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Your Guess is as Good as Mine.

By David Larson

This week we are looking at two hopefully related pictures. This street scene is located, possibly at the railroad tracks looking north and to the left side of State Street street, despite not seeing any railroad tracks. The top picture is of the inside of a diner in the space located in the door of the foremost building with the angled entrance. North of there would be the Style House Building, but it looks to be missing the third level it has now. Yet, the possibility of it being added at a later date exists.

Beyond the two-story structure is a building that has been removed. It was used in the Mid-Twentieth Century as an A&P grocery store and, briefly before it was removed, as a community youth center. It does not appear as if any building existed then beyond to the corner of Locust Street and State Street, which dates this photo as being pre-1907, when the YMCA was built on that corner. And because of the electric poles, post-1987.

Hitched outside is a 19th century SUV, one might say. And a compact, carriage, is heading north on the far left. Traffic appears to be light.

The second picture is the interior of the Alms Sandwich Shop, which was located in the space in the first building through the angled doorway. The Alms family opened at that location in July of 1960, and promoted a Grand Opening with 48-cent hamburgers and chocolate milk shakes deals and a 24 cent hot fudge sundae.

Alms Restaurant at 319 South State Street was a place where regulars met for coffee, breakfast and lunch. One could meet nearly the same local people every morning at the same times. It was like having an extended family.

Students would gather before Junior High School and play pinball, oblivious to anything the adults were engaging in. The Junior High was located in the Pearl Place building after 1966, when Belvidere High School moved to the new location on East Avenue. Before it was a Junior High the Belvidere High School students could leave school at lunch-time and go downtown to eat lunch at the Alms, as well as many other thriving locally-owned restaurants that Belvidere enjoyed before the infestation of national chain fast-food restaurants with kiosks and minimum wage jobs with no tips. The drive-through window replaced the meeting place.

In November 1962, Pearl Alms, who ran the restaurant with her husband "Charlie", shared a recipe for "Boston Brown Bread" in the local paper.

Take 2-1/2 cups of graham flour, 1-1/4 cups of white flour, 2 cups of buttermilk, 1/2 cup

of sugar, 1/2 cup of molasses, 2 eggs, 1/4 tsp soda. 1 cup nut meats, and 1 1/2 cup of raisins. Add soda to buttermilk, then add molasses and slightly beaten eggs. Add dry ingredients then the nuts and raisins. Bake in small cans or molds.

Census2020Count begins Thursday

Illinois officials say a lot is at stake in getting accurate count

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

People throughout the United States can begin filling out their census forms online starting Thursday, and state officials in Illinois are pulling out all the stops to make sure the state gets an

accurate headcount.

Between March 12 and March 20, about 95 percent of all households in the country will receive a postcard in the mail inviting them to fill out their census form online or by phone in their language.

"The census is only nine questions – nine questions that impact every single person in your hometown, our state and across the country," Grace Hou, secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services, said during a news conference Wednesday. "These nine questions are important for your family, your neighbor, your city, your county and your state because your response determines Illinois' infrastructure, meaning roads, hospitals, schools, grocery stores and fire stations."

The U.S. Constitution requires that a census be taken every 10 years in order to apportion

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(above) Alms Sandwich Shop (below) the west side of the 300 block of South State in Belvidere



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seats in Congress. Responding to the census is mandatory for all people living in the United States regardless of their citizenship, although the questionnaire does not ask about citizenship.

The census form asks the name of each person living in the household as of April 1, their dates of birth, ages, race and ethnicity, their relationships to each other and whether the home is occupied by the owners or renters.

In addition to allocating congressional seats, the federal government also uses that data as the basis for distributing hundreds of billions of dollars each year to states and local communities for things like education, health care, housing, highways and other infrastructure.

State governments also use census data to redraw congressional and state legislative district lines.

Recent census estimates have shown Illinois has been losing population and is at risk of losing at least one of its 18 congressional seats.

Because of that, the Illinois General Assembly last year put \$29 million in the state budget for IDHS to help ensure an accurate count. Hou said \$20 million of that has already been distributed in each of the state's 102 counties to work with local organizations to maximize the census count.

Hou said IDHS was tasked with implementing the census in Illinois because, as the state's main social service agency, it deals directly with "hard-to-count" populations, including the homeless.

Marishonta Wilkerson, one of the agency's two census co-directors, said the YWCA has been designated to reach out to the homeless population in the Chicago area. Elsewhere in the state, she said, the agency is working with "regional intermediaries" to work with homeless shelters and other organizations to host "census nights" and provide internet access so those people can participate.

In previous years, people received a census form in the mail to be filled out, but this is the first year the U.S. Census Bureau has offered an online option. People will first receive a postcard in the mail inviting them to complete the form on

the website, my2020census.gov.

That postcard will contain a 12-digit code that is used to verify a person's address. But those who don't receive a postcard, or who want to fill it out early, may select an option to enter their address manually or indicate that they do not have an address.

About a week later, people will receive a follow-up letter reminding them to complete the forms. They will receive a third reminder about a week after that. Then, anyone who still has not completed the form will receive another letter and a paper form to be filled out.

Community News & Events

Music Scholarship Programs- Stateline Music Foundation of Freeport, Illinois, is offering scholarship aid awards for high school seniors graduating in 2020 who will enroll in a music curriculum in a junior college or a four-year college or university and who reside, attend high school, or are home-schooled in one of the following counties: Jo Daviess, Carroll, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, Ogle, DeKalb, Whiteside, or Lee in Illinois and Lafayette, Green, or Rock in Wisconsin. Auditions will be held March 20, 2020, in the Fine Arts Building at Highland Community College in Freeport. Application blanks and repertoire requirements are available by contacting Kenneth Drake (keosdrake@gmail.com) or by regular mail (11418 N. Springfield Rd., Baileyville, IL 61007)

Friends of RPL Hosts Used Book Sale- The Friends of Rockford Public Library will host a used book sale on Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. at the Hart Interim Library, 214 N. Church Street. The Used Book Sale will include like new and gently used fiction, non-fiction hard cover and paperbacks books, and many children's books. Shoppers can stock up

for spring reading at the bargain price, \$0.25 per item. For more information, please call the Friends at 815-966-2721 or email: friendsofrpl@gmail.com.

Ida Public Library Open House- An Open House will be held at the Ida Public Library in Belvidere on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public, and handicapped accessible. For more information about the Ida Public Library Open House, please call 815-544-3838.

Master Naturalist Training, Spring 2020- University of Illinois Extension invites adults of all ages to join them for the 2020 Illinois Master Naturalist training. The classes will be held in Ogle County on Monday evenings from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. starting March 16 and ending May 18, 2020. The training features instructors from local natural resource agencies and organizations as well as state Extension experts. The training will highlight our rich natural heritage by hosting classes in different locations in the area such as Nachusa Grasslands and Kickapoo Mud Creek Nature Conservancy. For more information and to apply to become a certified Illinois Master Naturalist for Boone County, please visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo> or call Judy Hodge, Extension Program Coordinator at (815) 544-3710 or email at hodg@illinois.edu.

Community Building Complex Committee Regular Board Meeting- Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. in the Community Building Board Room.

Senior Gathering- Come join your neighbors and friends for a free lunch and social time the 3rd Thursday of each month with the next meeting being Thursday, March 19, 2020 from 12 noon to 3 P.M. Located at the Capron Lions Community Building at Capron Lions Park.


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Position	Expires	Length of Term
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Boone County Board of Review	June 1, 2021	Remainder of Term
Boone County Sanitary District	May 1, 2021	(3) Year Term
	May 1, 2022	Remainder of Term
Conservation Easement & Farmland Protection	June 1, 2022	(3) Year Term

Obituaries

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Last Minute Change of Polling Location to Poplar Grove Airport

On March 10, 2020, Heritage Woods of Belvidere notified the Boone County Clerk, Julie Stapler, of their inability to be used as a polling place for the March 17, 2020 General Primary Election. Clerk Stapler immediately contacted the Poplar Grove Airport. Steve Thomas, Poplar Grove Airport owner and operator quickly agreed to allow the residents of Precinct 16 of Boone County to vote at the facility. The polling location will be in the hangar that shares the parking lot with the Poplar Grove Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum. The Boone County Clerk's office is notifying the 1970 registered voters within the precinct by mail as to the change. If there are any further questions, please contact the Boone County Clerk's office at (815) 544-3103.

Republicans Call for Suspension, Audit of Automatic Voter Registration

Elections board: More than 1,100 applicants 'erroneously categorized' as opting out of registration

by Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

A pair of Illinois House Republicans called

for suspension and an audit of the state's automatic voter registration program after it was revealed that more than 1,100 REAL ID applicants were "erroneously categorized" as opting out of registering to vote.

The automatic voter registration program was passed in 2017 with unanimous support in the General Assembly and signed into law by former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner. More than 800,000 people have registered to vote as part of the program.

It allows anyone renewing their license to be automatically registered to vote unless they opt out, and the Illinois Secretary of State's Office shares that information with the Illinois State Board of Elections, which shares it with local voting authorities who complete the registrations.

But this week the Illinois State Board of Elections informed 87 local election authorities in an email that 1,151 eligible voters were incorrectly listed as opting out of the automatic voter registration program even though they should have been registered.

Boone County was effected by 10 such registrations.

The two downstate Republicans who called the Capitol news conference Wednesday criticized the communication between the elections board and secretary of state and said they were upset they had to learn of the recent mistake from news reports. WCIA-TV in Champaign first reported on the letter this week.

"(Automatic voter registration) is a complete mess today," Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, said. "And I think, for myself personally, you know, we've been assured for over two months now that problems have been fixed, yet problems continue to come up. I've lost complete confidence in the secretary of state being able to carry out this program."

The letter from the elections board informed the local election authorities of the error and directed them to a database where the voters in question could be found. It also recommended the voters be allowed to cast ballots in the upcoming primaries.

Dave Druker, a spokesperson for the secretary of state, noted any impacted voters would have the ability to vote via same-day registration if the issue was not rectified before the March 17 primaries.

In a phone call Wednesday, Druker said he was told by IT professionals the confusion in a "vast majority" of the cases stemmed from "conflicting information" given by automatic registrants who received the same form twice and gave different answers to registration questions.

"Essentially, we'd have situations where people on different parts of the form answered 'yes' and 'no' on the voter registration in terms of coming in and getting a driver's license," he

said.

The letter from the elections board noted that the affected voters had applied for REAL ID licenses, which are licenses that comply with federal travel guidelines. Druker said answering the automatic registration question differently on the REAL ID or state ID cards and standard license forms could have led several applicants to answering the question differently on each form.

"They may have started the form already and said that they wanted to sign up for voter registration," he said. "And then when they got the second form with the REAL ID and they put 'no' down. Well, then we've got the two in our system."

Matt Dietrich, a spokesperson for the Illinois State Board of Elections, said that office was made aware of the issue by a county clerk who relayed a voter's registration discrepancy. The elections board discussed the issue at a public meeting in January, he said, and it forwarded the information to the secretary of state, which prompted the review and eventually the Monday letter.

Druker said the situation is now being monitored "very closely" and issues with conflicting information will be rectified in a timely manner, as opposed to piling up into the thousands before being addressed.

The improper categorization follows other issues with the rollout of the automatic registration program, including the incorrect removal of nearly 800 former inmates from voter rolls and the registration of more than 500 self-identified non-citizens, although only one non-citizen has been confirmed as having voted.

Republicans have also questioned a previous secretary of state policy through which the office forwarded the information of 16-year-olds to the elections board only to have it immediately denied from progressing any further.

On Wednesday, Butler was joined by Rep. Avery Bourne, R-Morrisonville, in calling for the suspension and an audit of the program.

"If they're not going to be forthright, then it falls to the Legislature to do that. And that's what we do, our role is holding them accountable, making sure the systems are implemented properly," Bourne said. "And if they're not willing to come forward and do an audit on their own, then that's something that the Legislature can do."

The pair, who both noted they support automatic registration in theory, also called for more legislative hearings on the matter. Butler's House Bill 5224 calls for the suspension of the program until the end of 2021, and his House Resolution 827 would require passage by only one chamber to initiate an external audit of the program.

But Druker and Dietrich stood by the program and their implementation of it, noting it would take an act of the Legislature or court action to suspend it.

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Legislature On Hold As Illinois Coronavirus Cases Rise To 25

Capitol events, tours canceled; Pritzker, congressman attack feds
by Ben Orner Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois state Capitol will be without members of the General Assembly next week after the Legislature on Wednesday canceled session amid growing concerns of the spread of coronavirus.

“Given the recommendations for social distancing as a safeguard to slow the spread of this virus, the Illinois Senate is going to do its part,” Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, said in a statement.

The Legislature had been scheduled to return to the Capitol on Wednesday, March 18. It has now canceled sessions planned for March 18, 19 and 20. There has been no decision on sessions scheduled beyond next week.

“We will constantly monitor the situation and make future decisions based on best practices and advice from the state’s public health and emergency preparedness professionals,” Harmon said.

The number of COVID-19 cases in Illinois is now at 25 people, state health officials said during a news conference Wednesday afternoon, including a third case from outside Cook County.

“We are actively investigating these identified cases now,” said Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health. “We are investigating the travel histories, the exposures, trying to identify any close contacts.”

The new cases are a Lake County resident in his 50s, and five Cook County residents that include a man in his 80s, two men in their 70s, one in his 40s and a woman in her 50s. Ezike said it is unclear if any of the new cases were from community spread, which is when the virus cannot be linked to travel to an affected area or contact with a known infected person.

Three prior cases are suspected to have come from community spread, including a McHenry County teen and a Kane County woman in her 60s that were announced Tuesday. A Cook County man in his 60s who is in “very serious, critical condition,” according to Ezike, was announced last weekend.

“There are likely other individuals in the community who have not been detected,” Chicago Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady said in a morning news conference.

She stressed, however, that the virus is not spreading widely and most people impacted have mild symptoms and completely recover. Tests of 76 people in the state are still outstanding as of Wednesday, according to IDPH.

Containing Spread

Officials are working to contain the virus by limiting or postponing large gatherings, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention classify as gatherings of more than 250 people.

“We are looking closely at this new guidance,” Pritzker said, while trying to cause the least disruption to people’s daily lives.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced Wednesday morning that this weekend’s St. Patrick’s Day parades will be postponed “out of an abundance of caution.”

Pritzker said he is talking with the owners of Chicago’s professional sports teams, as well as their leagues and the city. The Chicago White Sox are scheduled to host their first home game on March 26, while the Cubs open their home season on April 8.

“Even if you yourself are young and healthy, your neighbors, your family members, even the people who walk the same streets of your

community as you do, might not be,” Pritzker said. “It’s on all of us to minimize spread and keep Illinois healthy.”

Pritzker also said the state is “giving very strict guidance” to nursing homes, including discouraging visits from family members and encouraging daily tests of health care workers.

He also advised voters to vote by mail in Tuesday’s primary election. The last day to request a mail-in ballot is Thursday, however he has asked county boards of election to extend that deadline.

An official in Secretary of State Jesse White’s office said permits for events inside the Statehouse, as well as tours, have been canceled. Lobbyists have also been asked to cancel events. The building is still open to the public.

Governor Criticizes Federal Response

Pritzker continued to blast federal officials on Wednesday, further criticizing the Trump administration’s response to the virus.

“We’re not getting enough tests,” he said. “This is a result of the CDC having made a decision early on to not let the best research hospitals and institutions around the United States develop their own tests.”

He said Illinois has thousands of tests, but health workers can’t test as many people as they would like. He also said federal officials told him a commercial testing lab that could make millions of tests would open by last Friday, but it has yet to open.

“We need a lot more help, and you hear very little,” he said. “I’m being as loud as I can on this subject and I think that they are going to be reactive to it.”

Pritzker also directly called out President

Donald Trump.

“When the president wears his red hat in a CDC facility and talks about his own brilliance around being able to do research to determine an answer to this problem, I mean, he’s not taking it seriously. And you see what he tweets about this,” the governor said.

Pritzker announced Wednesday that his administration will file emergency rules this week so people who are out of work because of COVID-19 can request unemployment insurance benefits from the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

The governor is also asking Congress to waive interest on any federal loans that Illinois might take out because of the virus. He also wants the Trump administration to activate “able and available to work” waivers so people can collect federal unemployment.

“This needs to be declared as a national disaster around coronavirus so that we can have the release of the ability to provide unemployment benefits, because many of the people who won’t be able to work or are asked to stay home for 14 days are living paycheck to paycheck,” Pritzker said Wednesday morning.

On Capitol Hill

In Washington on Wednesday, an Illinois congressman pressed the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on what he criticized as an unaggressive response to COVID-19 in the U.S.

“One month after the first coronavirus case was detected, we had still not shipped test kits to public labs,” said U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, an Illinois Democrat from Schaumburg, during a

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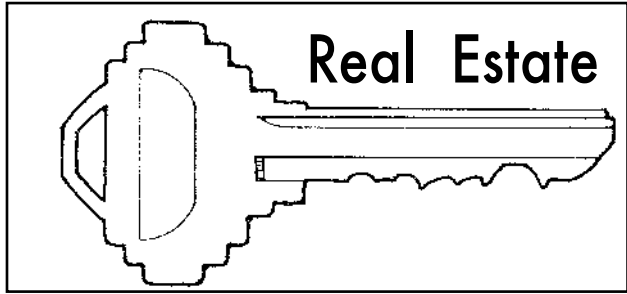
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1. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 522 E. Madison Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.
2. The time and place of sale will be March 25, 2020, at 10:00 A.M., Boone County Courthouse, Main Entrance, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, County of Bonne, Illinois, conducted by the Boone County Sheriff.
3. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: A multi-family home with 3 units and a total of 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, consisting of approximately 1,992 square feet.
4. The terms of the sale are: Ten Percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and the balance is due within 24 hours of sale. The property offered for sale is subject to all real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of the title and without recourse to the Boone County Sheriff's Office and in "As Is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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9. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Matthew M. Hevrin, HINSHAW & CULBERTSON LLP, 100 Park Avenue, Rockford, IL 61101, Tel (815) 490-4935.

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
-v.- 19 CH 73
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF SUSAN M. SIEK, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SUSAN M. SIEK, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF SUSAN M. SIEK, DECEASED, DEBORAH L. SCHROEDER, KIM YUREK, DAN YUREK, STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SHERRY ZACK, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUSAN M. SIEK, DECEASED, Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 14, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 15, 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:
Commonly known as 2360 RANDOLPH ST., CALEDONIA, IL 61011
Property Index No. 03-21-176-010
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$114,381.90.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 381459.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
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E-Mail: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Attorney File No. 381459
Case Number: 19 CH 73
TJSC#: 40-402
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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**LEGAL NOTICES
Foreclosures**

**State Of Illinois
In The Circuit Court Of The 17Th Judicial Circuit
County Of Boone**

BLACKHAWK BANK, Plaintiff,
v. Case No. 2019CH63
ARIEL ZMIJEWSKI; TINA B. ZMIJEWSKI; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; HIBU INC., a corporation f/k/a YELLOWBOOK INC. f/k/a YELLOW BOOK SALES & DISTRIBUTION COMPANY, INC.; GF PREMIER GROUP LLC d/b/a GF COMPANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSES; UNKNOWN HEIRS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

(522 E. Madison Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.
1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Matthew M. Hevrin, HINSHAW & CULBERTSON LLP, 100 Park Avenue, Rockford, Illinois 61101, Tel. (815) 490-4935.
2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 522 E. Madison Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.
3. The legal description of the real estate is:
Lot Five (5) in William Coopers Subdivision of Fractional Block 17 in the Original Town of Belvidere, and of Block 1 of S.S. Whitman's Addition to Belvidere, as platted and recorded in Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois on October 5, 1887 in Book 47 of Deeds on page 444; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.
COMMON ADDRESS: 522 E. Madison Street
Belvidere, Illinois 61008

P.I.N. Number: 05-25-154-006
4. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: A multi-family home with 3 units and a total of 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, consisting of approximately 1,992 square feet.
5. The time and place of sale will be Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 10:00 A.M., Boone County Courthouse, Main Entrance, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, County of Boone, Illinois.
6. The terms of the sale are: Ten Percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and the balance is due within 24 hours of sale. The property offered for sale is subject to all real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of the title and without recourse to the Boone County Sheriff's Office and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
7. Title will be conveyed subject to the following liens and interests: all general real estate taxes, special assessments, if any, easements and restrictions of record, and the interests, if any, of any tenant in possession.
8. The property will not be available for inspection.
9. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of subject premises.
10. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
BLACKHAWK BANK, Plaintiff
Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP
By Matthew M. Hevrin
One of Its Attorneys
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL NUSRET,
Deceased. NO. 2020 P 10
CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of MICHAEL NUSRET. Letters of Office were issued on February 10, 2020, to Jacqueline Joseph, 390 Comstock Drive, Elgin, Illinois 60123, who is the legal representative of the Estate. The attorney for the estate is John M. Nelson, 1 Court Place, Rockford, Illinois 61101

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before August 31, 2020 that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 or with the estate legal representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate's legal representative and to his/her attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF ARIUNCHIMEG PUREV,
vs Case No. 2019-D-189
ROBERT PUCKETT, PETITIONER,
RESPONDENT.

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN YOU, Robert Puckett, that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, by the said

Petitioner against you requesting a Petition for Dissolution. NOW, THEREFORE, unless you the said Respondent, Robert Puckett, file your Answer to the Petition in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, on or before the 30th day of March, 2020 default may be entered against you at any time after that day and an Order entered granting the relief requested in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

Linda Anderson Circuit Court
C.K. Miller Deputy Boone County, Illinois
Charles T. Sewell, L.L.C. Attorney at Law
215 South State Street Belvidere, Illinois 61008
Phone: 815-544-3118
ARDC #2554984
E-Mail: charlestsl@aol.com
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY
Hector Suarez Hernandez
VS Case No. 2020-D-5

Erica Suarez
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Notice is given to you, Erica Suarez, Defendant that this case has been commenced against you in this Court asking for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief.
Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Boone County, Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 on or before the 1st day of April, 2020, a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.
Dated: 02/26/2020
Linda J. Anderson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
17th Judicial Circuit
Boone County, Illinois

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Assumed Names

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Catering business in said County and State under the name of Mac Brothers at the following addresses 326 Rochester Rd. NE, Poplar Grove IL, 61065 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Farel Mc Lester, 326 Rochester Rd. NE, Poplar Grove IL, 61065. Signed: Farel Mc Lester 02/19/2020
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 19th day of February 2020.
Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk,
By Giselle Lenover, Deputy
Published in the Boone County Journal 02/28, 03/06,13

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a business selling natural wool fibers thru direct marketing and e-commerce in said County and State under the name of Woolly Bee Farm LLC at the following addresses 2389 Kelly Rd, Caledonia, IL 61011 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Susan B. Ziller 2389 Kelly Rd Caledonia, IL 61010. Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 28th day of February 2020.
Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk,
By Giselle Lenover, Deputy
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Nutrition Bar & Fit Club business in said County and State under the name of Vive Protein Bar & Fit Club at the following addresses 126 N. State St, Belvidere IL 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Mario Carrillo 126 N. State St, Belvidere IL 61008 Signed: Mario Carrillo 03/4/2020
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 4th day of March 2020.
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Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 4th day of March 2020.
Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk,
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hearing of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

Following Pritzker's frustration with the lack of tests provided by the federal government, Krishnamoorthi grilled CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield.

The CDC started developing a test after the first U.S. COVID-19 case was announced on Jan. 21. The Food and Drug Administration authorized distribution to states on Feb. 4, but flaws in test kits and contamination at the CDC's facility in Atlanta delayed testing.

"Recovering from that misstep cost us precious weeks and now months," Krishnamoorthi said. "Meanwhile the virus spread and people died."

Countries like South Korea and Italy, which opted to use an earlier-developed test from the World Health Organization, have tested hundreds of thousands of people. In the U.S., the CDC says slightly more than 11,000 people had been tested as of Tuesday. Redfield said that's because the agency wanted a test specific to America's public health system.

"We did not develop this test for all of clinical medicine," he said. "Tests for clinical medicine, we count on the private sector to work together with the FDA to bring those tests to bear."

Prevention Tips

COVID-19 cases in the U.S. topped 1,000 on Wednesday with more than 30 deaths as the World Health Organization declared the disease the first global pandemic since the 2009 H1N1 swine flu. Worldwide, more than 122,000 people have gotten sick and more than 4,500 have died.

CDC guidelines suggest covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands for 20 seconds with

soap and water, avoiding touching your face, staying home when you are sick, and cleaning frequently-touched surfaces.

Illinoisans who think they might have the virus may call the state's COVID-19 hotline (1-800-889-3931) or email dph.sick@illinois.gov. IDPH also has a webpage of frequently asked questions: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>.

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Forecast: State Should See Modest Revenue Growth in Fy 2021

Current year revenues meeting earlier estimates

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

State revenue officials said Thursday that tax collections have been coming in about as expected so far this fiscal year, and they predict modest revenue growth in the fiscal year that begins July 1.

“All three large categories – individual income tax; corporate income taxes and sales taxes – are trending upward,” Revenue Department Director David Harris said in an interview after briefing the House Revenue and Finance Committee.

That new estimate is essentially the same as earlier estimates upon which Gov. JB Pritzker based his latest budget proposal. Overall, according to the report, the state should see about \$40.7 billion in revenue from both state and federal sources. That’s an increase of about \$656 million, or 1.6 percent, in base year-over-year revenues.

And if voters in November approve a constitutional amendment to allow for a graduated income tax, where people are charged higher rates on higher levels of income, Illinois could see an additional \$1.4 billion during the last six months of the fiscal year, bringing the total to \$42.1 billion.

Even without the constitutional amendment, individual income taxes are expected to grow about 3.5 percent, to \$20.1 billion.

Marty Johnson, chief economist for the Department of Revenue’s Research Office, said wage growth in Illinois has been sluggish in recent years, compared to the national average, but she said the current tight labor market, combined with the state’s higher minimum wage, should push wages up in the coming year.

“So certainly, wages and salaries are moving in the right direction,” she said. “We will see that in our forecast for both income taxes and sales taxes.”

Sales tax receipts are projected to grow 3.4 percent, to just over \$9 billion, while corporate income taxes are expected to hold steady at just under \$2.5 billion.

Johnson noted that the state saw a bump in corporate income taxes during the current fiscal year due to an amnesty program lawmakers approved in 2019. Discounting that, she said, corporate income taxes are expected to grow 0.5 percent.

Those estimates are based on the department’s economic outlook for both the state and the nation.

Johnson described the outlook for the national economy as “stable” as fears about an economic downturn are receding with the signing of a “Phase I” trade deal with China that is expected to boost U.S. exports, including agricultural products.

But she also warned of clouds on the horizon, such as the possibility of increased trade tensions as well as the spread of the

novel coronavirus, which has disrupted manufacturing supply chains and threatens to disrupt the travel and tourism industry.

Johnson said the Illinois economy has been lagging that of the U.S. during the economic expansion, which has now lasted 111 months.

She said the tight labor market has driven down the state’s unemployment, last reported at 3.5 percent in December, a 50-year low. But she said that number is expected to climb to about 3.9 percent by the end of the current fiscal year in June, and could hover around 4.1 percent for the next fiscal year.

“This tight labor market is expected to translate into decelerating job growth and hit some of the limits that we can expect, so we won’t be adding the jobs as we have in the past, but it’s still solid performance that’s expected,” Johnson said.

No Change on Daylight Saving Bill Initiative would Need Feds to Sign Off

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An effort in Illinois to prevent biannual clock changes — such as the one Sunday moving time forward one hour — appears stalled.

The state Senate passed a bill in November by Bunker Hill Democrat Andy Manar that calls for setting clocks ahead one hour to daylight saving time on Sunday and leaving Illinois permanently on Central Daylight Time. But that bill remains in legislative limbo in

the House, and even if Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker signs the initiative into law, it could not take effect unless approved by the federal government.

Hawaii and Arizona are the only states granted with such waivers to abolish biannual time changes. The tropical territories of Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands opted out of time changes as well.

“This doesn’t seek [a waiver]. This just says one of two things should happen: There should be a national change or, if Congress were to begin to give states

exemptions, that obviously would be a different conversation here on this floor,” Manar said in November. “This doesn’t say that we should ignore federal law.”

Manar declined to comment on this story.

A spokesperson for Amtrak told Capitol News Illinois in November the current system of twice-yearly time shifts causes some inconvenience for the railroad, particularly in November when clocks are wound back one hour. It forces trains running around 2 a.m. that Sunday to stop for one hour and allow clocks to catch up to the train schedule.

The idea for the initiative came to Manar from a Carlinville High School student, he said in a tweet. The senator also pointed to a Newsweek article that references research suggesting biannual time changes in the U.S. could have detrimental health impacts.

Arizona State University history professor Calvin Schermerhorn said in an interview in October that the Grand Canyon State does not observe daylight savings time due to its brutally hot summer days. Remaining on standard time in the summer means cooler temperatures when people get off work and children leave school.

Other than that, “not having daylight saving is kind of a hassle,” Schermerhorn said, “because half the year we’re on the equivalent of Pacific Time and half the year we’re on Mountain Time.”

The measure is Senate Bill 533. Republican Rep. Allen Skillicorn, from East Dundee, is the House sponsor. He said time changes should be eliminated because they disrupt sleep patterns.

“There is no question that changing our clocks twice per year messes with our daily routines,” he said in a statement.

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