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Illinois Addresses Black History

by David Larson

This year, we can truly be thankful for the State of Illinois mandating a more inclusive and truthful American history to be taught in public schools, specifically the ancestral history of one the largest ethnic groups in the country. There is little doubt that by learning, a more truthful and inclusive history, Illinois students will more easily escape the chains of the past, Black or White.

This month Americans celebrate Black History Month. The photograph here shows Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the background with Rosa Parks in the foreground. Though King led civil rights marches across the South, he admitted to many of his supporters, without Rosa Parks, his trek would have been harder to accomplish.

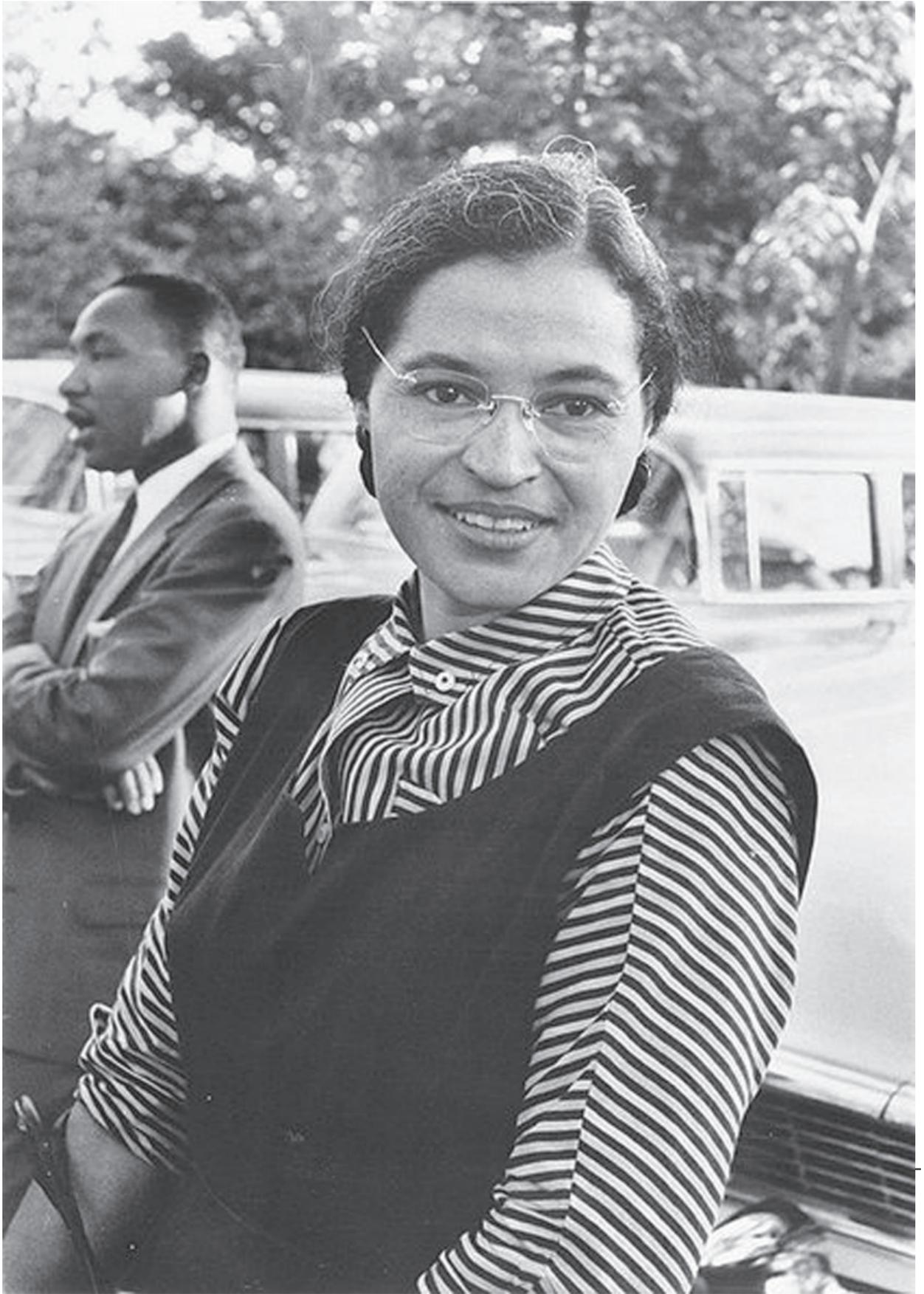
On December 1, 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama, Ms. Parks boarded a city bus and refused to comply with bus driver James Blake's order that she give up her seat to a White passenger. Her act had been preceded by other similar events expressed by others, but Ms. Parks' action marked the beginning of the modern civil rights movement in America, decrying racial prejudice, "Jim Crow" laws that contributed to the injustices like sport hangings by drunk Southern White men long suffered by all Black Americans.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, and became a Baptist minister. He developed into a fearless civil rights advocate, and led the Montgomery Bus Boycott that resulted from Ms. Parks' action. To the world, he appeared fearless, but to those within his inner circle, Dr. King, as did Mahatma Gandhi, admitted deeper fears. They both affirmed that those fears would not disable them because their resolve was too strong to succumb to fear. Later, Dr. King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He reached the zenith of his acclaim with the 1963 March on Washington, D.C., where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

Though Dr. King addressed thousands that day, future accomplishments came after significant trials, but his resolve remained vigilant. King was beaten, he was jailed, and many will not forget the photograph shot by Charles Moore of Black Star when Dr. King was arrested in Birmingham. The local police wrenched his upper body over the counter in the police headquarters.

Europeans cannot imagine the depth of racism in America that thrived for decades after the American Civil War, nor can they imagine the strength of character and belief of a large number of White and Black Americans. That resolve led to significant changes in the law, heralding in a new method for Americans to interact with one another. Brown v. Board of Education, voting rights laws, and much other federal and state legislation led Americans from the depths of racism to adopt beliefs that the nation would prosper to a greater extent if all Americans worked to overcome the burden that was and remains racism. Racism has not been eliminated from the American cultural terrain, but it is because of Ms. Parks and Dr. King that those stains on the American character are being dissipated.

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Primary Results

Julie A. Bliss, Boone County Clerk reports unofficial, projected winners of the following races with 1014 ballots cast of 14171

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 Jeffrey Carlisle 494

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Sheryl Prather 111
 Daniel Hulina 100

Belvidere Township Trustee (4)

Robert E. Turner 771
Jim Culvey 749
Kathy L Grover 661
Bernard O'Malley 646
 Richard Nelson 618

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Black History

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American culture was changed due to Ms. Parks and Dr. King resulting from their depth of conviction that allowed them to move Americans to change how we see each other. Our perception of human beings of different race was altered by what Ms. Parks and Dr. King did and by the depth of their conviction.

As we move forward in America's Third Century, we are far removed from the depth of conviction that Ms. Parks and Dr. King expressed as easily as they expressed the color of their eyes. They did not question the path they chose to walk, and they did not question the trials that lay before them, because the depth of their belief and the certainty of their success were such that, without vocalized doubt, they just moved forward. Those that are 60 years of age and older remember the boycotts and the protest marches and the riots that emerged from the movements of Dr. King during those days of rage.

Fire hoses spewing water at high velocity were used in Birmingham and Montgomery, Memphis, and Selma to repel the force of their voices and the sincerity of their words. The sheer pressure of Dr. King and his non-violent form of protest carried greater impact than shots from a gun: The dedication and the strength of his character moved Southern and federal leaders to conclude, the time for the change he proclaimed was ripe.

Of all that he accomplished, Dr. King moved Americans to look at ourselves and evaluate our national character to discover higher goals and aspirations found in sacred books, and in early political texts from the birth of this nation, and in The Federalist Papers. Dr. King had a higher vision for this nation than what anyone else had and that vision resulted, in part, from a move by Rosa Parks, but also from his desire for all Americans to understand they could be stronger than they were.

Every year on or near his birthday, Americans celebrate the life of Dr. King. Yet, no one--not even his lieutenants--would know the deep sacrifices he made to move this nation to where we stand today. The force of Dr. King's character and the strength of his belief moved Americans to look at each other as we never had before. He wanted Americans to become colorblind, unaware of racial differences and to judge a person by their character and not by their image presented to the world.

Of course, Dr. King's life ended at too young an age. He died from an assassin's bullet on the veranda of a Memphis motel on April 4, 1968. Dr. King was only 39 years old and some that remember him today from those tumultuous years would agree, there was so much more he could have given.

What is clear is that we need to support all adults who are becoming parents. Here are three things policymakers, practitioners, and businesses can embrace to support families in growing stronger and more resilient.

Time for a Mom Plus Plan. Our approach must be both-and, not either-or. Let's apply the research findings highlighted by Dr. Watamura and Dr. Kim and create robust, inclusive policies and supports that double-down on moms as well as bring in fathers, grandparents, adoptive, and nonbiological parents too. Check out the Alameda County, California Fathers Corps for clear steps toward a Mom Plus Plan – [seven principles to support dads as parents too](#).

Modernize antiquated workplace mindsets and policies, include all parenting adults. Fathers, aunties, and grandparent guardians experience the same brain changes as they transition to parenting but often with less support. Nonbiological parents

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- Beu, Sharon, 74, Poplar Grove, February 16
- Claeyssen, Susann, 51, Belvidere, 16
- Hulstedt, Lynne, 79, Belvidere, February 15
- Kniep, Thomas, 89, Poplar Grove, February 16
- Long, Phillip, 75, Belvidere, February 14
- Lutzow, Kathleen, 75, Belvidere, February 20
- McNames, Pamela "Pam", 76, Belvidere, Feb. 20
- Poliak, Marilyn, 87, Rockford, Feb. 23

This is Your Brain on Parenting

By Anne Mosle

We have learned so much about the powerful brain burst moments in the early years of life and the impact toxic stress, trauma, and poverty have during this critical period for babies. Research shows a baby's brain can double in size by the first year and by the child's fifth birthday, 95 percent of their total brain growth has taken place.

What we now know, thanks to the work of Dr. Sarah Watamura, Dr. Pilyoung Kim, Tiffany Phu, and Andrew Erhart from the University of Denver in *Two Open Windows: Part II*, is that adults transitioning to parenthood are also experiencing brain bursts. In fact, all caregivers, regardless of biological connection to their baby, experience brain developments as they become parents, like learning if a baby's cry means they are hungry or needs a diaper change. The science now calls us to think **Mom Plus** and extend proven supports like home visits and stress-reduction classes to fathers, adoptive parents, and other adults who take on the primary parenting responsibilities for a young child.

It is the act of transitioning to parenthood, whether a biological parent or not, that opens a time-limited window where both new parent and baby are especially receptive to being shaped by their environments. It is a window of opportunity if handled respectfully and intentionally, where we can support and set families on a path to health and well-being. Doing this for parents, caregivers and babies together in this early window will pay off in the short-term by helping parents and children cope with stress and, in the long-term, by setting children on a path to be successful in school and later in life.

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I would like to thank two police officers who were a great help to me on Sunday. I was walking from where we parked our car to the Keen Age Center to get a Covid-19 vaccine. As I approached the building, I fell face first. My husband asked me if I was okay. I said yes. I got up on my knees. Now to stand up. Within minutes two police officers were there to help. Each took me under an arm and I was up. Yes, I was able to walk into the Keen Age Center and get the vaccine. Thank you again for your swift assistance.

Margaret Osbakken



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--In Our Opinion--

Do You, Like Me, Suffer from Malaise?

by Jim Nowlan

In the 1970s, President Jimmy Carter supposedly worried that Americans were suffering from collective malaise, the French word for an underlying feeling of discomfort, uneasiness. Carter was roundly ridiculed. A few years later, President Ronald Reagan campaigned in 1984 on the theme, in sharp contrast: "It's morning again in America." Whether that were true, the Reagan positivity fueled his successful re-election.

But today, I do feel a sense of personal malaise about how things are going in our country. Do you feel like I do? And if so, why, and what can we do about it?

The present brutal winter doesn't help, of course, and the prolonged pandemic has made me appreciate how much I miss my former, lively social life with friends. Yet, I think my malaise goes deeper.

For example, I am sorely distressed by the continuing, deep polarization, even enmity, in Washington and across the country between otherwise generally decent people on both sides of the Trump/anti-Trump divide.

Second, the pandemic has resulted in a lost year of effective schooling for many, maybe most kids. I fear this will worsen the gaps that exist in American education. We can't seem to reduce much the yawning gap between the achievement of minorities and whites. Nor, for that matter, the big gap in achievement between whites and Asian-Americans, as well as overseas Asian students.

Further, there appears to be American — probably worldwide — obsession with the pursuit of "things," as if owning stuff will comfort, amuse, satisfy us. Yet, we seem no happier overall.

To me, the above adds up to a worry over general American decline. Worse, I have the sense that many of my friends are resigned to this.

Alas, malaise. But what to do about it?

First, short-term and practical, I think we need a massive program of summer school for kids of all ages, to help them catch up. Chinese students have not lost a school year, and as I have hectored readers before, we face intense economic competition from that former, extremely proud "Middle Kingdom." With apologies for this

Every year, an Illinois legislator proposes a bill to remove public notices from being published in newspapers and allow units of government to post them to their websites. They must think they are saving taxpayers money, and that newspapers are no longer relevant.

This year is no different. House Bill 811 has been filed but not yet been assigned to a committee. As other bills that have come and gone before it, HB 811 is a bad idea. Lawmakers should reject it, as they have in the past.

This is basically the same bill that was introduced by Rep. Joseph Sosnowski and defeated in 2017.

Newspapers have played a vital role in providing transparency about government through the publication of public notices. It's worked for more than 150 years. Now, with the digital reach of newspapers through their websites and the statewide public notice site run by Illinois newspapers, which the *Journal* participates in, notifying the public has never been more efficient, effective and impactful. Posting notices to newspaper websites and the statewide site are at no additional cost to government and is intended to provide even greater public access to these notices.

Conversely, there are nearly 7,000 units of government in Illinois. Only about half have a website. How efficient and effective would that be?

Units of government are required by statute to post meeting dates, agendas and minutes. Yet, many don't. There are more than 1,400 townships in Illinois, and the vast majority don't have a website but for the ones that do only 53% comply with the required posting of meeting dates, agendas and minutes. Why would different results be expected from the same government

inapt comparison, I feel like Winston Churchill in the 1930s, crying out for his countrymen to take Hitler's military preparations very seriously, which complaints were ignored.

As for summer school, or some such show of determination not to fall behind, we should

tax ourselves to pay the significant costs of operating a major summer program. We cannot continue to overheat the printing presses with the production of endless streams of what I call funny money. First it was the \$2 trillion Trump tax cut in 2017, paid for wholly with debt, and now the multi-trillions in pandemic relief, all unsupported by tax revenue.

On a larger scale, we could use "a nice little war," to rally Americans. As to a war, "That's a joke, son," as Sen. Beauregard Claghorn of old-time radio used to say. Yet rulers around the globe have done just so through history, to

units if they control the posting of public notices?

We all know there is money to be saved by being more efficient. How about taking a realistic look at eliminating the seemingly redundant units of government? Illinois has far more units of government than any other state. Florida has over 7 million more residents than Illinois but fewer than a quarter the number of government units. Drainage districts, road districts and mosquito abatement districts could and should become part of the function of county governments. The largest mosquito abatement district in Illinois is the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District and it spent less than \$100 in 2020 on public notices, which is far less than the \$25,000 it spent on memberships and conferences. The cost of public notices is one of the smallest expenses of government entities.

So, it's not surprising that eliminating public notices from newspapers won't reduce taxes. Realistically no unit of government is going to lower its tax levy. So, if the Legislature really wants to lower public notice expense and ultimately property taxes it should address the number of governmental entities in the state.

Newspapers across Illinois provide access to public notices and verify compliance by government units. They also serve as a permanent record of public notices.

The majority of the more than 400 newspapers in Illinois are small businesses. Like every other small business, newspapers have been hit hard by the pandemic. Removing public notices will make it even harder for newspapers to do what they do best - serve and inform their communities.

Perhaps, this is precisely the goal of the legislation - put small newspapers, like the *Journal* statewide, out of business and out of the way of politicians who feel the public just gets in the way.

unify citizens and distract them from problems at home.

The only alternative issue I can think of that could conceivably rally most of us is that of, "Will it be good for our grandkids?" After all, I see bumper strips: "Ask me how much I love my grandkids!" I wonder if the people in the auto really know what we are bequeathing the little ones. The unprecedented amount of debt I speak of above (approaching that of World War II) will sure not be good for our youngsters.

My very smart young friend, Jake Secrist of Farmington, suggests that our nation needs to think about updating our mission statement. Maybe, after "the pursuit of happiness," we should, I say, add, "the pursuit of harmony, at home and around the world." I don't know. You fill in the blank.

Can President Joe Biden, our governors and community leaders provide the leadership to rally us somehow? And would their leadership arouse energized followers? After all, if you and I don't rise to the occasion, it won't happen. Life is a struggle; always will be.

I know the above paragraphs sound hokey, yet it is bedrock. Civilizations rise and fall. Yet our present, relative national slide, if it be such, is not foreordained.

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include adoptive and same sex couples as well. Too many workplaces offer maternal leave rather than parental leave, and many community programs are geared only to moms. Family Values @ Work shares the “[faces of paid leave](#),” people striving to care for their families without falling off an economic cliff. We need to enable anyone in the parenting role to spend significant time in the early years with their children as it assists with the brain development most beneficial to both. As a society, we can learn a lot from African American fathers who on average spend more time with their children. Black fathers (70%) were most likely to have bathed, dressed, diapered, or helped their children use the toilet every day compared with white (60%) and Hispanic fathers (45%), a model all fathers should follow. (source: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr071.pdf>)

Find ways to lower stress, particularly toxic stress permanently, and especially as we address the impacts of both COVID and racism. Our top job: consider how to prevent or minimize toxic stress that can undermine parenting. Toxic stress is more than regular stress. It is stress that happens in the context of low support. Combatting stressors like racism or a global pandemic also take a toll. When new parents experience toxic stress, it taxes the neuro system needed to figure out a baby’s needs. Supporting new parents, especially those who have experienced trauma, will give them the wherewithal to buffer their children from stress and navigate tough situations. We need to align our mental health systems in more equitable ways, including mental health screening and support to process trauma for all transitioning to parenthood. When brain changes may not happen naturally because parents are suffering from toxic stress, there are programs that show how we can help nature take its course. At Northwestern University, Darius Tandon has developed [Mothers and Babies](#) and [Fathers and Babies](#), two national programs that work with moms and dads to help them prepare mentally and physically for parenthood. Proven programs, like Tandon’s, use two-generation approaches that target adult mental health to cultivate well-being and enhance parent-child relationships.

Embracing a two-generation approach for infants and parents and leveraging the emerging brain science is a gamechanger in how we design services, supports, and care for families during this critical moment of transitioning to parenthood. The science shows why common-sense policies like equitable paid family leave for all families, and early supports like home-visiting that connect new parents to new learning or education opportunities that will widen the two open windows parenthood unlocks. Parenthood changes everything – including your brain. It’s a “no-brainer” – an opportunity we don’t want to miss.

Mosle is executive director of Ascend at the Aspen Institute.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Sock Monkey Making Workshops: Saturday, March 13, 2021. Sessions Begin at 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 2 p.m.

This workshop, facilitated in a small group setting, provides a skilled seamstress giving instruction and assistance as needed to make your handmade sock doll. The session groups are limited in size to accommodate for safe social distancing practices. The workshops are held in the Main Museum Center at Midway Village Museum.

Each group is provided with a set of supplies, and a choice of six colors for your cuddly friend. The colors are pink, blue, yellow, red, brown, and green and are on a first come, first served basis. Basic hand sewing skills are encouraged, but not required and the workshop is recommended for ages 10+.

Registration deadline is 4 pm Thursday, March 11 or until the program is

filled. Register online at www.midwayvillage.com or call 815-397-9112. If you have questions about the workshop, please contact Caitlin Treece, Museum Educator, at 815-397-9112, ext. 106 or educator@midwayvillage.com.

The museum is required to follow State of Illinois mandates regarding COVID-19 at the time of the workshop and masks are required on the museum campus by all visitors and staff. The

Turfgrass, Ornamentals Pesticide Applicator Certification Open Online: Illinois pesticide applicators needing to complete the turfgrass and ornamentals category certifications can now access the online training courses to prepare for the exams. University of Illinois Extension is offering each course for \$25, with unlimited access to course material during a 30-day window.

The course topics cover integrated pest management, weed pests, insect pests, plant diseases, and application equipment and calibration. Short videos are followed by knowledge-check questions to help determine an applicator’s readiness to be successful during the exam.

To register or view a list of additional training courses, visit Illinois PSEP’s Training and Testing. If you will need an accommodation in order to participate, please email uie-psep@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden Announces New Participation In “Museums for All” Initiative: Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden is excited to announce that the organization has joined the Museums for All program beginning in 2021. Museums For All is a national cooperative initiative between the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Association of Children’s Museums (ACM) that encourages individuals of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum habits by offering free or reduced admission to participating museums.

For more information about Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden’s implementation of Museums For

All admission for EBT card-carrying individuals, visit www.klehm.org/museums-for-all/.

Janesville Comic Book Convention: February 27, 2021 from 10 A.M to 4 P.M. Located at 3900 Milton Avenue, Janesville, Wisconsin. Open to the public and Free Admission. Dealers from four states will be on hand with comic books from the Golden Age to present, along with a variety of related collectable items such as action figures. This is a masked event.

Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Group: Wednesday, March 3, 2021. The zoom waiting room opens at 5:50 and the event is from 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Please register to tap.rockford@eastersealschicago.org to receive the Zoom link. Registration is required.



Restaurants, Hotels Call For Reopening Plan

Industry officials warn they can’t last another year

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Officials from the hotel, restaurant and convention industries told a state Senate panel Thursday that they need a clear plan for how they will be allowed to reopen as the COVID-19 pandemic wanes, warning that without such a plan, many will go out of business permanently.

“We need to know ... a strategy, we need to know the metrics as we move forward because we cannot, we cannot lose another summer here in the state of Illinois,” Sam Toia, president and CEO of the Illinois Restaurant Association, told the state Senate’s newly-formed Tourism and Hospitality Committee during its first virtual hearing.

The committee was set up this year by Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, because the state’s tourism industry has been among the hardest hit by the pandemic.

Currently, all regions of the state are under Phase 4 mitigations, which limits private gatherings to no more than 50 people. But Toia argued that many restaurants are capable of handling larger numbers of people safely, and he said there should be a more specific plan that would allow bars, restaurants and hotels to gradually move out of Phase 4 toward Phase 5, which is full reopening.

“We just want to know when we can go back to having conventions, having parties, private parties, figuring out when we can have some fans

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in stadiums. This is very, very unclear,” he said. “And we just want to get adjusted of what Phase 5 is going to look like. I don’t think we can wait 12 to 18 months.”

Michael Jacobson, president and CEO of the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association, agreed, saying that without such a plan, hotels risk losing not just another season, but another year.

“What our industry needs is clarity,” he said. “Meeting planners are making their plans right now for events booked this summer and beyond. ... Because of how long these planners book in advance, we cannot take a day-by-day approach to these restrictions. Otherwise, we are putting months and months of future business at risk of leaving our state. And once a meeting leaves Illinois, it becomes so much harder to convince that organizer to come back to our state.”

Jacobson said the statewide average occupancy rate for hotels in Illinois in December was only 27 percent, roughly half what it was a year earlier. That compared to a nationwide average occupancy rate of 37 percent.

During a one-week period in January, he said, the occupancy rate among Chicago hotels was down 84 percent from a comparable week in 2019.

“It has become clear that we will be among the

last industries to recover from this disaster. In fact, we don’t anticipate a recovery to pre-pandemic levels until 2024 at the earliest,” Jacobson said. “And that is assuming that the recovery accelerates here in the next couple of months.”

Toia and Jacobson both noted that other states are adopting plans that allow for a more gradual reopening of businesses with larger and larger group limits. Both also argued that workers in those industries should be prioritized for vaccinations.

According to the “Restore Illinois” reopening plan, the state can only move into Phase 5 when “testing, tracing and treatment are widely available throughout the state. Either a vaccine is developed to prevent additional spread of COVID-19, a treatment option is readily available that ensures health care capacity is no longer a concern, or there are no new cases over a sustained period.”

Toia and Jacobson argued that with vaccines now in distribution and the spread of the disease greatly slowed, it’s time for the administration to start making more specific plans for how and when the state can transition to Phase 5. The state’s rolling seven-day case positivity rate on Thursday was 2.7 percent, the lowest it’s been since early July.

Sen. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, noted that following a Senate Health Committee meeting earlier this week, Republicans sent a letter to Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr.

Ngozi Ezike asking her to specify what constitutes “widely available” and “a sustained period.”

Committee Chairwoman Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, said the committee would review that letter and any response the administration provides.

“Our goal is to meet and construct a safe plan to get tourists into hotels, restaurants and our cultural institutions,” Feigenholtz said in a statement after the meeting. “There is a path to do this safely, and Illinois must look at the modeling and metrics of other states in order to kick-start a struggling industry.”

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Law Enforcement Groups Respond to Landmark Criminal Justice Reform

Refer to legislation as ‘misguided,’ but are open to further negotiations

by Raymon Troncoso Capitol News Illinois

Law enforcement groups have decried the Monday signing of a massive criminal justice reform bill into law by Gov. JB Pritzker, referring to the legislation as anti-police with provisions that will lead to unintended consequences.

House Bill 3653, referred to as the “Safe-T Act,” ends the use of cash bail by 2023 and grants increased state oversight of police agencies statewide, among other provisions. Law enforcement and Republican lawmakers opposed the legislation, citing problematic language in some provisions, while maintaining support for the law’s intent.

“We support police accountability, certification measures, robust training, and the use of body worn cameras,” Crystal Lake Police Chief James Black, who serves as president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, said in a statement released Monday. “We agree with the reform concepts contained in this bill.”

Supporters of the bill, including its chief sponsors and Attorney General Kwame Raoul, have admitted the need for trailer bills to rectify issues in the act’s language, but they have characterized that as a normal part of the legislative process. State Sen. Elgie Sims and state Rep. Justin Slaughter, the Chicago Democrats behind much of the legislation, have said they encourage the participation of law enforcement in bill negotiations.

ILACP Executive Director Ed Wojcicki called the bill the “anti-police bill” in a statement Monday but noted law enforcement was already working with the bill’s supporters “to fix the most serious problems.”

Sims, however, said despite months of pushback he has yet to see what language opponents of the bill would rather see in the law.

“I have heard from and talked to a number of organizations related to different parts of the new law,” he said. “Like others, I am still waiting for specific proposals.”

The ILACP, the Illinois Sheriff’s Association, the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, the FOP Labor Council and FOP Chicago Lodge 7 released a joint statement as the Illinois Law Enforcement Coalition on Monday calling the law a “blatant move to punish an entire, honorable profession.”

“Please don’t let us measure its dismal failure by the shattered lives it produces. We urge all citizens to remember who supported this law, and keep that in mind the next time they look to the

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Rep. Keicher Statement in Response to Governor’s Address

SPRINGFIELD – State Rep. Jeff Keicher, R-Sycamore, issued the following statement today following Governor JB Pritzker’s Budget Address delivered virtually to the General Assembly and the people of Illinois:

“I was encouraged to hear the Governor’s call for the passage of standalone legislation to immediately direct \$60 million in funding to fix the persistent problems plaguing the state’s unemployment agency, specifically to increase call center capacity, upgrade technology, and run the newly created

federal unemployment programs here at the state level. This commitment from the Governor is sorely overdue and I wish he would have pushed for this last spring when it was already painfully obvious that the state was failing those most in need whose jobs and livelihoods were displaced by the pandemic. Today I was also pleased at the Governor’s support for an additional \$28 million in MAP grant funding to help more of

our students be able to obtain financial aid in pursuit of their dream of earning a degree.

“I was disappointed with how Governor Pritzker continues to shift blame for Illinois’ budget challenges and re-write recent history. Today he blamed Republicans in Illinois for all the woes, even though Democrats hold a supermajority in both chambers of the legislature. He has not asked for legislative Democrats’ input in any of his briefings. I am dismayed he only cares about what my caucus thinks. He also blamed congressional Republicans, despite the fact that Democrats enjoy a majority in Congress. Frankly, the Governor’s refusal to take ownership for his administration’s failure to handle unemployment claims, protect our residents from fraud, protect the lives of veterans in the state’s care or to acknowledge the hardship his unilateral response to COVID-19 has placed on working families and job creators is

deeply disappointing. We need more bipartisanship to position Illinois for an economic comeback emerging from the pandemic. The Governor’s rhetoric today was sharply partisan and divisive. Show us the ownership, Governor.”

Representative Keicher serves the 70th District, which includes most of DeKalb County along with portions of western Kane County and eastern Boone County.



Representative Jeff Keicher

Do you have a Car or Truck that you don’t want?

Would you like to Donate to a Worthy Cause?

Simply follow the directions at this website:

<https://careasy.org/nonprofit/empower-boone-inc>

It is easy we will send a truck and it is tax deductible

The proceeds go to the local Food Pantry

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REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC.; Plaintiff,
vs. 19 CH 103

ERIK L. BROZ AKA ERIK BROZ; UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in the office of inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street., Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 2421 Ridgfield Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

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

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. File Number F19080010

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

MIDLAND STATES BANK, as successor in interest to the Belvidere National Bank & Trust

Plaintiff, -v.- 20 CH 34

STEPHEN H. AMBROSE a/k/a STEPHEN H. AMBROSE, II,
TERESA J. AMBROSE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 30, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 22, 2021, 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 7.16 Acres of land located in Rural Boone County, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 04-20-200-006

The real estate is improved with vacant land.

The judgment amount was \$322,600.38.

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).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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, WILLIAMSMCCARTHY LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 120 W. STATE STREET, P.O. BOX 219, Rockford, IL, 61105 (815) 987-8900.

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.

WILLIAMSMCCARTHY LLP

120 W. STATE STREET, P.O. BOX 219

Rockford IL, 61105

815-987-8900

E-Mail: TSandquist@wilmac.com

Case Number: 20 CH 34

TJSC#: 41-195

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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FORECLOSURES

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

MIDLAND STATES BANK, as successor in interest to the Belvidere National Bank & Trust

Plaintiff, -v.- 20 CH 34

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All that part of the North 9 Acres of the East Half (1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 20, Township 45 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian lying Easterly of the following described premises,

described as follows, to-wit: A part of the East Half (1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 20, Township 45 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section a distance of 33.0 feet South 89 degrees 53'36" East of the Northwest corner of the East Half (1/2) of said Quarter (1/4) Section; thence South 89 degrees 53'36" East along the said North line a distance of 187.91 feet; thence South 00 degrees 09'32" West parallel with the West line of the East Half (1/2) of said Quarter (1/4) Section a distance of 352.71 feet to the Northerly right of way of Chicago and Northwestern Railroad; thence South 51 degrees 40'16" West along said Northerly right of way line a distance of 240.06 feet a point 33.00 feet perpendicular distant from the West line of the East Half (1/2) of said Quarter (1/4) Section; thence North 00 degrees 09'32" East parallel with said West line a distance of 501.94 feet to the place of beginning, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Railroad Right of Way; RESERVING THEREFROM for the benefit of the Grantors an exclusive easement over the Easterly 20 feet of said premises; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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

NORTHWEST BANK OF ROCKFORD, Plaintiff,

vs. 2020 CH 36

THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY C. SKARADZINSKI, DECEASED,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT THE TREASURY- INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE, TINA ZMIJEWSKI, ARIEL ZMIJEWSKI, GF

SIDING CORPORATION, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, GF COMPANY, STATE OF
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, HIBU INC.,

f/k/a YELLOWBOOK INC., f/k/a YELLOW BOOK SALES AND
DISTRIBUTION COMPANY INC., GF PREMIER GROUP,
LLC d/b/a GF COMPANY, UNKNOWN OTHERS, NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN TENANTS, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS

AT LAW OR LEGATEES OF JEFFREY C. SKARADZINSKI,)
CLAIMANTS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY C.
SKARADZINSKI, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THE REQUISITE Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Ariel Zmijewski, GF Siding Corporation, GF Company, GF Premier Group LLC d/b/a GF Company, The Unknown Heirs at Law or Legatees of Jeffrey C. Skaradzinski, deceased, Claimants against the Estate of Jeffrey C. Skaradzinski, Unknown Others, Non record Claimants and Unknown Tenants, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, against you praying for a foreclosure of a mortgage upon the following property:

Part of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 20, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, to-wit: Beginning on the South line of the Right of Way of U.S. Highway Business Route 20 at a point 511.00 feet West of the East line of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Section 20, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, and approximately 60.0 feet South of the North line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); running thence South 00 degrees 24'39" West, 642.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 15'33" West, 350.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 24'39" East 341.94 feet; thence North 89 degrees 15' 33" East, parallel with said South Right of Way line 185.49 feet; thence North 00 degrees 44'27" West, 300.0 feet to the South line of the Right of Way of U.S. Highway Business Route 20; thence North 89 degrees 15'33" East along said Right of Way line, 170.54 feet to the point of beginning; ALSO Part of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 20, in Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, to-wit: Beginning on the South line of the Right of Way of U.S. Highway Business Route 20 at a point 681.54 feet West of the East line of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 20, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian and approximately 60.0 feet South of the North line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); running thence South 0 degrees 44'27" East, 300.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 15'33" West 185.49 feet; thence North 0 degrees

24'39" East 300.06 feet to the South line of the Right of Way of U.S. Highway Business Route 20 ; thence North 89 degrees 15' 33" East 179.46 feet to the point of beginning; EXCEPTING THEREFROM, that portion deeded to the State of Illinois by Warranty Deed recorded March 14, 1994 as Document No. 94-2190; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

Commonly known as: 1901 Business Route 20 Belvidere, Illinois 61008
P.I.N. Number: 05-20-400-023

And for other relief, that the action was filed on or about June 26, 2020, that Summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is still pending. The record titleholder of the real estate is The Estate of Jeffrey C. Skaradzinski. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Mortgagor - Jeffrey C. Skaradzinski

Mortgagee - Northwest Bank of Rockford

Date of Mortgage - June 13, 2011.

Date of Recording - June 20, 2011

County of Recording - Boone

Recording Document - 2011R03733

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, Ariel Zmijewski, GF Siding Corporation, GF Company, GF Premier Group LLC d/b/a GF Company, the Unknown Heirs at Law or Legatees of Jeffrey C. Skaradzinski, Claimants against the Estate of Jeffrey C. Skaradzinski, Unknown Others, Non Record Claimants and Unknown Tenants, the said Defendants, file your Answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein in the said Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, 601 N. Main Street Belvidere, Illinois 61008 on or before March 30, 2021, which is at least 30 days after the date of the first publication of this notice, default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated at Rockford, IL on the 16th day of February, 2021.

Linda J. Anderson

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Boone County, Illinois

Plaintiff's Attorney

Timothy F. Horning

MEYER & HORNING, P.C.

3400 N. Rockton Avenue

Rockford, IL 61103

815/636-9300

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC.; Plaintiff,

vs. 19 CH 103

ERIK L. BROZ AKA ERIK BROZ; UNKNOWN OWNERS

AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in the office of inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street., Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE (149) IN FARMINGTON, PHASE 4, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) AND SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED NOVEMBER 25, 1996 AS DOCUMENT NO. 96-8213 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 06-31-329-008.

Commonly known as 2421 Ridgfield Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

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

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. File Number F19080010

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO SELL VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE,
ILLINOIS OWNED REAL ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois ("Village") proposes and intends to sell the following Village owned real estate, commonly known as 100 East Street, Poplar Grove, IL with PIN 04-19-153-011:

A PORTION OF LOT 1 IN EDENFRUIT, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2001R02233 ON MARCH 14TH, 2001 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, THENCE N 00° 07' 47" E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 43.95 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE, S 89° 24' 04" E, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 97.71 FEET; THENCE S 00° 07' 47" W, PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE, 43.95 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE N 89° 24' 04" W ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 97.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE, BOONE COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS.;

The Village is hereby accepting sealed written bids for the purchase of the above-listed property. All bids should contain the name of the bidder and the bid price for the property. All bids should be placed and sealed in an envelope addressed to: Village of Poplar Grove, Attn: Village Clerk, 200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065. The front of the envelope should also include a reference to which property the particular bid is regarding.

All properties are being sold in "AS IS/WHERE IS" condition with payment by the successful bidder due in full at the time of closing. Any title insurance desired by successful bidder shall be at successful bidder's expense. The successful bidder shall enter into a real estate contract with the Village setting forth all the terms of the sale of the real estate.

The Village will open all bids during the regularly scheduled Village Board meeting held on March 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065. In order to be considered, a bid must be received by the Village by no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 17, 2021. Any bid which is not received by the Village by said deadline shall not be considered by the Village.

The Village may accept the high bid or any other bid determined to be in the best interest of the Village. The Village may also reject any and all bids. Any questions regarding submittal of bids should be directed to the Village Clerk, 815-765-3201.

/s/ Karri Anderberg, Village Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION No. 21-JA-06

In The Interest of: Arrian Pasley, minor Andre Pasley/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Take notice that on January 27, 2021, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Arrian Pasley, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:30 P.M. central daylight time on 03/11/2021 & 04/08/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: February 8, 2021, Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk Published in The Boone County Journal; Feb. 19, 26, March 5 - C

STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT BOONE COUNTY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT) Case No. 21-MR-16 REQUEST OF: DAVID JOHN BONKOWSKI to change name my name from: DAVID JOHN BONKOWSKI; to the new name of: DAVID JOHN BOND. The court date will be held: on April 20, 2021, at 9:45a.m., at 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL Boone County in Courtroom #4 Published in the Boone County Journal 2/19, 26, 3/5

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION No. 21-JA-07

In The Interest of: Omarion Pasley, minor Andre Pasley/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Take notice that on January 27, 2021, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Omarion Pasley, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:30 P.M. central daylight time on 03/11/2021 & 04/08/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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Dated: February 8, 2021, Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk Published in The Boone County Journal; Feb. 19, 26, March 5 - C

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

In The Interest of: Rowan Larson, minor No. 21-JA-02 Dylan Ruckert/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Take notice that on January 7, 2021, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Rowan Larson, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:30 P.M. central daylight time on 3/11/2021 & 4/22/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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Dated: February 2, 2021, Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk Published in The Boone County Journal; February 12, 19, 26 - C

Ordinance No. 2020-3

Amended Budget And Appropriation Ordinance The Boone County Fire Protection District #2 Boone County, Illinois, For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2020, through April 30, 2021

On February 17th, 2021 at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Boone County Fire Protection District # 2, Boone County, Illinois, the said Trustees adopted as an Amended Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Boone County Fire Protection District #2 for the General Fund for the period May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, the following:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes sections for GENERAL FUND ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND RECEIPTS and GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION.

The following amounts shall be tentatively budgeted and appropriated for the General Fund purposes of the Boone County Fire District #2 for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.

Table with 3 columns: Section, BUDGETED, and APPROPRIATED. Lists various administrative, equipment, station, and apparatus expenses.

TOTAL AMENDED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION-GENERAL FUND \$1,733,945.00 Todd L. Endress, Treasurer Board of Trustees BCFD # 2 Published in The Boone County Journal Feb 26, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TROY K. RISK, Deceased PROBATE No. 2021-P-7

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of TROY K RISK, of Belvidere, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 1, 2021, to KYLIE RISK, Administrator, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney CHERYL RUSSELL-SMITH, Law Office of Cheryl Russell-Smith, 519 South Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk-Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the legal representatives, or both, on or before August 12, 2021, 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 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later.

Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Attorney for the Estate, within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

KYLIE RISK, Administrator Cheryl Russell-Smith, Attorney for Estate, 519 South Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 (815) 544-0911 Published in the Boone County Journal 02/12, 19, 26

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

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF ERIKA SANTACRUZ PARTIDA Plaintiff -VS- LUIS CANDIDO TALAVERA Defendant AMENDED PUBLICATION NOTICE CASE # 20 D-139

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN YOU, Luis Candido Talavera, Defendant, in the above-entitled action, that a suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, State of Illinois by Plaintiff Erika Santacruz Partida, against you praying for a Judgement of Dissolution of Marriage to said Erika Santacruz Partida, and for other relief.

NOW THEREFORE, you are further notified that, unless you, Luis Candido Talavera, the said Defendant, file your Answer to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in said suit, or otherwise make your Appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere Illinois, 61008 on or before April 21, 2021, default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my Office in Belvidere, Illinois this 16th day of February, 2021 Linda J. Anderson Clerk of the Circuit Court 17th Judicial Circuit Boone County, Illinois Published in Boone County Journal 2/26, 3/5, 12



ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a contracting engineering service design business in said County and State under the name of

A 2 Z Contract Engineering at the following post office address: 1104 Barberrry Lane, 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: Antonio Achim, 1104 Barberrry Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008; Antoniu Achim, 1104 Barberrry Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #224-678-8349

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 12th day of January, A.D. 2021 Julie Stapler, County Clerk Published in Boone County Journal January 15, 22, 29

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a asphalt maintenance business in said County and State under the name of Demilio's Sealcoating at the following post office address: 8916 Illinois Route 76, 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: Emilio Carranza, 8916 Illinois Route 76, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #815-793-7315.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 8th day of February, A.D. 2021 Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk Published in Boone County Journal February 12, 19, 26

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a skin care, hair, makeup and waxing business in said County and State under the name of Diana's Skin Care LLC at the following post office address: 220 Lynne Lane, 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: Diana Basurto, 220 Lynne Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #708-476-1287.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 11th day of February, A.D. 2021 Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk Published in Boone County Journal February 19, 26 March 5

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a construction business in said County and State under the name of M.A.E. Drywall and Construction at the following post office address: 1817 13th 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: Eligio Valenzuela, 1817 13th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #815-980-6166.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 23rd day of February, A.D. 2021 Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk Published in Boone County Journal February 26, March 5, 12

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a event equipment rental and services business in said County and State under the name of Monark Event Rentals, LLC at the following post office address: 3665 Poole 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: Kyle R. Baars, 628 East Madison Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; Vicryc Martinez, 628 East Madison Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #779-707-0921.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 18th day of February, A.D. 2021 Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk Published in Boone County Journal February 26, March 5, 12

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police in Illinois for the protection they can no longer provide,” the statement reads.

The Sheriff’s Association created and posted an infographic, shared by the ILACP and other law enforcement groups, that claimed the new law would prevent officers from arresting active school shooters “even though he just shot people moments ago.”

The Sheriff’s Association cited language in the legislation that says a law enforcement officer is “justified in the use of any force which he reasonably believes to be necessary to effect the arrest and of any force which he reasonably believes to be necessary to defend himself or another from bodily harm while making the arrest.”

The law restricts the use of deadly force unless the officer or others are in danger, or “such force is necessary” to apprehend a suspect who is escaping arrest and has also “committed or attempted a forcible felony,” such as a school shooting.

Both provisions would allow officers to forcibly arrest an active school shooter.

State Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, commented on the post that the bill “does in fact say police will not be able to arrest people,” and that the school shooting hypothetical was “one of the better examples.”

Sen. John Curran, R-Downers Grove, who was a prosecutor for 19 years as Cook County’s Assistant State’s Attorney, has led the official Republican response to the bill.

In an interview Monday, Curran told Capitol News Illinois that Republicans favor the overall intent of the new law, but held three “main points of opposition” to the legislation: the narrowness of the detention statute replacing cash bail, increased restrictions on use-of-force that may place officer’s in danger, and unfunded mandates contained in the legislation.

Not all law enforcement has expressed opposition to the legislation. Hazel Crest Police Chief Mitchell Davis, who serves as vice president for ILACP and a member of the Chicagoland Metropolitan Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, known as NOBLE, appeared at Monday’s bill signing via a live video feed to express his support for the new law.

Davis and other Black law enforcement officials have served as a bridge between law enforcement groups who feel attacked by the legislation and its supporters who feel that is necessary reform that is long overdue.

In a statement earlier this month, Wojcicki referenced a “powerful” conversation he had with Black senior law enforcement personnel, and noted it was “painful to hear” their experience of being mistreated because of their race.

“They think that our association and I should acknowledge that the bill did not emerge from nowhere. It emerged from festering frustration from the black community about personal negative experiences with the police during their lives,” he said in the statement, while praising their ability to shape the conversation in a way that will build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Davis, at Monday’s event, echoed many of the concerns raised by the Law Enforcement Coalition, calling problems with the new law “unintended consequences” that can be addressed with “technical insight” from law enforcement.

Davis praised law enforcement for working diligently to craft new language to be added to the bill, and the willingness of the law’s authors to collaborate with law enforcement.

“We believe that the combination of collaboration and funding are the key to ensuring the success of this bill,” he said. “NOBLE believes that the document being signed today by Governor Pritzker can be the foundation of a living document that can serve as a model for reforms that result in equitable administration of justice for communities around the country. If not us who? And if not now, when?”

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Hemp Production Drops Slightly in 2020

2,392 acres harvested in second year of legal hemp production

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Industrial hemp production declined slightly in 2020, the second year of legalized production in Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture said Wednesday that 2,392 acres of industrial hemp, or 87 percent of the acres planted, were harvested during the year. That was down from just over 2,800 acres in 2019.

That translated into just under 1.3 million pounds of hemp flower, 48,000 pounds of hemp fiber, 39,000 pounds of seed and 8,500 pounds of hemp grain.

“The hemp industry, just like many others was hit by the pandemic,” David Lakeman, manager of IDOA’s Division of Cannabis, said in a statement. “Workforce safety challenges, pandemic-related impacts on the market, and some initial issues with processing all contributed to a more difficult year for the hemp industry.”

Hemp is a variety of cannabis that contains only a small fraction of the psychoactive substance THC found in marijuana. It was a major crop in the U.S. until 1937 when Congress passed the Marijuana Tax Act, which imposed a heavy tax on anyone who dealt commercially in hemp or marijuana.

The fiber can be used in textiles, food and a wide range of other industrial purposes. But in recent years it has become more popular as a source of cannabidiol oil, or CBD, which can be used to treat a variety of medical conditions.

Although it is now legal, production of the crop is still highly regulated. Growers and processors must be licensed by IDOA. The agency also inspects crops to make sure they do not exceed the 0.3 percent THC limit. Hemp testing above that amount is eligible for a retest, but hemp that tests above 0.7 percent THC must be destroyed.

IDOA is now accepting applications for the 2021 hemp growing season. People interested in growing or processing hemp can do so online at https://agrlicensing.illinois.gov/Industrial_Hemp/.

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4-H Youth Put a Face on The Future of Agriculture

by Carissa Nelson, Media Communications Manager, 4-H State Office

Two teens will represent Illinois 4-H at the 2021 National Ag Day Student Leadership Program. This program of the Agriculture Council of America prepares and engages young people to raise awareness of the importance of the Agricultural industry and its impact on our nation’s society and economy. DJ Cain of Knox County and Julia Heller of Ogle County will represent Illinois 4-H when the program is held virtually in March 2021.

“We are exceptionally proud to have two of our Illinois 4-H members selected to represent Illinois,” says Katie Duitsman, 4-H leadership youth development extension specialist. “4-H civic engagement and leadership programs strive to bring youth voices to the table, and this event will be a great opportunity for DJ and Julia to advocate for the agriculture industry with our elected officials while networking with other aspiring agriculture leaders from across the country.”

Both teens have a passion for agriculture. Heller has served as a State 4-H Livestock ambassador, promoting 4-H livestock projects, and was active in planning the State 4-H Jr. Livestock Conference.

“Julia has made a mark on Illinois 4-H and continues to provide leadership, and is respected by her peers,” says Tina Veal, 4-H alumni and constituent engagement manager. “She has not only excelled in her 4-H project work, but also has a strong interest in animal and vet science projects.” Heller plans to study animal sciences at University of Illinois and hopes to become a veterinarian one day.

Cain began raising Cornish-cross chickens at age 10 as a 4-H project. Today, he has expanded his meat poultry business, DJ Cain Poultry, to nearly 800 head. He successfully raised and sold 1,380 birds in 2020. DJ credits 4-H with preparing him for the business and work aspects of his entrepreneurial venture. DJ continues to build his poultry business while a college student at University of Illinois, majoring in agriculture.

Representatives will participate in a series of virtual sessions that include special governmental guests, experts, and advocates in the Ag industry with the goal of empowering youth representatives to become the face of the future of agriculture.



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