workhorses hanging on barn walls unused for years, withering, drying out and covered in cobwebs. A reminder of another way of life.

Luhman & Thies was an important part of the economic machinery of the community at the turn of the century supplying quality products needed to run a prosperous farm, livery stable or maintain personal use equine. The enterprise of milking cows today is very dependent on custom healthy diets for the bovine. To what degree that technique was applied in the early 1900's this writer does not know but suspects it did play a roll. To that end specialty grains and supplement were supplied by the Luhman & Thies partnership.

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County Clerk has Many Ways to Help Elderly or Disabled Voters

New Release

Boone County Clerk, Julie A. Stapler, wishes to inform registered voters who are elderly or have disabilities of the many aids and provisions for assistance in voting at the upcoming election. Stapler said that her office welcomes inquiries by anyone who feels they may wish to take advantage of these aids at the November 3, 2020 General Primary Election.

Clerk Stapler stated all registered voters may vote by mail. They may contact her office to request an application or print an application from the County website at www.boonecountyil. org. You can also request a ballot electronically at https://il-boone.ballotrequest.net/. After filing the application with the County Clerk's office,

Photo provided by the Carol Thies-Simon

the ballot will be mailed to the voter at home, or wherever he or she may be at the time, along with complete instructions for voting and returning the voted ballot. Voters have until noon October 29, 2020 to submit an application to vote by mail. Please request your ballot as soon as you know you would like to vote by mail.

Early voting is also available at the County Clerk's Office beginning September 24, 2020 through November 2, 2020. The only difference between early voting and vote by mail is that you would have to vote in person for early voting. Please be prepared to wear a mask/face covering and to wait in line.

Judges of Election are permitted to deliver a ballot to any voter curbside, who cannot get into the polling place on Election Day if an application has been received in the County Clerk's office prior to Election Day. These judges may deliver the ballot to the voter at the point at which he or she is unable to continue toward the Polling Place as long as this point is within 50 feet of the Polling Place entrance. Assistance is also available in the Polling Place. A touch screen voting machine will also be available that is specifically designed to assist voters with disabilities to cast their vote in the County Clerk's Office or the Polling Place.

She went on to say that all Polling Places throughout the County are disabled accessible and will have disabled parking spaces available near the building entrance. In addition, all Polling Places will be equipped with special visual aids to assist voters.

Clerk Stapler urges everyone to take advantage of the right to vote at this Election, and to feel free to request assistance from the Election Judges on Election Day. They are specifically trained to render this assistance and welcome the opportunity to be of help.

For further information on elections, voter registration and the available assistance to voters who are elderly or have disabilities, contact the Boone County Clerk's Office at 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008. Regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the phone number is 815-544-3103.

Luhman & Thies

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The Buchannan Street, "Shortline," was an area active in the livery trade and depended on supplies brought to them by grain dealers like Luhman & Thies Flour and Feed - hay, straw, oats and corn to care for the needs of city folk. It is conceivable that shops locally specialized in leather built saddles, harnesses and tackle for the equine market. It was a time without hydrocarbon or electric powered cars and trucks.

Luhman & Thies also served the domestic and retail market with processed grains for food preparation, particularly baking. What the inventory was and how business was transacted we can only guess if we are careful to not bring our current frame of reference into our imagination about such affairs.



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Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor,

My name is Jessica Muellner and I serve on the Boone County Board in District 3. I am running for reelection and would of course like everyone in District Three to consider giving me their vote, but that is not entirely why I am submitting this letter for your consideration. I want the people in Boone County to stop and look at what are the responsibilities of local government and what should they expect from their local government officials. In the coming weeks candidates for all districts of the County Board will be coming forward and many of them will be riding on the very emotional coattails of our National debate, expecting that their party affiliation alone will secure your support and indeed fanning the flames of this frustration to coerce you to believe that they understand the needs of local boards.

I have looked for evidence that the local republicans can see this but have found extraordinarily little. On social media the local republicans almost exclusively just share memes, sound bites from the President and inflammatory rhetoric. They do not seem to see a need to explain how the national agenda will influence their decisions on how to pay for storm water mitigation or how to pay for local services with our ever-dwindling local funds. Indeed, some of our local candidates and officials have little understanding of where these funds come from and what are the legal restrictions on how they can be disbursed. The current debate over the cares act is a good example of this. Why are the Republicans not prioritizing disbursements to local governments? In the past their national party platform has emphasized local control over

federal...but this was a major point of debate with the Democrats asking for more than the projected shortfall predicted by Moody's Analytics and the Republican party at first insisting none was needed. These funds are needed. If our local taxing districts that get shares of sales tax and income tax from the state do not get emergency funds the Federal government, it is likely your property tax will go up. This is how it works. After Pritzker's election to the Governor's office, it was the

responsibility of our State representatives to advocate for funding of local projects so they could be included in the state budget. Our State reps were working on symbolic legislation to make Chicago its own state. A mythological quest. The City of Marengo received somewhere around \$27,000,000 for stormwater mitigation. Solving a problem without relying on property tax or adding a storm water detention tax to their residents. People getting elected without understanding the job they will be asked to do, is expensive.

Watch out for the sabre rattlers Boone County, watch out for the fire and brimstone. Boone County and all its municipalities is a great place to live, and we can make it better, but that is not going to happen if we stonewall our public boards with the posturing of extremists. Look for candidates that have a proven track record of courteous, productive discourse or can demonstrate that they are capable.

Much Love, Jessica Muellner

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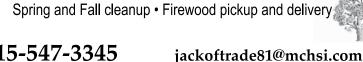
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A list of Zoom meetings can be found on our websites and members of the community who are struggling with a substance abuse or drinking problem can find help 24/7 by visiting: www.rockfordaa.org and www.district70aa.org or by calling 815-968-0333. Sober members of AA are available to take calls and provide guidance around the clock.

State's Blood Supply "Critically Low"; Blood Centers In Dire Need For Organizations To Host Blood Drives- Following the national trend, Illinois Blood Centers are currently running on 2 day or less supply of blood, putting them at a "critically low" level. To donate blood, please go to www. americasblood.org to find a donor center near you to schedule a donation time. Donor requirements include being at least 17 years old (16 with parental permission), in good health and weigh at least 110 lbs. The donation process takes about an hour, consisting of a health screening, donating time and snack. Individuals can donate whole blood once every 56 days.

Community Building Complex Committee Regular Board Meeting: Thursday September 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Building Board Room

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to Host 16th Annual Thin Mint Sprint as First-Ever Virtual Race: Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) will host the organization's 16th Annual Thin Mint Sprint virtually from September 1–30! Adults and school-age children can choose from a 2-Mile Walk, 2-Mile Competitive Race, or 8K Race. Participants will choose their ideal course and complete their race or walk anytime in September 2020. A virtual leader board will track runner time through the end of the race! Online registration is open at www.runsignup.com/gsnitms.

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December 31, 2020

December 31, 2021 Remainder of Term Interested parties are asked to send a letter and/or resume expressing your interest and qualifications along with your contact information to Boone County Board Chairman Karl Johnson, Administration Campus, 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 102, Belvidere, IL 61008. Please respond by September 11, 2020 to assure being considered.

Remainder of Term

Pop Up Performances to Be Featured on Recreation Path: Runners, walkers and cyclists on the Sinnissippi Recreation Path will be entertained at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 12 by Pop Up Performances presented by The Music Academy in Rockford. Stages will be at the gazebos along the path, one near Nicholas Conservatory and Garden-Eclipse Lagoon Teahouse and another at the Swedish American Riverfront YMCA.

The performances are free, but donations are welcome. The public is invited to stroll between gazebos or bring lawn chairs for family or single sitting while observing social distancing.

Rain date for the Pop-Up Performances is Sunday, September 13. More information at www.musicacademyinrockford.com and www.facebook.com/themusicacademyinrockford or by calling 815/986-0037.

Rockford Symphony Orchestra to Perform First LIVE Concert Since COVID this Weekend:

The Rockford Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce it will perform live for the first time since the onset of the COVID pandemic;

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- 2. How do I know if I'm registered to vote? You can go to https://boonecountyilclerk.com or https://www.elections.il.gov/. You can also call the Boone County Clerk's office at (815) 544-3103.
- 3. How do I register to vote? You can register online at https://ova. elections.il.gov or print the registration form at home and mail in to the Boone County Clerk's office: https://www.elections.il.gov/Downloads/VotingAndRegistrationSystems/PDF/R-19. pdf or you can register in person at the Boone County Clerk's office, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008
- 4. How do I vote by mail? You complete the application for a vote by mail ballot, sign and return to the Boone Count Clerk's office. If you have voted in one of the last three elections, you should have received an application in the mail. You can also request one online at https://il-boone.ballotrequest.net/. You can print an application from our website as well: https://www.boone-countyil.org/sites/default/files/images/Vote%20by%20Mail%20 App%20NOV%202020(2).pdf
- 5. Are Absentee Voting and Vote by Mail the same thing? Essentially YES, both are casting a vote by mail. In Illinois, absentee voting was available if you were going to be "absent" on Election Day. A voter used to have to provide a reason for being absent. Illinois legislators took away the requirement to be "absent", allowing any voter any reason to vote by mail.
- 6. Do I have to mail my voted ballot back to the County Clerk's office? No, you may also walk it into the office. If you want someone else to deliver it for you, both you and the person who is delivering your ballot must sign the affidavit giving them permission.
- 7. What is the deadline for requesting a ballot by mail? October 29, 2020 at noon is the deadline for requesting a vote by mail ballot to be mailed to a voter. HOWEVER, please use good judgement and do not wait until the last minute. It is wise to request and mail your voted ballot back as soon as possible.
- 8. When do I have to have my voted ballot back to the County Clerk's office to be counted? It must be postmarked no later than Election Day. Do not wait until 5PM on Election Day to be postmarked in time.
- 9. Can I still early vote or vote at my polling location? YES!! Early voting is in the Boone County Clerk's office beginning September 24, 2020. Please wear a mask and be prepared to stand in line. You can get information about your polling location at https://boonecountyilclerk.com
- 10. Can I vote by mail and at my polling location? NO!! You only get to vote once. If you've requested a ballot by mail, you must turn that in UNVOTED if you decide to vote at your polling location.

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it is also the first public concert of any kind in Rockford since March. The RSO will perform three one-hour concerts at the Sinnissippi Music Shell on Saturday, September 12 at 7PM, and Sunday, September 13 at 3PM and 5PM. Tickets for the benefit performances are \$45 each and advance purchase is required.

Tickets for the performances are on sale now. They can be purchased on the RSO website at rockfordsymphony.com, or by phone, 815-965-0049 for \$45. Tickets will not be sold in person or at the RSO box office.

For more information on the Rockford Symphony Orchestra go to www. rockfordsymphony.com.

Curbside Grilled Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser for the Boone County Fair:

Flora Grange's Curbside Pickup Grilled Pork Chop Dinner is Sunday, September 20th, 11:00am to 1:00pm at Flora Grange Hall, 2105 Stone Quarry Rd, 3 miles south of Chrysler (Appleton Rd). This is a fundraiser to help support the Boone County Fair and fairgrounds since the fair and many other activities at the fairgrounds had to be cancelled this year because of COVID-19.

For \$13 a plate you receive TWO – 5B's Grilled Pork Chops, baked beans, coleslaw, applesauce and a dinner roll. Must preorder by 5:00pm, Thursday, September 17th. To order call 815-543-2721 or 815-222-6173 or go to our Facebook Page 'Flora Grange #1762'. Click on the easy to use link there to place your order online.

Cash or check only when you pick up. The dinners will be brought to you in your car. Help support the Boone County Fair.

Officials Urge Residents To Fill Out Census As Deadline Approaches

Illinois stands to lose millions in federal funding and up to two U.S. House seats if undercounted

by Raymon Troncoso Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker spoke in Berwyn on Thursday to promote the 2020 U.S. Census as the Sept. 30 deadline for states to get their residents counted approaches.

He was joined by Lt. Gov. Julianna Stratton and U.S. Rep Jesús "Chuy" García among others.

Pritzker and Stratton both emphasized the importance of an accurate census count, as response rate and population estimates are tied to federal funding and the apportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. A low response rate can also put millions of dollars in federal funding at risk across Illinois.

"The higher the count, the more of your federal tax dollars come back to Illinois instead of going to other states," Pritzker said. "Just a 1 percent undercount, could result in the state losing over \$195 million in federal funds at a time when we frankly need the full funding we can get from Washington (D.C.) the most."

That amounts to approximately \$15,000-\$20,000 lost in federal funding per person undercounted in the census, according to García.

"We come together today to remind our neighbors and families that everyone counts, regardless of citizenship and age," García said. "In 10 minutes, you secure \$20,000 over the next 10 years for our communities, for your families."

According to Pritzker, Illinois is one of 10 states that pays more in federal taxes than it receives in federal funding. A high response rate to the 2020 census can change that.

As the novel coronavirus pandemic wreaks havoc on the U.S. economy and tax revenue across the country and in Illinois, Pritzker stressed the importance of the census as it pertains to aid. Apportionment of federal funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES, Act is partially based on 2010 census counts

Stratton also emphasized the need for Latino Illinoisans to participate in the census and addressed fears of retaliation.

"Our census doesn't hurt, it helps. The census questionnaire will not ask your citizenship status," she said. "Your personal information will not be used against you in court or by any government agency like ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement). For far too long some members of our Latino community have been told to keep their doors closed and not be seen, but no more. You have the power, and you deserve to be seen and counted," she said.

The Trump administration attempted to add a

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citizenship question to the 2020 census, but those efforts were blocked by multiple federal courts last year. It does not appear on the final form, and any respondent information is kept confidential by law.

As of Wednesday, Illinois was number 7 in terms of self-response, with a 69.8 percent rate. Illinois ranks 12th in total "enumeration," or the percentage of households in the state that have been counted in the census, at 89.8 percent. Among states with a population over 10 million, Illinois ranks first in both categories.

In 2010, which only allowed self-response via mail, Illinois had a 70.5 percent response rate. The 2020 census allows for residents to self-file a form online, through mail or by phone.

The state is on track to meet its 2010 response rate, but structural obstacles to filling out the census have kept response rates low in some parts of the state, including some rural counties and several census tracts on the south and west sides of Chicago among others.

Lack of access to broadband internet, the prevalence of PO boxes which the Census Bureau does not send forms to, and the difficulty census door-knockers have reaching rural residents all factor into some county's having response rates as low as 33.4 percent.

The state has just 27 days to increase its response rates after the Trump administration shortened the deadline for reporting from the end of October to the end of September.

A federal lawsuit to restore the original deadline is ongoing.

Illinoisans can fill out the census by mail, online at 2020census.gov, or by calling 844-330-2020.

State's Wealthiest Person Gives \$20 Million to Anti-Graduated Tax Committee

Griffin was big-time donor to GOP ex-Gov. Rauner

by Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Illinois' wealthiest man and frequent Republican political donor Ken Griffin has pledged \$20 million to a group dedicated to defeating a graduated tax constitutional amendment.

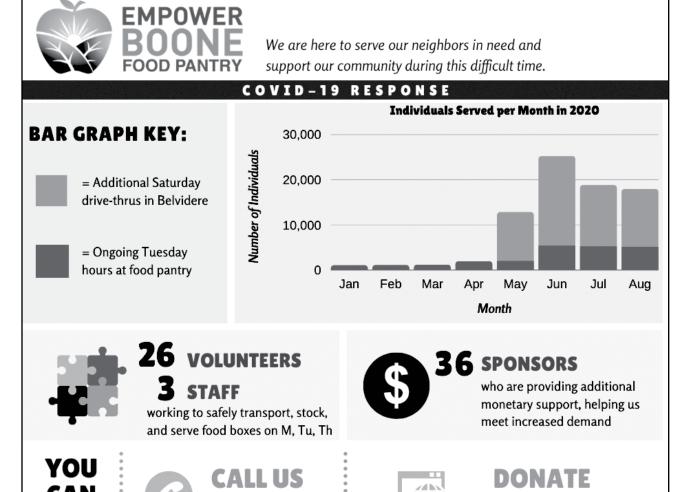
Griffin, who is the founder of the hedge fund Citadel, has previously donated tens of millions of dollars to the campaign of Republican former Gov. Bruce Rauner. He's also given millions to House and Senate Republican leadership in the state and donated to several individual lawmakers. Forbes estimates his net worth at \$15 billion.

His recent \$20 million donation went to the Coalition to Stop the Proposed Tax Hike Amendment ballot initiative committee. Prior to Griffin's donation, the committee had received \$950,000 in donations.

Gov. JB Pritzker has already dropped more than \$50 million of his own personal fortune, estimated at \$3.4 billion, in support of his marquee legislative proposal. His donation went to the Vote Yes for Fairness ballot initiative committee.

The constitutional amendment in question would scrap the state's protection of a flat-rate income tax for a new structure allowing lawmakers to tax different levels of income at fluctuating tax rates. A progressive rate structure that would take effect if the amendment passes is expected to bring in more than \$1 billion in additional state revenue this fiscal year and more than \$3 billion annually when it is implemented for a full fiscal year.

It will be up to the voters in November as to whether the state gains authority to scrap the flat tax, which is currently 4.95 percent for every penny of taxable income for every taxpayer. If more than half of those voting in the November election, or



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three-fifths of those voting on the ballot question, approve the measure, a graduated rate structure

Lawmakers have already approved the rate structure that will become law should the measure pass.

Effective Jan. 1, rates would remain flat or decrease for those earning \$250,000 or less, while they would increase for those earning above that amount.

Individuals earning more than \$750,000 and joint filers with incomes exceeding \$1 million would see the largest tax increases. A flat tax rate of 7.99 percent on all income would apply to anyone exceeding those thresholds.

For all other earners, each varying tax rate would apply to only one specific margin of income.

The rates are 4.75 percent on taxable income from \$0 to \$10,000; 4.9 percent from \$10,001 to \$100,000; 4.95 percent from \$100,001 to \$250,000.

For joint filers, a 7.75 percent rate would kick in on margins from \$250,001 to \$500,000; and 7.85 percent from \$500,001 to \$1 million. For single filers, the 7.75 percent rate applies from \$250,001 to \$350,000, while the 7.85 percent rate applies from \$350,001 to \$750,000.

The measure also includes an increase in the property tax credit from 5 percent to 6 percent, and up to a \$100 per-child tax credit for couples earning less than \$100,000 and single persons earning less than \$80,000.

The corporate tax rate would go from 7 to 7.99 percent, not including an existing corporate property replacement tax of 1.5 to 2.5 percent that is not changed by the bill.

Opponents of the graduated tax have not disputed the rates that will become law upon its passage, but they argue that the change does not put safeguards in place to prevent future adjustments to the rate structure that could impose higher taxes on lower levels of income.

The necessary threshold to raise taxes in the General Assembly would remain unchanged by the amendment, although opponents argue it would make the task politically easier by allowing lawmakers to raise taxes on different tax brackets at different times.

In light of receiving the big check from Griffin, the Coalition said in a statement it "welcomes support from anyone who believes we must stop Springfield politicians from having new power to increase income taxes on every group of taxpayers, whenever they want."

"The constitutional amendment sets no limit on the number of tax brackets that can be created and no limit on how high tax rates can be increased on groups of individual taxpayers – including middleincome families," the statement added.

Earlier in the week, more than 125 labor unions organized by the Vote Yes for Fair Tax ballot initiative committee hosted a virtual news conference to announce their support for the

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In our 25th year publishing *The Boone County Journal* September 11, 2020 billionaire Ken Griffin spent \$20 million to protect the broken status quo," John Bouman, the chairman of the group, said in a news release. "Griffin took home \$1.5 billion in 2019 alone, yet paid the same state income tax rate as teachers, nurses, grocery store clerks and other essential workers. That's wrong and it's exactly why Illinois needs the Fair Tax amendment."

In August, the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce announced opposition to the graduated tax as well, warning of the effects a tax hike could have on job creators.

Proponents, however, point out that small businesses owners operating as sole proprietors or pass-through entities such as S-corporations will see a tax reduction under the plan if they have less than \$250,000 in annual income.

GOP Investigators Hope to Get Answers from Madigan

Special committee to open hearings into speaker's role in ComEd scandal

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Republicans who will serve on a special investigative committee looking into House Speaker Michael Madigan's role in a bribery scandal involving utility giant Commonwealth Edison said Wednesday they hope the Democratic leader will speak directly to answer questions.

"This body, the special investigative committee, is the forum of which the speaker can come and state his position with regards to this statement of fact," Rep. Grant Wehrli, R-Naperville, said during a Statehouse news conference. "What in this statement of fact is not true, speaker? We need to know."

Wehrli was referring to a deferred prosecution agreement filed in July in federal district court in Chicago in which officials at ComEd admitted that over a period of years they awarded lobbying jobs and contracts to close associates of Madigan in order to curry the speaker's favor for legislation that benefitted the company.

The company has been charged with bribery, but as part of the agreement federal prosecutors said they will not pursue the case for at least two years in exchange for the company paying a \$200 million fine and having its officials cooperate in an ongoing investigation.

Madigan has not been charged with any crime and he has strongly denied any wrongdoing and has called the hearings a "political stunt." But on Friday, Sept. 4, a former ComEd lobbyist and senior vice president for governmental affairs, Fidel Marquez, was charged with bribery conspiracy for his role in helping orchestrate the scheme. Marquez is the first individual in the case to be charged.

The special investigative committee will hold its first meeting Thursday in the Statehouse, but it is expected to be only an organizational meeting in which the six committee members will discuss the procedures they will use and a timetable for the investigation.

A spokesman for Madigan said in an email Wednesday that because it is only an organizational meeting, the speaker does not plan to attend. But it remains unclear whether he will attend future hearings or agree to testify in

The other Republicans on the panel include Rep. Tom Demmer, of Dixon, who will serve as the ranking member, and Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, of Elmhurst.

"Illinois is fed up with decades of corruption," Mazzochi said. "That's why I ran for office, and I want corruption exposed and ripped out of our state government."

The investigative committee process is separate from the criminal investigation that is ongoing. It was prompted under the House's

own rules when three other Republican House members, led by Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, filed a petition with the speaker's office requesting the probe.

The main task is to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to justify a formal charge and possible disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from office. If the panel makes such a finding – which would require a vote from at least one of its three Democrats – a separate disciplinary committee would be formed to conduct what amounts to a trial.

But conducting the legislative hearings amid the criminal probe could present complications because many of those from whom the committee members may want to hear – including Madigan, his former associates and officials at ComEd – may be targets of the criminal probe, and therefore anything they say in a legislative hearing could be used against them in a criminal case.

"We'll invite them to share any and all information that they can share with the committee," Demmer said during the news conference.

The hearings will also be different from a criminal trial because there are different standards of proof in the General Assembly. In a criminal trial, prosecutors have to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant committed certain acts that constitute a crime, as defined in a statute. But that is not the standard that lawmakers use in an internal disciplinary proceeding.

"It's about the integrity of the office. It's conduct unbecoming," Wehrli said. "To put it bluntly, basically bringing shame upon the office you hold."

Lawmakers, Stakeholders Ask **Pritzker to Pause Marijuana Licensing Process**

Concerns grow over social equity licenses after just 21 firms qualify for 75 licenses

by Raymon Troncoso Capitol News Illinois

Some lawmakers and stakeholders are asking Gov. JB Pritzker to hold off awarding 75 marijuana dispensary licenses amid concerns that just 21 applicants qualified for the first round of licenses.

Applicants for licenses were graded on a 250-point scale established by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to determine which firm receives a license. The applications were scored by an unaffiliated third-party, KPMG, a private auditing firm. KPMG was paid \$4.2 million by IDFPR to grade the applications, a process that was delayed by five month amid the coronavirus

Because each of those 21 applicants achieved a perfect score, the 75 licenses are to be distributed via lottery. In an email sent Tuesday, a spokesman for IDFPR, which oversees the marijuana dispensary licensing process, said the lottery would take place in late September.

Lawmakers, social equity activists and rejected applicants raised concerns almost immediately after IDFPR released its list of approved firms last week.

"The worst thing you can do is to keep digging a deeper hole. I would like to suggest to (Gov. Pritzker) to step up and put the social equity licenses on hold. KPMG and others screwed up. Stop this mess!!!" state Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch wrote on Twitter two days after the winning firms were announced.

Welch sent a letter to Pritzker in July, asking that he delay the licensing process to add

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

MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff,

-v.- 20 CH 20 LEON PATNAUDE A/K/A LEON E. PATNAUDE, MICHELLE PATNAUDE, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS Defendant

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Commonly known as 225 EAST OGDEN STREET, CAPRON, IL

Property Index No. 04-11-134-007

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Attorney File No. 20-093048

Case Number: 20 CH 20 TJSC#: 40-2175

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IL 61011

Property Index No. 01-34-200-004

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS LOANCARE, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. 19 CH 144

RICHARD AKERMAN AKA RICHARD A. AKERMAN; SHEILA A. AKERMAN AKA SHEILA A. SIEBLER AKA SHEILA A. ROUSH; GOLDMAN SACHS MORTGAGE COMPANY; SPRINGCASTLE FINANCE FUNDING TRUST, THROUGH ITS TRUSTEE WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; 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, October 15, 2020, 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:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION
TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP FOURTY-FOUR (44) NORTH,
RANGE THREE (3) EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN
DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF STATE ROAD BETWEEN BELVIDERE AND ROCKFORD, SOUTH 58 DEGREES EAST 1363.4 FEET FROM THE POINT IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH CENTERLINE OF SAID SECTION, 22, LAST SAID POINT BEING 42.2 FEET NORTH OF THE EAST AND WEST CENTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE WITH SAID CENTER ROAD LINE 198 FEET TO CENTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALL AN IGHT ANGLE WITH SAID CENTER ROAD LINE 198 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID CENTER ROAD LINE 82.5 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 198 FEET TO A POINT CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 82.5 FEET TO PLACE OF BEGINNING; EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING: THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE THREE EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH QUARTER (1/4) SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 22 AND THE CENTER LINE OF FEDERAL AID ROUTE 6 (STATE AID ROUTE 6, ALSO KNOWN AS U.S. ROUTE 20) LYING ACROSS THE EAST HALF (1/2) OF SAID SECTION AS SAID CENTERLINE IS EXTENDED NORTHWESTERLY TO THE INTERSECTION WITH SAID QUARTER SECTION LINE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EXTENSION OF SAID CENTER LINE AND ALONG SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 1280.9 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A CONTINUATION OF THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE FOR A DISTANCE OF 82.5 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A CONTINUATION OF THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE FOR A DISTANCE OF 82.5 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A CONTINUATION OF THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE FOR A DISTANCE OF 82.5 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A CONTINUATION OF THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE FOR A DISTANCE OF 82.5 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG AS CENTERLINE OF EXCENTERLY LINE OF CENTERLINE OF CENTERLY LINE OF THE POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID F.A. ROUTE 6 FOR A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO A POINT;

SAID F.A. ROUTE 6 FOR A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE
WHICH IS 60 FEET EQUIDISTANT FROM AND PARALLEL TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID F.A. ROUTE 6 FOR A DISTANCE OF 82.5 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID PROPERTY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALSO KNOWN AT LOT 9 AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT OF SURVEY OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 44, RANGE 3; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BELVIDERE

THE CITY OF BELVIDERE

Commonly known as 2150 North State Street, Belvidere, Illinois

P.I.N. 05-22-401-011.

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 The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. F19080181

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LEGAL NOTICES **Foreclosures**

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

MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff, 20 CH 20

LEON PATNAUDE A/K/A LEON E. PATNAUDE, MICHELLE PATNAUDE, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION

CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS Defendant NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment

SYSTEMS, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD

of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 1, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 14, 2020, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 6 IN BLOCK 12, EXCEPTING THE EASTERLY 3 FEET OF

EVEN WIDTH THEREOF, IN THE VILLAGE OF CAPRON, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED 06/11/1862 IN BOOK X OF DEEDS AT PAGE 119. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 225 EAST OGDEN STREET, CAPRON, IL

Property Index No. 04-11-134-007

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BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Property Index No. 01-34-200-004

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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, October 15, 2020, 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:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP FOURTY-FOUR (44) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF STATE ROAD BETWEEN BELVIDERE AND ROCKFORD, SOUTH 58 DEGREES EAST 1363.4 FEET FROM THE POINT IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH CENTERLINE OF SAID SECTION, 22, LAST SAID POINT BEING 42.2 FEET NORTH OF THE EAST AND WEST CENTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE WITH SAID CENTER ROAD LINE 198 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID CENTER ROAD LINE 82.5 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 198 FEET TO A POINT CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 82.5 FEET TO PLACE OF BEGINNING; EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING: THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE THREE EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH QUARTER (1/4) SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 22 AND THE CENTER LINE OF FEDERAL AID ROUTE 6 (STATE AID ROUTE 6, ALSO KNOWN AS U.S. ROUTE 20) LYING ACROSS THE EAST HALF (1/2) OF SAID SECTION AS SAID CENTERLINE IS EXTENDED NORTHWESTERLY TO AS SAID CENTERLINE IS EXTENDED NORTHWESTERLY TO THE INTERSECTION WITH SAID QUARTER SECTION LINE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EXTENSION OF SAID CENTER LINE AND ALONG SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 1280.9 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A CONTINUATION OF THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE FOR A DISTANCE OF 82.5 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID F.A. ROLITE 6 FOR A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO A POINT. AID F.A. ROUTE 6 FOR A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE
WHICH IS 60 FEET EQUIDISTANT FROM AND PARALLEL TO

THE CENTERLINE OF SAID F.A. ROUTE 6 FOR A DISTANCE OF 82.5 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID PROPERTY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALSO KNOWN AT LOT 9 AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT OF SURVEY OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 44, RANGE 3; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BELVIDERE.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT BOONE COUNTY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT) Case No.2020-MR-75

REQUEST OF: Danny Patrick Flynn to change name my name from: Danny Patrick Flynn; to the new name of: Daniel Patrick Flynn. The court date will be held: on October 13, 2020, at 9:45am, at 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL Boone County in Courtroom #4

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS) SS. COUNTY OF BOONE

In the matter of the Petition for Adoption of JORJA CHRISTINE OLSEN, a female child, 2020-AD-1.

To Kevin S. Olsen and All Whom It May Concern:

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, for the adoption of a minor child named JORJA CHRISTINE OLSEN.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein in said Circuit Court of Boone County, in the City of Belvidere, Illinois on or before the 11th day of September, 2020, a default may be entered against you any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

Dated: August 26, 2020 Clerk of the Circuit Court ZIMMERMAN & WALSH, LLP Attorney Erin E. Walsh, #6279993 1707 East State Street Rockford, IL 61104 Phone: 815-399-1400 Fax: 815-399-9440

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

SS.

COUNTY OF BOONE

In the matter of the Petition for Adoption of MACKENZIE MARIE DURKEE, a female child, 2020-AD-2.

To Kevin S. Olsen and All Whom It May Concern:

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, for the adoption of a minor child named MACKENZIE

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein in said Circuit Court of Boone County, in the City of Belvidere, Illinois on or before the 11th day of September, 2020, a default may be entered against you any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

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Change in Certificate of Ownership

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 1, 2020 a certificate was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, concerning the business known as Riverwood Condominium Association located at 519 E. Lincoln Avenue Belivdere, Illinois 61008 which certificate sets forth the following changes in the operation thereof: Withdrawal of owner Lori Ziehm and Addition of owners David J Schmidt & Kristi A. Schmidt

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) September 1, A.D. 2020 Julie Stapler, County Clerk Published in Boone County Journal September 4, 11, 18

Assumed Names

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact

a Food Truck in said County and State under the name of Hernandez Food Truck at the following post office address: 4517 Harris Dr. Poplar Grove, IL 61065 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Armanda Sanchez Gonzales 4517 Harris Dr. Poplar Grove, IL 61065 Ph. 815-721-0826

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this August 17, 2020 Julie Stapler, County Clerk Published in Boone County Journal Sep 11, 18, 25, 2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING OF SUIT

Notice is hereby given by the City of Loves Park to Petry Trust 1989 and all those with an interest in the properties located at 12509, 12513, 12611, 12518, 12615, 12616, 12714, 12718 Battery Park Dr., 1114, 1118 Benbrook Dr., 12545, 12549, 12616, 12620, 12628, 12632, 12636, 12640, 12647 New York St., 12613, 12618, 12621, 12622, 12625, 12626, 12629, 12630, 12634, 12637, 12641 Scarsdale Ln., 1009, 1010, 1013, 1014, 1017, 1018, 1021, 1022, 1107, 1111, 1115 Forest Garden Dr., 12441 Fire Island Dr., 12309, 12313, 12317, 12321, 12322, 12325, 12326, 12329, 12330, 12333, 12337, 12341, 12342, 12407, 12408, 12412, 12415, 12419, 12420 Lakeview Dr., 906, 910, 1004, 1008 Stuyvesant Dr., 1006, 1010, 1014, 1021, 1025, 1029 Coney Island Dr., all located in the City of Loves Park, Boone County, Illinois, that the properties have been found to be in a dangerous and unsafe condition and the City of Loves Park will be seeking an Order of the Court requesting fines be imposed for the failure of the owner to comply with local property maintenance ordinances, directing Defendant to immediately abate the nuisance by mowing the listed properties as well as enjoining Defendant from future violations by Ordering that the properties continue to be maintained pursuant to Municipal Code of the City of Loves Park. This matter has been initiated in the Court of Boone County (Case Number: 2020 OV 94). The next Court appearance for this matter will be on October 2, 2020 at 9:45 am before the Honorable Judge John Young or any other judge appearing in his stead, in Courtroom 2 of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois. Your failure to appear or to answer to the Complaint may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief sought in the Complaint. For further information contact Attorney Gregory Cox, Galluzzo Law Group, LLC at (815) 265-6464.

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A Public Notice is an important tool in assuring an informed citizenry; a conduit of information from the government to the public. Notices are mandated by legislatures to make sure there is a public window into the activities of governments, officers of the court and others holding a public trust. Among the most common types of public notices are: hearings, government budgets, notices of contract bids, foreclosures, probate notices, adoptions, and dissolution of marriages, name changes and assumed business names. There are four key elements to a public notice:

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Enabling an informed citizenry through newspaper public notices helped America to develop participatory democracy where it counts: where money is spent, policy is made and futures charted. Public notices by government and private parties are so tightly woven into the American fabric that many citizens may take them for granted. Located in easily found sections of the newspapers, public notices reach out to interested readers, leading them to opportunities. Voices are expressed on taxation, communities are formed around planned public improvements, and assets are saved from loss to unworthy creditors - all as a result of public notices.

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additional safeguards and make sure it was equitable.

On Monday, the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus and the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus both sent letters to the governor asking that he suspend the lottery from taking place and provide legislators more information about the process. Requests include a more detailed explanation of the scoring methodology, an explanation for why KPMG received a no-bid contract to conduct application reviews, and for the applications of the top scorers to be made publicly available on the IDFPR website.

State Reps. La Shawn Ford, D-Chicago, and Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, distributed a joint news release calling into question the equitable nature of the process.

"My constituents have been contacting me and expressing their concern that the African American community got left behind again by a system that benefits rich insiders," Ford said. "There must be transparency and all questions need to be answered."

The pair held a virtual town hall Wednesday with rejected social equity applicants.

"We were anticipating some really great results that we could hold up to the rest of the nation," Willis said during that town hall. "We did not see that, we did not see this social equity piece come into play that so many of us that voted for this because of that aspect wanted... And we're questioning that."

Pritzker and his senior marijuana advisor Toi Hutchinson addressed concerns about the process Tuesday but rejected calls to halt distribution of the 75 licenses.

"There will be changes and fixes along the way," Pritzker said. "The social equity focus of the cannabis industry, and how it was created, this is a marathon, it's not a sprint."

The governor noted that there are over 300 more licenses to be given out by the state, and he was open to changes to the process in how those would be distributed. According to Pritzker, about two-thirds of the successful applicants were firms owned primarily by people of color.

"When we're done with this process, we will have the largest percentage ownership by people of color anywhere in the nation."

Hutchinson said disappointment in the first round is due to the fact that 4,500 applications were submitted between 700 applicants, with only 343 applications from the 21 selected applicants making the cut. All 21 applicants achieved social equity status under the guidelines established by the IPFPR, and over 60 percent of all applications had that designation.

Two applicants who were not approved to received dispensary licenses are currently suing the state to stop the lottery from taking place, according to the Chicago Tribune.

Illinois Among Last States to Apply, Be Approved for Added \$300 Unemployment Benefit

Pritzker cites 'serious concerns about unfairness' of federal weekly payment supplement

by Rebecca Anzel Capitol News Illinois

Illinois is one of the last states to apply and be approved for a federal program providing an additional \$300 in unemployment assistance per week to qualifying residents.

Gov. JB Pritzker announced Monday he instructed the Illinois Department of Employment Security to submit an application "despite serious

concerns about the unfairness" of the program. The Federal Emergency Management Agency certified that request on Tuesday.

Funding for the Lost Wage Assistance Program was redirected by President Donald Trump from the agency's disaster relief fund. That money is typically used to finance the federal government's response to major domestic disasters, such as assisting hurricane survivors.

Trump issued the order in July shortly after a measure creating \$600 in added weekly benefits through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, Or CARES, Act expired.

Up to \$44 billion is available to states through Dec. 27, or until the funding runs out. Benefits can be retroactively paid to eligible Illinoisans, starting with the week ending Aug. 1.

The governor's office, in a news release, estimated that funding will be exhausted in three weeks. It cited unspecified "economic projections for the demand of these funds."

Only those Americans who are eligible for at least \$100 per week in unemployment benefits qualify for the extra \$300 in federal funding. That is why Pritzker said Illinois did not apply for the program sooner — about 55,000 residents will be excluded, according to his office.

As of Wednesday, 45 states are approved to receive grants, including Illinois, which was the 44th state approved. Applications were accepted beginning Aug. 15 and the federal government has begun paying out benefits.

"President Trump's program will likely cut off the most vulnerable workers, create needless competition among the states for these limited FEMA dollars, and sow more confusion among the unemployed, so I want to caution that those eligible for these dollars will likely encounter frustration and unfairness brought on by the president's short-sighted and short lived program," Pritzker said in a written statement.

"However, the \$300 benefit will provide much needed assistance for those who can get it, too many of whom are facing terrible choices about whether to pay their rent, buy groceries or get medicine," he continued. "We will do everything in our power to make sure that every eligible recipient can participate in this program."

Other states developed a work-around to tackle the issue of residents not otherwise qualifying for the extra federal financial assistance. New Hampshire, for example, is supplementing its residents' unemployment benefits to ensure everyone reaches the \$100 threshold.

According to the New Hampshire Employment Security Department, "for those people eligible for less than \$100 in weekly unemployment benefits, New Hampshire is making additional changes to increase the minimum state unemployment benefit up to \$100 so that all unemployed Granite Staters will be eligible."

In Rhode Island, Scott Jensen, the state's Department of Labor and Training director, said officials will briefly increase residents' benefits so they qualify for the Lost Wage Assistance program.

Spokespeople for Pritzker and the Department of Employment Security did not respond to questions about whether a similar strategy was considered in Illinois.

IDES is tasked with distributing whatever federal funds Illinois is allocated and identifying which residents qualify for that assistance.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 24,116 Illinoisans filed new unemployment claims for the week ending Aug. 29. That is down 2,146 new claims filed the week prior.

The number of those residents receiving continuing unemployment benefits also decreased by more than 35,000, from 593,305 the week ending Aug. 15 to 555,582 the week after.

The number of Illinoisans who filed Pandemic Unemployment Assistance claims slightly increased from 4,169 the week ending Aug. 22 to 4,433the week ending Aug. 29. The PUA program was designed for those who are self-employed and independent contractors who typically do not qualify for unemployment benefits.

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