



## Doty Park Before Doty Park

by David Larson

Few other parts of Belvidere have been as engaged with the river as Doty Flats. In the picture appearing here today is Leonard Street, which over time has changed to Leonard Court.

In the Winter, Doty Flats was a staging area for the annual harvest of ice in Belvidere. The flats were also where the annual, early September reunions of Civil War soldiers camped during the annual early September reunions until 1917. Somewhere along that street were these pictured wooden buildings. These buildings were probably closer to State Street than Locust, because of newspaper accounts referring to business in these buildings as being behind the City Hall (which is today's fire station). The buildings were also described as being north of the First National Bank and behind the old Palmer building.

Perhaps the best description of the place comes from a lengthy story about an assault that began between two men in front of the A. J. Humphrey Blacksmith Shop, which is the subject of this photo. Apparently a dispute over an unpaid invoice developed when the two men crossed paths in front of Humphrey's place. A man who claimed he was owed money buggy-whipped a man who he felt owed him money for the purchase of coal.

Later in the day, the creditor had moved to the Majestic Theater and was at work moving chairs in the theater when he was lured outside. The Majestic may have been on the corner of State and Locust. This would have been in a presently-vacant

building, which most recently was a restaurant and is sometimes known as the Leath Building. This should not to be confused with the Leath Warehouse on Meadow Street, which the City of Belvidere purchased for one dollar over a decade ago and also remains vacant and directionless.

Upon moving out of the building, the creditor claimed he was clubbed, but didn't see his assailant. He was found unconscious in a pool of blood on the ground at the rear of the building. A man was hailed from the YMCA, which at the time was on the corner of State Street and Locust Street, who assisted in carrying the unconscious man to his home. A doctor examined the injured man and determined that he didn't have a skull fracture, despite his remaining unconscious for the rest of the day and into the night.

In criminal court, the debtor, who had been buggy-whipped, claimed that he had merely punched the man and the creditor had hit his head on the way down. The creditor denied having whipped the debtor.

A. J. Humphrey Blacksmith Shop thrived from 1897 into the 1920's. The shop had employees and engaged in many more activities than shoeing horses. The shop was a regular advertiser in the community newspaper, hawking discounted horseshoes and services. As times changed, Humphrey became a dealer in rubber tires. Humphrey had buggies and wagons for sale as well. His stock included single-comb brown leghorn roosters, rubberized buggy wheels, leather harnesses, milk wagons, saw sharpening

and plows.

The following account appeared in a November 1907 newspaper account. "Two 'bos' who claimed to be blacksmiths out of work showed up at Humphrey's blacksmith shop back of the post office last evening and asked for a cash contribution. They were pretty well corned and were refused the donation by the blacksmith in charge of the place at the time. This morning, bright and early, the two fellows showed up at the place again. They engaged in low-toned conversation outside and then approached the smith and again were refused cash. One of the fellows assumed an aggressive air and said, 'See here, we're dead broke, and we've got to have some money. I would pretty near hold up any man for a piece of coin right now.' The blacksmith seized a heavy rasp that lay close at hand and charged at the two fellows, who retreated from the shop. Later the matter was reported to the police, but the two men were not found."

In the summer of 1922, Humphrey started a project to improve the flats by bringing in fill. Several newspaper accounts report that hundreds of loads of fill were hauled by volunteer laborers. The effort was referred to as a "bee" and a big noon meal was served to the men. Horses were feed oats and hay. The meal was served by the Humphrey's as appreciation for their labor on the project. Little is known of the shop after the project, but the flats were the home of the Belvidere Bucs football team for many years. Later, the site was acquired by the Belvidere Park District, where in the winter, hockey and ice skating are enjoyed. In the summer, a sprinkling fountain entertains small children.

# Bill to Stop Driver's License Suspensions Put on Hold

by Grant Morgan  
Capitol News Illinois

Without any knowledge of what was happening, Rodney Shelton, a city worker with the Chicago Fire Department, racked up almost \$9,000 in non-moving vehicle tickets in less than 90 days on a car he never drove.

The fines were a result of 77 tickets given to one of Shelton's cars that he had permanently parked at a lot after the vehicle did not pass emissions tests and he could not register it.

While the lot was not owned by the city, Shelton said he found out "you could still be ticketed if they have access, even if it's not a city lot," when his license was suspended and his employer began the process of firing him.

Shelton did not see previous notices of the fines

because they were sent to an address where he no longer lived. By that time, late-payment penalties had ballooned the amount he owed to more than \$18,000.

Shelton said when he found out, he had only 10 days to file for bankruptcy, which was the only way he could keep his license and the job that would allow him to pay off the fines. More than two years later and finally out of bankruptcy, Shelton still has about \$4,000 of the fines to pay on a plan that takes \$600 out of his wallet every month.

Speaking at a news conference Tuesday at the Capitol, Shelton gave only one example of how a person's life can spiral out of control from the disproportionate consequences of minor, non-moving vehicle violations, such as unpaid parking tickets.

He was joined by several lawmakers promoting legislation that would make the Illinois secretary of state reinstate licenses to people who have committed a number of violations, including not paying parking fines, that don't deal with driving.

The legislation would also remove language that makes the secretary of state automatically suspend licenses or revoke vehicle registrations for such violations, which happens nearly 50,000 times a year, according to the advocacy group Chicago Jobs Council.

"We're saying to all of our cities in the state of Illinois that you can no longer use the secretary of state's office as your collections agency. You cannot suspend a person's license for non-payment of non-moving violations," said Rep. Carol Ammons, a Democrat from Urbana, who is leading the charge in the House to pass the legislation.

Sen. Omar Aquino, a Chicago Democrat who filed the original legislation in the Senate, said the practice of suspending licenses for violations unrelated to driving affects minorities more than anyone else, leading to a cycle of debt and poverty from which it is difficult to escape.

"When people lose their licenses, they lose their ability to get to work," he said.

Aquino cited numbers from ProPublica that show 44 percent of Illinois license suspensions were in majority black ZIP codes, although only 14 percent of Illinois residents are black.

"This should be an embarrassment to us all," Aquino said.

Prospects for the bill's passage before Friday's end-of-session deadline, however, are slim. After passing its original chamber, the bill became stuck in a House gatekeeping committee earlier this month, until lawmakers called the news conference Tuesday.

"I would have loved to have this done by May 31," Ammons said. "Unfortunately, there are just many, many pieces that we are trying to finish up. But we are poised to finish it this year."

Ammons added that she hoped to get the bill out of committee by Tuesday night or Wednesday, where it could then be considered on the House floor.

"And we will come back during veto session and finish it up," she said, referring to the two-week period in November when lawmakers come back to Springfield for a brief session.

Senate Bill 1786 has garnered dozens of sponsors from both sides of the aisle in each chamber. Not long after Tuesday's news conference, it was assigned to a House committee on transportation, which must approve it before the bill moves to the full House.

# Property Tax Task Force, Relief Fund Bills Pass House Committee

by Jerry Nowicki  
Capitol News Illinois

A pair of measures aimed at addressing high property taxes in the state passed committee Tuesday, one day after being touted by Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker upon passage of a graduated income tax constitutional amendment.

Those measures will create a property tax relief fund (Senate Bill 39 Amendment 1), and a property tax task force (Senate Bill 1932 Amendment 2).

"Today, I'm proud to announce a bipartisan and bicameral property tax task force that will review the entirety of our property tax system, study best practices in other states, and make short- and long-term recommendations by the end of the year," Pritzker said in a news conference Monday after the graduated income tax amendment passed the House. "The creation of this task force will be included in our fair tax package, and will have the full support of my office."

Republicans in the House Revenue and Finance Committee, however, were skeptical that any real property tax relief would result from the task force sponsored by Rep. Jonathan Carroll, a Northbrook Democrat, which passed committee unanimously.

"I've been here five years, and I have absolutely no confidence that anything whatsoever will change other than the folks that like the status quo the way it is will destroy your hopes as they have everyone else's. Good luck," Rep. Margo McDermed, a Mokena Republican, said.

Carroll, who was initially opposed to the graduated income tax amendment but credited the governor for his switch to supporting the measure, said he wasn't looking to the past, but the future.

"I would hope that you'd be a part of the solution and not necessarily continue naysaying on it," he said.

Carroll said the task force would "make tough decisions," address "across-the-board" property tax drivers and would not be "without teeth."

"We're going to look at every aspect of property taxes. We're going to look at ways we could reduce local property tax burdens across the board and these ideas will be taken seriously," he said.

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# House Sends Graduated Tax Question To Voters

by Jerry Nowicki  
Capitol News Illinois

A constitutional amendment that would allow the General Assembly to set higher tax rates on greater amounts of income passed its last legislative hurdle Monday and will head to the voters for final approval about 18 months from now.

After more than three hours of debate in which all 44 House Republicans spoke on the floor, the vote cleared its constitutionally mandated three-fifths majority by two votes. All 73 representatives voting in favor were Democrats.

While Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker played no formal role in the legislative process to put the amendment on the ballot, at least one Democrat who previously said he would vote against the bill credited the governor for his sudden switch.

"I was a very vocal critic about this, obviously, I came out with some concerns," Rep. Jonathan Carroll, a Northbrook Democrat, said. "... Gov. Pritzker reached out to me right away, had some conversations with me and heard that my issue is property taxes.

"Along with his help and the help of my colleagues in the House and the Senate, we're going to form a property tax task force to review how we tax in Illinois for property taxes and make sure that we do it better and we do it right."

The state does not levy or collect property taxes in Illinois; only local taxing bodies such as school boards, municipal governments and counties have that authority. The largest contributor to most local tax bills are K-12 schools, which for years have faced funding shortfalls and proration from insufficient revenues provided by the state.

Still, Carroll and Rep. Sam Yingling – a Grayslake Democrat who also said at one time he would vote against the graduated tax – said state action is needed to overhaul the property tax system and the graduated tax is part of that process.

"The current system does not work and we all know that," Yingling said in his floor speech. "The process of property tax restructuring will not be easy. But I submit that that process begins today."

Republicans, however, were more skeptical of any actual tax relief coming from the bill, and House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, accused the governor of "horse trading" in order to get the 73 votes in favor.

"Let's make no mistake. Today's vote is the end result of the Illinois Democrats' historical, ravenous, irresponsible budgeting and spending," Durkin said. "However it was also clear that today's vote was a fait accompli. It's a foregone conclusion.

"I know how this bill went down. I know how this amendment went down. And please, don't think that there wasn't any horse trading to get these votes. I know better, you know better, we know better."

Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 1's passage means the

voters, in November 2020, will be given the opportunity to decide whether the state can have the authority to set graduated tax rates. Either 60 percent of those voting on the question or the majority of those voting in the election

will have to support the measure for it to become law.

While Pritzker's political capital helped guide the measure through the Legislature, his financial capital is expected to play an outsized role in the media campaign for its passage.

The billionaire is an admitted donor to the dark money group Think Big Illinois, a 501(c)4 organization that has already sustained months of advertising efforts in favor of the graduated income tax the governor has dubbed the "fair tax."

For the next 18 months, Think Big will likely be joined on the air by two other dark money groups on the other side of the issue: Illinois Policy, the advocacy wing of conservative think tank Illinois Policy Institute, and Ideas Illinois, a business-backed group which has aligned itself against the tax.

These groups have dubbed Pritzker's marquee initiative a "jobs tax," a "blank check" to lawmakers and an "unfair tax."

The rhetoric of each side was matched on the House floor Monday and mirrored that of the Statehouse debate that has been ongoing since March.

Democrats said added funding is needed to pay down debts and prevent ongoing cuts to education and programs designed to help the state's neediest populations.

"We've made year-after-year cuts to budgets like DCFS (Department of Children and Family Services), and now you have children dying because you have case workers that are overburdened and underpaid," Rep. Rob Martwick, a Chicago Democrat and the bill's sponsor, said. "So what are the solutions to these problems? The solutions are to eliminate our deficits, eliminate that structural deficit. When you do that, you start to right the ship. You can fund education, you can pay down debts."

The options to do so, Martwick said, were to raise the state's flat tax from 4.95 percent to 6.5 percent or higher, or to raise the \$3.5 billion anticipated

to come from the graduated rates.

Republicans said the bill more likely provided incentive for the state's wealthiest taxpayers and job creators to leave, and warned that no matter what rates are approved by this Legislature, they can be raised in the future.

"The graduated tax will give Springfield the ability to raise taxes on whoever they want by manipulating rates and brackets," Rep. Lindsay Parkhurst, a Kankakee Republican, said. "The result will be an

increase on the middle class. We cannot trust Springfield with any more of our money without real structural reforms to our state government and our political system."

A bill setting graduated tax rates, which passed in committee Friday, was not approved by the House by 6 p.m. Monday. The House reconvenes at 9 a.m. Tuesday. The measure, Senate Bill 687, will require only 60 votes for passage, but cannot take effect unless the voters approve the graduated tax.

## Local State Representative's Statements Regarding Approval of the Graduated Tax Amendment on November 2020 Ballot

Rep. Keicher "Make no mistake – Governor Pritzker's candid admission that he cannot give any guarantees that there won't be more changes to the rates means higher taxes on middle-income earners in the not-too-distant future should the graduated tax become law. When Illinois legislators raised our taxes in 2011 and 2017, they made promises they did not keep about why those income tax hikes were needed. Why should we trust them again now?" I voted No to stand with taxpayers against giving Illinois legislators a blank check to raise our taxes."

Rep. Sosnowski: "The graduated tax is a blank check for Democrats to raise income taxes over and over again. Make no mistake – Governor Pritzker's candid admission that he cannot give any guarantees that there won't be more changes to the rates means higher taxes on middle-income earners in the not-too-distant future should the graduated tax become law. When Springfield politicians raised our taxes in 2011 and 2017, they made promises they did not keep about why those income tax hikes were needed. Why should we trust them again now? The truth is, we can't."

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## Property Tax

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Members of the task force would be uncompensated and appointed by the governor, Senate and House leaders, and would include lawmakers and other local officials and community members, Carroll said. They plan to meet over the summer to bring recommendations forward next year.

While the Republicans voted unanimously to pass the task force bill, all of them voted against the creation of the property tax relief fund.

Rep. Rita Mayfield, a Waukegan Democrat, said there would be no new state revenues needed to sustain the fund, and it would be up to future state Legislatures to determine whether appropriations would be provided for the fund.

McDermed, who serves on a capital infrastructure task force, said spare funds are not easy to come by in Illinois' budget.

"I am not aware, and believe me, our group has scoured under every rock in the state of Illinois for a penny, so where exactly are you going to find this money?" she asked.

Rep. Daniel Didech, a Buffalo Grove Democrat and the bill's sponsor, said determining funding would be a function of the task force.

"If the result of the task force is that we don't have the resources for this, then so be it," he said. "But I think this is an important enough issue that it deserves close attention and we should do our due diligence to find out if there are the resources to provide property tax relief."

According to the bill, "moneys in the fund shall be used by the state comptroller to pay rebates to residential property taxpayers in the state."

The state does not levy or collect property taxes in Illinois; only local taxing bodies such as school boards, municipal governments and counties have that authority. The largest contributor to most local tax bills are K-12 schools, which for years have faced funding shortfalls and proration from insufficient revenues provided by the state.

McDermed questioned if it was a good idea to provide state tax relief without addressing local taxing bodies' ability to raise their levies every year.

"I think that this idea that we're going to subsidize local taxing bodies without reforming local taxing bodies or the way they tax is going to double down on the toxic taxing system that we have right now in the state of Illinois and this is not a well-taken proposition in any way shape or form," she said.

# Illinois Senate Passes Marijuana Legalization Bill

Significant changes from initial draft helped bring on some GOP support

by Peter Hancock  
Capitol News Illinois

The state of Illinois is one step closer to legalizing recreational marijuana.

The Illinois Senate voted Wednesday to pass the bill, sending it to the House for consideration in the final two days of the session. The vote was 38-17, with two Republicans joining 36 Democrats in supporting it.

"This bill is going to set the model, I believe, the gold standard for how to approach social equity issues, relating (to) cannabis legalization," Sen. Heather Steans, D-Chicago, the bill's chief sponsor, said in her closing statement on the Senate floor.

The action Wednesday came just hours after a new, revised version of the bill was made public, and it is substantially different from the one Steans introduced on May 3, a proposal that sparked strong resistance from law enforcement, business groups and some local governments.

Like the original draft, the new bill, an amended version of House Bill 1438, provides that starting Jan. 1, 2020, Illinois residents could possess up to 30 grams, or roughly one ounce, of marijuana flower, five grams of THC concentrate and 5 grams of THC in a marijuana-infused product. It also authorizes the state to issue a limited number of licenses for cultivators, processors and retail dispensaries, and to charge excise taxes on the retail sale of marijuana products.

But other major provisions in the 622-page bill are substantially different from the original version, and those changes appeared to be key to gaining support and diffusing some opposition.

For example, instead of enacting blanket, mass expungements of previous criminal records for minor marijuana-related violations, the new bill allows for expungement through the governor's clemency process if the case involves less than 30 grams of marijuana. For cases involving amounts greater than that, up to 500 grams, individuals and state's attorneys would be allowed to petition a court to vacate a conviction.

"I think what is proposed today is a significant shift from what was proposed, what, two or three weeks ago," Sen. Jason Barickman, R-Bloomington, told reporters following a committee hearing on the bill Wednesday. "Moving that off the table, I think, paved the way for us to resolve a bunch of other issues that were very important that weren't resolved initially."

Among those other issues was a provision allowing people to grow up to five marijuana plants in their own homes, under certain conditions. While the original bill would have extended that right to all adults, the new bill limits it only to people who have been approved to use marijuana for medical purposes.

The new bill also preserves the right of employers to maintain "zero tolerance" policies on drug use and to establish drug-free workplaces. And it allows local governments to prohibit cannabis businesses in their communities, or to enact zoning regulations to control where they

are located.

"We recognize there are shifts in social consensus," Illinois Chamber of Commerce President Todd Maisch told the Senate Executive Committee. "And my board, after a lot of deliberation, said we aren't really excited about this, but you know what, there are things that don't shift, and that is the need for a safe workplace and a productive workplace. And I'm here to tell you that after a lot of work, and tremendous engagement from a lot of parties, ... that we believe these are the strongest workplace protections in the nation."

It also preserves the right of landlords to prohibit marijuana possession and use on their properties.

For many supporters of legalization, the most important issues other than expungement involved what they called "social justice and equity" provisions. Among those are provisions that earmark 25 percent of the revenue generated to a grant program for reinvestment in low-income, high-minority neighborhoods.

It also gives preference in license applications to people who live in or have connections to neighborhoods characterized by high arrest rates for marijuana and other drug-related offenses.

Some opponents of the measure, however, said that provision was one of the reasons why they voted against the bill.

"There is a limited number of licenses and we're going to give preference to vendors who are going to be in the poorest zip codes in Illinois," said Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet.

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“We’re going to give preference to keeping poor people stoned.”

In addition to funding community reinvestment grants, the bill calls for dedicating 35 percent of the revenue to the state general revenue fund; 20 percent for substance abuse prevention and mental health services; 10 percent to pay down the state’s backlog of unpaid bills; 8 percent for local law enforcement; and 2 percent for public education and safety campaigns.

“Illinois is poised to become the first state in the nation that put equity and criminal justice reform at the heart of its approach to legalizing cannabis, and I’m grateful that the Senate has taken this important step with a bipartisan vote,” Gov. J.B. Pritzker said in a statement released after the Senate vote. “Senators Steans and (Toi) Hutchinson have done tremendous work to reach this point, and I encourage the House to take decisive action to make Illinois a national leader in equity and criminal justice reform.”

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 Single Family Rehab and Roof-Only Program

HomeStart has funding available for homeowners of Boone and Winnebago County (excluding City of Rockford) through the Illinois Housing Development Authority Trust Fund for the Single Family Rehab Program with Roof Only Option.

With Roof Option Only option, eligible homeowners may address only the roof on their home if no other health and safety issues are present. The program offers assistance to mitigate roof damage and deterioration so the property is insurable. Eligible homeowners may receive up to \$16,500 in assistance as a three-year forgivable loan.

The Single Family Rehabilitation program will assist income eligible homeowners to repair their homes and remove **health and safety hazards** by replacing costly maintenance items. Eligible homeowners may receive up to \$45,000 in assistance as a five-year forgivable loan.

To qualify for this program, households must have annual income equal to or less than the following income guidelines:

Household Size	Income
1	\$37,150
2	\$42,450
3	\$47,750
4	\$53,050
5	\$57,300
6	\$61,550
7	\$65,800
8	\$70,050

**Grant recipients for this assistance are selected by a lottery system. Please call 815-977-8329 to add your name to the lotter list no later than Friday, June 14, 2019.**

HomeStart  
 803 N Church St  
 Rockford, IL 61103  
 815-977-8329  
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UNLESS YOU FILE YOUR APPEARANCE in this case or otherwise appear on June 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Boone County Courthouse located at 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, Illinois, AN EVICTION ORDER MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU.

Linda J. Anderson, Clerk of Court  
 Attorney Nathan J. Noble  
 504 North State Street  
 Belvidere, IL 61008  
 815.547.7700

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
 SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY  
 Marina Marquez Plaintiff Case No. 2019-D-60 Vs  
 Luis Miguel Reygadas Martinez Defendant  
 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Luis Reygadas Martinez, Defendant that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for Dissolution of marriage and other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Boone County, Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 on or before the 26th day of June, 2019, a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Dated: 05/22/19

Linda J. Anderson  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 17th Judicial Circuit  
 Boone County, Illinois

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOONE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following:

The applicant, Therese Laub, 5249 Stone Quarry Rd, Belvidere IL 61008, is requesting a Special Use under Section 2.7 (Special Use) and section 3.16.1 (Table of Permitted Uses) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance to allow a small rural business operating as an outdoor event venue in the A-1, Agricultural Preservation District, in unincorporated Flora Township, Boone County Illinois on 5 acres located at 5249 Stone Quarry Road Belvidere, IL 61008. (PIN: 05-21-300-036)

This property is legally described as: 2-43-3 N 539.88' S 1654.73" SW PER 89-94

All persons interested may appear at the hearing and be heard at the stated time and place.

Tony Savino, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals  
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Boone County Website Redesign Request for Proposal (RFP)  
 Boone County, Illinois is accepting proposals to design and develop a new website for the County Government. The current website, www.boonecountyil.org, was launched in 2010. The County invites qualified firms to submit Website Redesign proposals to build a new site on a modern web frame work that will provide an excellent user experience to all County stakeholders. The deadline for submitting proposals is Friday, June 21, 2019. The RFP document can be found on the County's website (https://www.boonecountyil.org/page/bids-rfps) and copies are available at the County Administration Office at 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 102, Belvidere, IL 61008.  
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**Assumed Names**

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION  
 State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Salon business in said County and State under the name of Jazzy Fades at the following addresses: 105 N. State Street, Belvidere IL, 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Jasmin Cazares 172 Beacon Dr., Belvidere IL, 61008 Signed: Jasmin Cazares 05/13/2019

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 13th day of May, 2019. Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Christine Gardner, Deputy  
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**Julie A. Stapler  
 Boone County Clerk & Recorder  
 CHANGE IN CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OF BUSINESS PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 13, 2019, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, concerning the business known as E & J Styles & Cuts, located at 120 Buchanan St, Belvidere, IL 61008, which certificate sets forth the following changes in the operation thereof: Withdrawal of ownership of business by Jasmin Cazares.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2019.  
 Julie A. Stapler Boone County Clerk  
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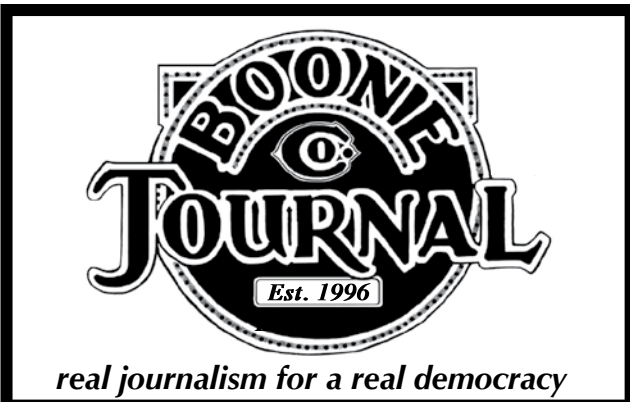
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION  
 State of Illinois County of Boone ) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend... to conduct and transact a Auction business in said County and State under the name of Lee Auction Service at the following post office addresses: 11067 Beloit Rd Belvidere, IL 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Lyle E Lee and Patricia E Lee 11067 Beloit Rd Belvidere, IL 61008 Signed: Lyle E and Patricia E Lee 4/15/2019 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 15th day of April, 2019. Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Christine Gardener, Deputy  
 Published in the Boone County Journal 5/17, 24/31, 2019

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION  
 State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Construction business in said County and State under the name of A's Carpentry and Framing at the following addresses: 2225 Sunrise Dr., Belvidere IL, 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Antonio Aguilar 2225 Sunrise Dr., Belvidere IL, 61008 Signed: Antonio Aguilar 05/28/2019  
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 28th day of May, 2019.  
 Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Giselle Lenover, Deputy  
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION  
 State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Remodeling business in said County and State under the name of Argoss at the following addresses: 2109 Candlewick Dr. SE, Poplar Grove IL, 61065 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Gustavo Vilchis 2109 Candlewick Dr. SE, Poplar Grove IL, 61065 Signed: Gustavo Vilchis 05/28/2019.  
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 28th day of May, 2019.  
 Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Christine Gardner, Deputy  
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION  
 State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Buying Small Properties business in said County and State under the name of Vilchis Enterprise at the following addresses: 2109 Candlewick Dr. SE, Poplar Grove IL, 61065 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Gustavo Vilchis 2109 Candlewick Dr. SE, Poplar Grove IL, 61065 Signed: Gustavo Vilchis 05/28/2019.  
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 28th day of May, 2019.  
 Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Christine Gardner, Deputy  
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CHANGE IN CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OF BUSINESS  
 Public Notice is hereby given that on May 29, 2019, a certificate was filed on the Office of the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, concerning the business known as Unique Boutique, located at 521 S. State St., Belvidere, IL 61008, which certificate sets forth the following changes in the operation thereof: Withdrawal of Owner Katharine L. Groom. Dated this 29th day of May, 2019.  
 Julie A. Stapler Boone County Clerk  
 By Sherry Blauert, Deputy  
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**Consumer Confidence Report  
 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report  
 for CAPRON IL  
 IL0070100**

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2018

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by CAPRON is Ground Water

For more information regarding this report contact:

Village of Capron  
 Phone: 815-569-2351 or Ion Stear 815-224-1650

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo a hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
Contaminants that may be present in source water include: - Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. - Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems. - Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.
In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead">http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead</a> .

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

**Independent:** A public notice is published in a forum independent of the government, typically in a local newspaper.

**Archivable:** A public notice is archived in a secure and publicly available format.

**Accessible:** A public notice is capable of being accessed by all segments of society.

**Verifiable:** The public and the source of the notice can verify the notice was published, usually by an affidavit provided by the publisher.

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

*Public Notice Network*

Source Water Name  
Well 2 (01110)

Type of Water  
GW

Status Report  
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Location  
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Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at 815-224-1650. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: CAPRONBased on information obtained in a Well Site Survey published in 1989 by the Illinois EPA, one potential secondary sources are located within 1,000 feet of the wells.The Illinois EPA has determined that the Capron Community Water Supply's source water is not susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including; monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and available hydro geologic data on the wells.

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	09/27/2017	1.3	1.3	1.2	3	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	09/27/2017	0	15	8.2	2	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Avg:

Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Level 1 Assessment:

A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment:

A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:

The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:

The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

na:

not applicable.

mrem:

millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

ppb:

micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

Water Quality Test Results

ppm:

milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Treatment Technique or TT:

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2018	0.5	0.42 - 0.55	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)	2018	10	9.79 - 9.79	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2018	4	3.71 - 3.71	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2018	0.24	0.1 - 0.24	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2018	0.37	0.283 - 0.37	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	2018	1.4	0.62 - 1.4		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	2018	21	8.6 - 21	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	2018	6.8	6.5 - 6.8			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.
Zinc	2018	0.0092	0 - 0.0092	5	5	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Naturally occurring; discharge from metal
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	07/13/2016	3.45	3.31 - 3.45	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.