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A Line of Bakers in Belvidere

1914 – 1924

by David Larson

There was a time when Belvidere had several bakeries at any given time. Some have even become legendary and whose memory is a sensory experience so satisfactory, that one is left scratching one's head, wondering what went wrong. Bakeries were small businesses, where the owner worked side-by-side with employees.

Independent bakers are all but extinct because of market forces. Today there is one bakery in Belvidere, Yolanda's Bakery on Buchanan Street's Shortline. Most bakery goods we buy today are the product of years of competition that drove the artisan baker out of business and are industrial bakery products with memorable names.

Our story begins with a fire at the Brown Bakery at 4AM in the middle of January 1914. Brown Bakery was located at the corner of South State Street and West Locust. Today that building is the Gomez Restaurant. It was in a fully-insured building owned by John Hicks. The bakery was located on the north end of the building which also had a confectionery and soda fountain in front and an ice cream parlor in the rear off the alley. The bakery covered the whole basement of the building, and is where the ovens were located. On the first floor on the south end of the building was Miss Mattie Hick's Art Store, perhaps the building owner's wife, and in the rear of that space was Gilbert's Publishing Company. Four apartments on the second floor whose occupants were driven to the street by the fire according to a press account, which described "some of them (as) scantily clad." The alarm was called in by telephone.

The fire ruined 2,200 loaves of bread ready for Saturday delivery. Some Rockford bakers who had heard of the fire came to aid the Belvidere bakery by helping with the replacement production of bread so that Saturday's delivery schedule could be met. The Starr Theater and the apartment above, to the north, had minor smoke damage. The law offices of Sewell and Popp occupy that space today.

In 1915, Brown's delivery truck, driven by Archie Moore, and the Belvidere Ice Company wagon collided at Whitney Boulevard and Pleasant Street, nearly destroying Brown's truck.

In August of 1920, George Dixon, who moved here from Bushnell, Illinois, purchased the Brown bakery. His business plan was to bake during the night so as to have the freshest bread every morning. He planned to limit his business to bakery goods, unlike Brown.

In January of 1921, L. D. Keyes of Elkhart, Indiana, a baker with years of experience, purchased what had been the Dixon Bakery. Keyes bought all new equipment, creating one of the most up-to-date bread making systems in the region. Keyes became a supplier to the local grocery magnate, "Billy" Piel. Keyes brought with him a license to bake "Holsum" bread, thus the reason for his investment in the new baking system.

In September of 1921, Keyes moved the bakery to 411 South State Street, where ReMax Property Source is located today. He signed a 5-year lease for the first floor and basement. Between the sales counter and the baking room, he built a glass wall so that patrons could watch the baking process from the sales counter. The sales room was painted with white enamel to accent the cleanliness of the bakery. In August 1922, Keyes sold out to an already-established Belvidere bakery, the Sawyer Bakery. Mr. Keyes announced plans to move to another town and setup a new bakery. Perhaps he was an agent for the "Holsum" bread brand.



Photos of the Sawyer Bakery provided by Cheryl Russell-Smith

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Boone County Clerk

press release

Boone County Clerk, Julie A. Bliss, 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. Bliss said that her office welcomes inquiries by anyone who feels they may wish to take advantage of these aids at the February 23, 2021 Consolidated Primary Election.

Clerk Bliss 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. After filing the application with the County Clerk's office, 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 February 18, 2021 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 January 14, 2021 through February 22, 2021. 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 Bliss 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.

Here's What You Told Us About Your 2020 Election Experience

by BGA Policy Team (edited)

According to a 750 person survey, 1/3 from Chicago, one third from suburbs, one third downstate the following was report was prepared by Better Government Association an Illinois non-partisan watchdog organization

Despite record demand for mail ballots, relatively few (23 percent) actually voted via the U.S. Postal Service. Nearly a third (32 percent) filled out mail ballots but delivered them to a dropbox instead. About 45 percent voted in person.

Downstate voters showed a slight preference for in-person voting. Voters in suburban Cook County and especially Chicago were more likely to have requested mail ballots — though suburbanites were far more likely to mail them back than Chicagoans, who favored the drop boxes.

Across the state, those who voted in person opted strongly (more than 2-1) for early voting.

Voters enjoyed bypassing the sometimes long line at early voting sites to hand their mail ballots to an attendant, who checked the signature and other information before putting it in the secure box.

Messaging about the various options could have been better. Those who had second thoughts about mailing their ballots still could choose to vote in person, for example, but not all knew to bring their mail ballot and surrender it. That meant they had to sign affidavits saying they hadn't used the ballot. (In some cases they were required to vote provisionally.) This slowed things down

Obituaries

Adams, John, 84, Poplar Grove, December 11
 Ashcraft, Ronald, 58, Formerly of Bel., Dec. 18
 Gibbons, Dr. Gregory, 61, Belvidere, Dec. 19
 Gustafson, Harold "Pete", 95, Belvidere, Dec 13
 Henninger, Darlene, 91, Belvidere, December 15
 Perez, Elodia, 74, Belvidere, December 13
 Rowe, Louie, 96, Belvidere, December 13

Quidnunc



Everyone is now talking about the silver lining as a result of Covid-19 even though the larger picture is so bad. Stay safe because there is now light at the end of the tunnel.

Troy Thomas Duncan

Troy Thomas Duncan, Caledonia, Illinois, passed away suddenly on December 12, 2020. Beloved son of Alastair and Rae, and brother, Taylor. Sadly missed by aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandmother, in Scotland, France, and Canada, and sadly missed by friends. Private family service Family flowers only. Troy was a gentle soul who loved animals. Donations welcome to Oaken Acres Wildlife Center. www.oakenacres.org

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at the voting sites, but does not appear to have disenfranchised voters.

Many voters were frustrated in their attempts to track the progress of their mail ballots. One in three said they were unable to track their ballots. Roughly the same number said that by Election Day, they did not have confirmation that their ballots had been received.

Despite the challenges, nearly three in four respondents said their confidence in mail voting increased or stayed the same based on their experience in this election. Overall, 43 percent were more confident, 27 percent were less confident, and 31 percent were unchanged.

Still, there was little support for election officials to mail ballots (or even ballot applications) automatically. Almost 40 percent said voters should request an application and return it to their election authority in order to receive a mail ballot. About 27 percent said eligible voters should automatically receive applications (as they did in the Nov. 3 election). Only 18 percent supported sending ballots to all eligible voters. (15 percent had no opinion.)

Bakery

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Keyes purchased the National Hotel in March of 1921 for \$4,500. It was located on the corner of North State Street and West Hurlbut Avenue. It is an apartment house today.

The Sawyer Bakery was owned and operated by Lord Mortimer Sawyer and Harry Sawyer. Both had years of experience in baking. Harry and Mort were born and raised in Belvidere. The bakery opened in the summer of 1920, around the time Dixon bought Brown's Bakery. The Sawyer Bakery was in a building on the corner of South State Street and Pleasant Street, more recently the home of C'est La Vie. In 1920, the building was known as the Starr Building. The photos may have been taken at this location, because the bakery is not clearly visible from the salesroom, as we know was true at 411 South

State. Here we see a young woman and her child behind the counter. Perhaps this was Miss Emma Huff, who Lord Mortimer married in May of 1923.

In January of 1921, the Sawyers sublet to "Curly" Ward, who opened a restaurant in the basement. That building, like so many Belvidere buildings of that era, had a Pleasant Street stairwell, permitting commerce in the basement. It is not clear what actually happened to the restaurant, but by June of 1921, Charles Choumont opened The Economy Barber Shop in the same basement.

The brothers added a new mixer to the business machinery taken over from Keyes. They also move the business into the 411 address. The Sawyer Bakery was also the "Holsum" bread baker, having taken over the franchise from Keyes. Every business has its bumps, and the Sawyers had their share from being hurt on the job, to fires and auto accidents. A traffic mishap in front of the bakery occurred when an auto hit their delivery truck, causing extensive damage. Isabel Crandall who was living at 422 South State had been riding the running board of her son's car, whereupon disembarking while it was in motion, the driver lost control and hit the baker's truck.

By March 1923, the Sawyers were delivering pastries and breads throughout the city of Belvidere. They also delivered to Poplar Grove. Harry drove the delivery truck there in December, just before Christmas 1923 and spun-out on the Poplar Grove road. The *Belvidere Daily Republican* called the spinning out "turning turtle," and Harry came out of it with a bruised hand. Both brothers over the years were reported to have had their hands pulled into the automatic dough roller. Apparently this was common, because the newspaper reported these accidents often at each of the cities bakeries.

The enterprising Sawyer brothers advertised several promotions. They offered rubber aprons for only 69 cents if the buyer brought in 10 "Holsum" bread wrappers. Buying their flour by the barrow, with 100 in stock, they offered empty barrows for 75 cents.

1924 was not a good year for the Sawyer bakery. In January two different fires broke out. One caused by dust and another from wiring. The Sawyer bakery was located at 411 South State, but the wiring issue developed in the wall between the bakery and the Second National Bank, which would have been further south and in line with Buchanan Street, rather than mid-block to the north. Perhaps address numbers were revised in the last 100 years on State Street in Belvidere.

In September, the Sawyers announced they would close, making this public statement, "while having a good trade, so many have entered the business and competition from other cities have made the business not to be profitable." In October, a legal notice shows the bakery declared bankruptcy.

Lord Mortimer and Anna moved to Jefferson, Wisconsin and continued in the bakery business. A baker from Marengo, F. C. Barnard, bought the bakery out of bankruptcy court and reopened the business.

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On Sunday, December 20, 2020 at approximately 5:35pm the Belvidere Police Department responded to the 200 block of W. Locust Street for a report of shots fired.

On arrival patrol officers contacted a 17-year-old male who was shot one time in the back but alert and conscious.

The male was transported by Lifeline Ambulance to St. Anthony Hospital and was reported to be in stable condition.

Witnesses identified the shooter as an African American male approximately 6'0" tall, thin build, wearing a black skull cap, dark clothing, and a cloth mask.

According to witnesses, the shooter, another African American male and Hispanic female fled the scene driving a silver four door sedan with tinted windows in the direction towards South State Street.

The investigation is on-going and additional information will be released as it becomes available.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or any criminal offense is encouraged to contact the Belvidere Police Department at 815-544-2135. Anonymous reports can be made by contacting, 24 hours a day, Boone County Crimestoppers at 815-544-7867(815-547-STOP) and BOONECOUNTYCRIMESTOPPERS.COM. Persons with information leading to an arrest can be awarded a cash reward of up to \$1000.00

Illinois, Other States File Lawsuit Against Google, Seek to Join DOJ Case

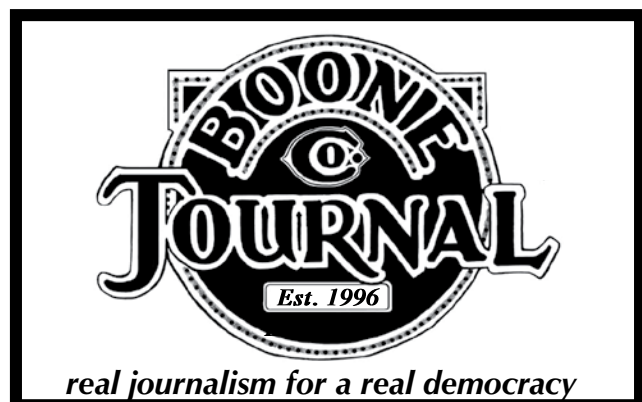
The lawsuit claims Google has illegal monopoly over search engines, related advertising

by Raymon Troncoso
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Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul joined 37 other attorneys general Thursday in filing a lawsuit against Google LLC, alleging the company illegally holds monopoly power.

The complaint was filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and accuses Google of engaging in anticompetitive practices that led to

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Time to Prune the Fruit Trees: Let University of Illinois Extension Help you this Winter with Upcoming Webinars. To help residents this winter, University of Illinois Extension will be offering its popular "Intro to Fruit Tree Pruning" class in a zoom-webinar format on two different dates: January 20 (12:00-1:30PM), and January 26 (6:00-7:30PM). In this online format, participants will learn the basics of pruning, tools to use, and strategies to consider for their trees

Cost for the class is \$5. For more information and to register, please visit go.illinois.edu/IntroFruitTreePruning or call 815-235-4125.

Illinois Tollway Extends Popular Toll Violation Relief Program through June 30, 2021: The Illinois Tollway is reminding drivers that they have through June 30, 2021 to take advantage of TOLLING 2020 by paying a reduced, \$3.00 fee per toll for passenger vehicles, a savings of 85 percent over the \$20.00 fines previously assessed. Visit www.Illinoistollway.com for more information.

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Oregon High School Students Start Businesses to Benefit Community, GoFundMe Set Up to Help with Launch Efforts: Juniors in the Social Entrepreneurship program at Oregon High School are ready to launch their own businesses aimed at solving social, economic, and environmental issues in their community. The problem? Their typical source of funding for business start-up costs is non-existent due to the pandemic, so they set up a GoFundMe account to help fill the gap.

The students have arranged a GoFundMe account to generate start-up funding for their businesses since they cannot hold their usual in-person start-up showcase due to COVID-19. The aspiring entrepreneurs are hoping to receive the gift of potential from their community so they can give back and help them through their businesses.

To donate and learn more about the students' businesses, visit gofundme.com/f/help-these-high-school-startups-change-the-world.

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	January 1, 2023	(5) Year Term
Fire Protection District #3	July 20, 2023	(3) Year Term
	July 20, 2023	(3) Year Term
Regional Planning Commission	December 31, 2020	Remainder of Term
	December 31, 2021	Remainder of Term
Boone County Ethics Commission	June 30, 2021	(1) Year Term
Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals	June 1, 2021	Remainder of Term
Building Board of Appeals	June 1, 2024	(5) Year Term
	June 1, 202	(5) Year 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 Administration Office, Administration Campus, 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 102, Belvidere, IL 61008 or e-mail info@boonecountyil.org.

Lawsuit

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customers having less choice, less online privacy and less protection for their private information. Alongside Illinois, 34 other states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico are named as plaintiffs in the filing.

"Close to 90 percent of all internet searches done in the United States use Google. No competing search engine has more than 7 percent of the market, and, over the past decade, no new entrant in the general search market in the United States has accounted for more than 1 percent of internet searches in a given year," the lawsuit reads, establishing Google's status as a monopoly power in the search engine market.

The suit alleges Google maintains its monopoly through lucrative contracts with Apple and other companies to be the default search engine on the vast majority of smart devices and mobile phones.

Google then leverages this by putting advertising customers and results that benefit the company at the top of Google's search results, rather than "general" or "organic" results, described in the suit as results from non-affiliated third-party websites that would normally appear

first according to Google's algorithm, absent advertising partners.

As part of the suit, the coalition of attorneys general seek to join an existing case against Google from the U.S. Department of Justice that is currently pending in court.

A third anti-trust lawsuit was also filed against Google on Wednesday by a different group of 10 state attorneys general in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

The cases are fairly similar, but the coalition's lawsuit seeks to expand the DOJ's complaint to include Google's acquisition and stockpiling of personal data as an additional source of Google's monopoly power that has created barriers to other competitors.

Attorney General Raoul joined another anti-trust lawsuit alongside 47 other attorneys general against Facebook last week.

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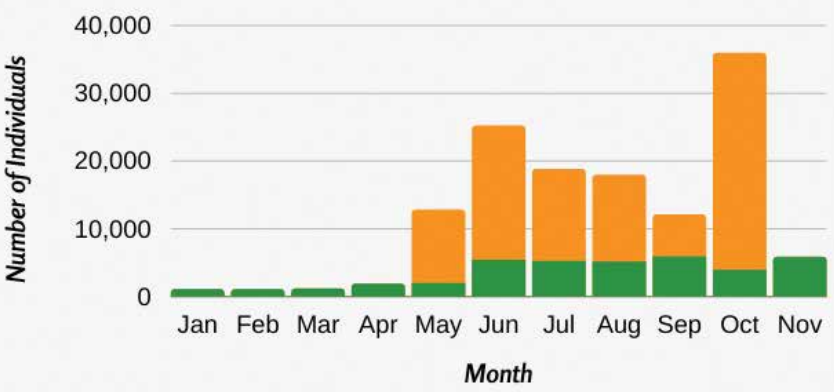
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DATED: 12/15, 2020
Linda J. Andersen, Clerk of the Circuit Clerk
Attorney Alicia Oliver Leonard
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Rockford, IL 61107
815-315-7873
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BOONE COUNTY CASE NO. 2020AD6
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TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, BOONE County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named, JORDYNN HARTEL;
NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of BOONE County, in the City of Belvidere, Illinois, on or before the 12 day of January, 2021, a default may be entered against you at any time following that day, and a judgment order entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition
DATED: 12/15, 2020
Linda J. Andersen, Clerk of the Circuit Clerk
Attorney Alicia Oliver Leonard
318 N. 1st St.
Rockford, IL 61107
815-315-7873
Published in The Boone County Journal Dec 25, Jan 1, 8

BELVIDERE FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION
CITY OF BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
NOTICE
AMENDMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-5, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, has amended its Rules and Regulations regarding lateral appointments to the position of Police Officer. The amendments will become effective on January 4, 2021. Copies of the amended Rules and Regulations may be viewed in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 and obtained from Roberta L. Holzwarth, Attorney to the Commission, 800 N. Church Street, Rockford, Illinois 61103.
Dated: December 23, 2020
Roberta L. Holzwarth, Esq.
Published in the Boone County Journal Dec 25, 2020



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Notice is hereby given that the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, Belvidere City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 upon the following:
Application of Dan and Teresa Snow, 409 West Jackson Street, Belvidere, IL on behalf of the property owner, Teresa Snow, for a variance at 409 West Jackson Street within the SR-6, Single-family Residential-6 District (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(B)(3)(F)(2)(D) Minimum Setbacks: Front or Street Side Lot Line to House: 20 feet, 150.105(B)(3)(F)(2)(D) Minimum Setbacks: Side Lot Line to House or Attached Garage: 6 feet and 150.909 Variance Review). The variance will allow for the required front yard setbacks to be reduced from 20 feet to 9 feet along Berylan Street and from 20 feet 17 feet along Jackson Street and the side yard setback to be reduced from 6 feet to 2 feet along the eastern property line to allow for the existing house to be brought into compliance and potential future reconstruction if need be. The subject property is legally described as:

A part of Lot Three (3) in Block One (1) of B. R. Bennett's Addition to Belvidere, according to Plat thereof in Book 1 of Plats on page 23, Boone County, Records, and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the Northerly line of Jackson Street with the Northerly line of Strawberry Lane (now called Berlyn Avenue), and running from thence Northeasterly along said Northerly line of Jackson Street Thirty-seven (37) feet; from thence at right angles with said Northerly line of Jackson Street Northwesterly to the rear line of said Lot 3; from thence Southwesterly along the rear line of said Lot 3, to the Northerly line of Strawberry Lane (now called Berlyn Avenue); from thence Southeasterly along said line of Strawberry Lane (now called Berlyn Avenue) to the place of beginning, situated in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois. PIN: 05-26-181-009.
All persons interested in the petitions may attend and be heard at the stated time and place.
Carl Gnewuch, Chairman,
Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission
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Assumed Names

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a landscaping business in said County and State under the name of Mujica Landscaping at the following post office address: 609 Union Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 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: Clemente Mujica, 213 King Henry Road SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065; phone #224-423-7801.
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 19th day of November, A.D. 2020
Julie Stapler, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journal December 4, 11, 18

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a construction business in said County and State under the name of Keating Exteriors at the following post office address: 322 W. 10th Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 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: Keith Keating, 322 W. 10th Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #815-566-5022.
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 24th day of November, A.D. 2020
Julie Stapler, County Clerk
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF BOONE
This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a graphic custom design business in said County and State under the name of Starfire Grafix at the following post office address: 854 Pear Street Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 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: Norma Allen, 854 Pearl Street Road, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #815-218-6969.
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 2nd day of December, A.D. 2020
Julie Stapler, County Clerk
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF BOONE
This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a landscaping and snow removal, grass cutting, spring and fall cleanup, installing mulch business, in said County and State under the name of 3 Brothers Landscaping and Snow Removal at the following post office address: 105 Candlewick Drive SE, 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: Genaro Montano Fonseca, 105 Candlewick Drive SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065; phone #815-566-5143.
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 17th day of December, A.D. 2020
Julie Stapler, County Clerk
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF BOONE
This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact office cleaning business, in said County and State under the name of Sunrise Office Cleaning at the following post office address: 114 Pembroke Road SW, 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: Armando Solano, 114 Pembroke road SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065; phone #815-668-5662.
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 17th day of December, A.D. 2020
Julie Stapler, County Clerk
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF BOONE
This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a marketing and business relation consulting company business in said County and State under the name of Cree Distributions at the following post office address: 640 Candlewick Drive NE, Ste. #1, 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: Lateesha Collins, 640 Candlewick Drive NE, Ste. #1 Poplar Grove, IL 61065; phone #231-224-6315.
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 2nd day of December, A.D. 2020
Julie Stapler, County Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF BOONE
TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR
THE BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2,
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
The undersigned, Todd Endress, being first and duly sworn on oath states as follows:
Section A: That he is the duly appointed, qualified and acting Treasurer of the Boone County Fire Protection District #2, Boone County, Illinois and by virtue of said office receives for disbursement and disburses the funds of said fire protection district.
Section B: That the following is a statement of all monies received and of all monies paid out by the undersigned on behalf of said fire protection district for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020.

ALL MONIES AND FROM WHAT SOURCE RECEIVED
CORPORATE FUND

Property Taxes	\$ 964,632
Replacement Taxes	\$ 33,922
Illinois Municipal League	\$ 16,444
Interest Income	\$ 2,241
Non-Resident Billing	\$ 14,760
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,308
Total	\$ 1,033,307

ALL MONIES PAID OUT WHERE TOTAL EXCEEDS \$2,500 IN THE AGREGATE TO INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN EMPLOYEES

Air One Equipment \$10,471; Bound Tree Medical \$7033.18; Dinges Fire Co. \$5,545.47; DJH Masonry \$11,700.00; Erboe & Associates \$4,810.00 Fire Catt, LLC \$4558.40; Fleet Safety Supply \$3,290.26; IL Fire Chief's Assn \$5171.90; Illinois Public Risk Fund \$26,163.00; Leavitt Communications \$3,705.50; Marv's Towing & Repair \$9,997.61; Mercy Health System \$4,994.00; Motorola Solutions Inc. \$3,133.25; Public Risk Underwriters of IL \$23,683.00; Randy Baier Construction \$37,019.48; Renewed Performance \$58,454.37; Rock River Service Co. \$22,432.50; Sentinel Emergency Solutions \$16,500.00; Stryker Sales Corp. \$6,077.82; Target Solution Learning LLC \$4,311.00.

ALL MONIES PAID OUT AS COMPENSATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
Under \$25,000: Jeremy Adams, Theresa Becker, Seth Bicksler, Brian Block, Brent Bryan, Zachary Bullard, Andrew Burza, Benjamin Clausing, Edgar Collins, Michael Dixon, Cory Dovenmuehle, Joshua Dummer, Matt Eby, Adam Ellwanger, Malorie Fahey, Cody Fowler, Andrew Geyer, Bradley Grillo, Colton Gritzmacher, Kirk Gritzmacher, Robert Hauser, Michael Heuer, Kent Hulett, Ryan Johnson, Kyle Kampert, Rodney Kampfranz, Partick Kirane, Robert Koehn, Donald Kownacki, Bradley Lewis, Tyler Losh, Mike Lowe, Matt Niezgodzki, Frank Perez, Joseph Prokop; Carwin Rayphole, Nicholas Reinger, Nicholas Rhoads, Alyssa Schiro, Richard Schwegler, Paul Severson, Spencer Shanks, Luke Spradling, Jeremy Walton, Nathan Walton. \$25,000 to \$49,999: Adam Brahmstedt, Thomas Dixon, Dennis Dovenmuehle, Brian Kunce, Robert Swisher.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
Corporate Fund

Beginning Operating Expense Fund	\$ 293,182
Beginning Capital Reserve	\$ 1,000,000
Total Revenues	\$ 1,033,307
Total Expenditures	\$ 848,352
Ending Operating Expense Fund	\$ 557,775
Ending Capital Reserve	\$ 1,000,556
Ending Balance	\$ 1,558,331

I, Todd Endress, Treasurer of the Boone County Fire Protection District #2, Boone County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020.
Todd Endress
SUBSCRIBED to and SWORN before me
On the 14th day of December 2020.
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Restaurant Asks Illinois Supreme Court to Throw Out Indoor Dining Ban

The restaurant in Kane County remains open to indoor dining
By Sarah Mansur Capitol News Illinois

Lawyers for a Kane County restaurant are asking the Illinois Supreme Court to overturn an appellate court decision that found the governor's indoor dining ban was lawfully imposed.

FoxFire Tavern is one of dozens of restaurants that sued Gov. JB Pritzker and his administration after he issued an executive order imposing stricter restrictions on businesses, including a ban on indoor dining and bar service, in response to rising COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations throughout the state.

The state's highest court has not yet weighed in on the legal arguments challenging Pritzker's power to impose the indoor dining ban, or any other restrictions implemented in his numerous executive orders.

The 2nd District Appellate Court's decision last month that upheld Pritzker's order prohibiting restaurants from allowing indoor dining cannot stand because it "leaves the restaurant industry out in the cold and without legal redress," Kevin Nelson, one of FoxFire's attorneys, wrote in the legal brief to the Illinois Supreme Court submitted on Friday.

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The brief asks the court to accept the case and reverse the appellate court's ruling on the governor's executive order. However, since the court is not obligated to hear the case, the justices could reject that request and decline to rule on it.

The restaurant won an early victory after suing Pritzker in October when a Kane County judge granted the restaurant's request for a temporary restraining order that allowed FoxFire to ignore the new indoor dining restrictions contained in the executive order.

The 2nd District Appellate Court's decision last month overruled the Kane County judge's decision. The appellate court rejected the arguments from FoxFire's legal team that Pritzker is limited, under state law, to issue one 30-day

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Sangamon Co. Judge Tosses Decision Voiding Pritzker's Executive Orders

Judge also denied a lawmaker's request to order Pritzker in civil contempt

by Sarah Mansur Capitol News Illinois

In early July, a judge in downstate Clay County voided Gov. JB Pritzker's executive orders in a sweeping order that he applied to the entire state, at the request of a southern Illinois lawmaker who sued Pritzker over his response to the pandemic.

More than six months later, Sangamon County Judge Raylene Grischow has essentially voided Judge Michael McHaney's July 2 order in the case of Rep. Darren Bailey, R-Xenia.

Pritzker's lawyers asked Grischow last month to "reconsider" the July 2 order from McHaney, who initially presided over Bailey's case before it was transferred to Sangamon County.

On Monday, Grischow issued an 11-page opinion vacating McHaney's order, including "the order wherein Judge McHaney applied it to 'all citizens of the state of Illinois.'"

Grischow also denied Bailey's request from October to find Pritzker in contempt for failing to follow McHaney's July 2 order.

McHaney's order found Pritzker's emergency powers ended on April 8 — the date his first disaster proclamation lapsed — and it declared the Illinois Department of Public Health as the "proper authority to restrict a citizen's movement and/or forcibly close their business premises...."

Regarding the claim that Pritzker's emergency powers ended on April 8, Grischow found that the state law in question — the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act — allows the governor to issue more than one 30-day disaster proclamation.

She wrote that her interpretation of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act is consistent with a 2nd District Appellate Court decision from November, in FoxFire Tavern LLC v. Pritzker, et al. In that case, a Kane County restaurant sued the governor for exceeding his authority under the law by imposing a ban on indoor dining and the appellate court ruled in favor of Pritzker.

"The Appellate Court expressly found that the IEMAA authorizes the Governor to issue successive disaster proclamations stemming from one ongoing disaster," Grischow's opinion states.

Grischow also rejected McHaney's assertions that the Department of Public Health, not the governor, is responsible for closing businesses or restricting individuals' activities during a public health emergency, citing the Illinois Constitution as providing the governor with "supreme executive authority."

"This grant of authority includes providing for the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois under a rational basis standard," Grischow wrote in her Dec. 21 opinion.

Grischow is overseeing a total of 19 cases that were consolidated by the Illinois Supreme Court

to her court. The cases all raise the same question about the governor's authority to issue multiple, successive disaster proclamations under IEMAA.

Those cases are ongoing and no final decision has been issued.

Thomas DeVore, an attorney who represents Bailey and a couple other clients before Grischow, said he wasn't surprised by Monday's ruling because she was required to follow the precedent established in the 2nd District Appellate Court opinion.

He said he intends to continue to pursue Bailey's case in court, adding that the next procedural step is to appeal to the 4th District Appellate Court, which has jurisdiction over appeals from Sangamon County court.

Grischow's order "still leaves all of those issues in front of the court," DeVore said in a phone interview. "But at the end of the day, the Illinois Supreme Court will decide these issues, so practically speaking her ruling changed nothing."

The Illinois Supreme Court has twice declined to intervene in this case, both times at the request of Pritzker's lawyers, first in May and then in August.

Last week, lawyers for FoxFire filed a petition asking the Illinois Supreme Court to hear the case and overturn the 2nd District Appellate Court's ruling. The Supreme Court justices have not yet accepted or declined to hear the FoxFire case.

In an emailed statement, a spokesperson for Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office — which represents the governor and his agencies in court — wrote that Grischow's ruling "might finally signal the end of the first lawsuit - filed earlier this year by Darren Bailey - challenging the governor's authority to issue executive orders to protect Illinois residents during the COVID-19 pandemic."

"For several months, Darren Bailey's lawsuit has served as a distraction from the urgent need to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Illinois. Previously when given the opportunity, Mr. Bailey has abandoned any effort to seek appellate court review of his challenge to the governor's actions, and we assume that will again be the case," wrote AG spokesperson Annie Thompson.

Bills Would Allow Lawmakers To Meet, Vote Remotely

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Two lawmakers have introduced legislation that would allow the General Assembly to meet and vote remotely during a pandemic or other emergency that makes in-person meetings dangerous.

Rep. Ann Williams and Sen. Robert Martwick, both Chicago Democrats, filed the legislation

Monday, saying the current inability to conduct business remotely has hindered lawmakers' ability to respond to the health crisis.

"In March, we had no idea a pandemic would sweep the globe, bringing life as we know it to a halt," Williams said in a news release. "While we were able to meet for a few days in May to conduct urgent business, we continue to face a crisis of epic proportions — both on the public health front and in terms of our budget situation — that requires legislative attention."

"The governor has emergency powers to secure the health of our state," Martwick said. "However, it is the Legislature's responsibility to enact the long-term policies, in accordance with the needs of our unique and diverse constituencies, which will chart the path forward as we recover from this pandemic."

Business in the General Assembly halted in March, around the same time Gov. JB Pritzker declared a statewide disaster. Lawmakers held a brief special session in May, mainly to pass a budget and a few other urgent pieces of legislation, but they canceled their usual fall veto session and have not conducted any official business since May 24.

During that special session, the Senate enacted a procedural rule that allows its committees to meet remotely, but only for informational meetings. They are not allowed to take recorded votes. The only committee that has taken official action since May has been the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, which has held monthly in-person meetings in Springfield.

A bill that would have allowed lawmakers to meet and vote on legislation failed by a single vote in the House in May.

Under the proposed legislation, remote sessions and committee meetings would be allowed "in times of pestilence or an emergency resulting from a domestic or foreign terrorist attack" if the speaker of the House and Senate president issue a joint proclamation. The bill also contains a provision requiring the meetings be accessible to the public to view.


The bill is House Bill 5868. As of Monday afternoon, the Senate version had not been assigned a bill number.

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Illinois Leading the Nation in COVID-19 Vaccinations

Bars, restaurants to remain closed despite improving trends

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

More than 100,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Illinois since the first vaccine was approved for emergency use this month, more than any other state in the nation, and state officials expect the pace of the vaccination program to speed up as the federal government begins distributing a second drug this week.

Gov. JB Pritzker made that announcement during a virtual media briefing Wednesday, adding that eventually, larger states like California and Texas will surpass Illinois simply because of the size of their populations.

“But the vaccine team in Illinois sprinted past them all in week one,” Pritzker said.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted Emergency Use Authorization Dec. 11 for a vaccine developed by the drug companies Pfizer and BioNTech, and the state began delivering those vaccines last week.

On Friday, Dec. 18, FDA granted the same authorization for a vaccine developed by Moderna and shipments of that vaccine are now being distributed to hospitals and local health departments throughout the state.

By Saturday, Pritzker said, the state expects to receive another 23,400 doses of the Pfizer vaccine, plus 174,600 doses of the Moderna vaccine for distribution throughout Illinois outside of Chicago. In addition, Illinois is dedicating another 37,050 doses of the Pfizer vaccine for a federal government’s vaccination program for long-term care facilities, which is being administered by the pharmacy companies CVS and Walgreen’s.

“And with this week’s Moderna shipments, vaccines will have officially reached all 102 counties in Illinois,” Pritzker said.

The city of Chicago, which receives its own shipments directly from the federal government, expects to receive 15,600 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and 48,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine this week.

All of the vaccines being distributed in the first phase of the program are earmarked for health care workers and the residents and staff of long-term care facilities. State officials said this week they expect it will take four to six weeks to complete that phase before the program expands to cover people over age 75 and other front-line essential workers.

Meanwhile, the spread of COVID-19 in Illinois continued to show signs of improvement Wednesday as the Illinois Department of Public Health announced 6,762 new cases of the disease out of 82,328 tests performed. That made for a seven-day rolling average positivity rate of 7.5 percent, the fourth consecutive day below 8 percent.

As of late Tuesday night, 4,593 Illinoisans

were being hospitalized for COVID-19, including 953 in intensive care units and 536 patients on ventilators. That leaves 28 percent of the state’s staffed hospital beds available for use, along with 29 percent of staffed ICU beds and 72 percent of available ventilators.

Despite those trends, however, Pritzker said he has no immediate plans to lift the Tier 3 mitigations currently in effect statewide, which includes the closure of bars and restaurants to indoor service and strict limits on public gatherings.

“The challenge that we have is, what we don’t want to do is swing back and forth between mitigations and not having mitigations within days or a week or two of one another,” Pritzker said. “And as we head into the Christmas holiday and New Year’s, my concern is that we might see – we are going likely to see – some uptick from Christmas and from New Years in hospitalizations as well as cases.”

“Having said that,” he added, “even if we brought the entire state or specific regions from Tier 3 to Tier 2, that would not open bars and restaurants for indoor service yet. We need to bring it down even further and for a longer period of time.”

Pritzker did announce that his administration is increasing funding for child care providers that take part in the state’s Child Care Assistance Program, or CCAP, a program that helps low-income families pay for child care.

Pritzker said the state will invest \$20 million of its remaining allocation from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act, to pay for all eligible days of child care for families enrolled in the program, regardless of the child’s actual attendance, for all of December, January and February.

In addition, he said, the Department of Children and Family Services will lift the capacity limits all licensed family child care providers this month, returning them to full capacity. He said licensed child care centers may return to full capacity in early January, if the COVID-19 rolling positivity rate remains below 9 percent.

The money will also be used to buy and distribute personal protective equipment to child care providers throughout the state.

Pritzker said the intent of the additional funding is to provide some financial stability to child care providers who have seen their enrollments decline or have had staff call in sick during the pandemic.

“These tumultuous times have rained down in multiple ways on our early childhood network of providers,” Pritzker said. “And I wanted to make it easier for them so that we can make sure that childcare is available to parents who need it.”

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Restaurants

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disaster proclamation, and also does not have the power to order businesses closed.

Instead, the appellate court found that state law empowers the governor to issue multiple disaster declarations. The appellate court also ruled that Pritzker’s executive order did not amount to a “closure” for businesses, and therefore, Illinois Department of Public Health Act regulations governing business closures did not apply in this case.

Since that appellate court decision, the FoxFire case has been consolidated in Sangamon County court with 18 other cases filed by businesses operating as restaurants that are challenging the indoor dining ban. The consolidated cases in Sangamon County are ongoing, and no final decision has been issued.

FoxFire’s appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court is known as an “interlocutory appeal” because it asks a higher court to review a decision while the case is pending in a lower court.

The governor, IDPH and the Kane County Health Department, which are named in FoxFire’s appeal, have 21 days from Friday, Dec. 18, to file a response but they are not required to do so. A spokesperson for the Illinois Attorney General’s Office, which represents the governor and state agencies, said its lawyers are reviewing the legal filing.

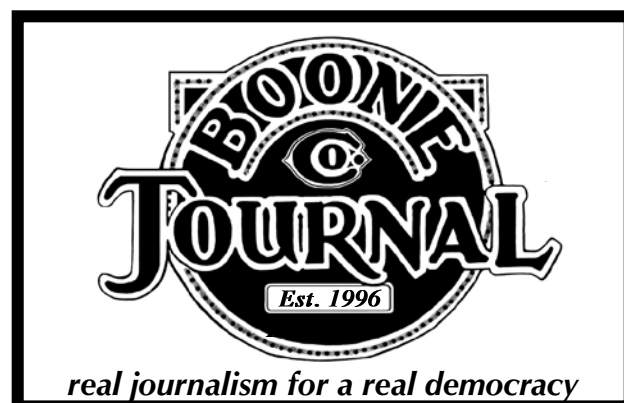
FoxFire, a steak and seafood restaurant in Geneva, continues to allow seating indoors, in defiance of the governor’s executive order, as its legal case remains pending.

KC Gulbro, co-owner of the restaurant, did not respond to requests for comment Monday. A call to the restaurant Monday confirmed it is still serving customers indoors.

Pritzker has said his administration is relying on county health departments and local law enforcement to issue citations and fines to restaurants and bars that violate the ban on indoor dining and bar service. A misdemeanor citation and fine are a last resort only after attempts to ensure voluntary compliance are unsuccessful.

A Kane County Health Department spokesperson declined to comment, citing pending litigation.

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