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A view of the Rhinehart/Funderburg house from the corner of Boone Street and Van Buren Street

## Belvidere's First Generation Leisure Class.

By David Larson

When Allen Fuller's parents came to Belvidere in 1845 from Connecticut, Belvidere was barely a settlement. By the time he died in 1901, Fuller had become very wealthy. By all accounts, he made his money fair and square. Allen Fuller's estate has been estimated to have been \$1 million, which, in today's money, would be about \$34 million. An incredible achievement to leave to one heir, his daughter, Katherine.

Allen Fuller made his pioneering fortune from banking, real estate, and the practice of law, which he had learned as a law student in the East. He brought law and banking to Belvidere. Allen Fuller was the epitome of the self-made man of American mythology. He was an enterprising American pioneer, who through hard work and inspiration, turned the wilderness into civilization. His legacy has long endured, and as such, is a part of the tapestry of Belvidere's sense of place.

Allen Fuller with his wife Nancy gave birth to five children during their life-long marriage. Four of the children died in their youth. The last to die young was his daughter Ida, in 1883 at age 24 from consumption, which is now more commonly known as tuberculosis. Ida Fuller has been memorialized as the namesake of the Ida Public Library. She was known to have had a beautiful voice and gave many concert performances in Belvidere. Soon after Ida's death, her father donated \$5,000 to the newly incorporated City of Belvidere for the purpose of creating a free library. The library was located in a special reading room at City Hall, the building that is now the Belvidere Fire Station on South State Street.

Ida's younger sister Katherine, known to her friends as "Kittie or Katy", became the sole inheritor of the family fortune in 1901. She was two years younger than Ida. Katherine was born in Belvidere in 1857 and died in 1927 at the age of 70. At the age of 44, Katherine had become

independently wealthy overnight and had no need to earn an income for the rest of her life. She had become a member of the coveted leisure class. And most importantly, she had been born into wealth.

Kathrine was raised as a socially prominent person in the Belvidere and Rockford communities. She could pursue public or private interests as she chose. Privately, she had designed and built one of the most noteworthy houses in Boone County at a cost of \$16,500. She summered at her cottage on Lake Delavan, and at her parents second home on Lake Superior. Publicly, she contributed financially to several projects and supported the formation of institutions that remain in Belvidere.

In 1878, she became a member of the newly organized Ladies Club in Belvidere and served on its finance committee. She hosted, throughout her life, a womens' card club that bonded women with social standing during their leisure hours – a social club, which, after her passing persisted until recent days. A young woman by the name of Mrs Alice Funderburg was a regular guest at her card club gatherings. The card club was held in the home that Katherine built on North State Street. The much younger Mrs. Funderburg became the second owner of that home.

Katherine married Thomas F. Rhinehart on April 14, 1880, at the Presbyterian Church in Belvidere. She was only 23. Thomas was a partner in the Belvidere clothing store Rhinehart and Hovey, a clothing store located in the Adelphi Hall building, one of the nicest buildings ever constructed in Belvidere.

The Adelphi Hall was located in the 500 block of South State Street where State Street Commons is today. It was perhaps the grandest building in Belvidere, but has unfortunately been demolished or reconfigured beyond recognition (see additional photo). It has been passed down that,

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Adelphi Hall - Rhinehart awning and balcony

**Rhinehart***from page 1*

upon the signing of the surrender at Appomattox, which ended the Civil War, a crowd gather below the balcony in the picture and sang hymns until late into the night's shining stars.

Katherine and Thomas Rhinehart's wedding was the social event of the season with one hundred guests held at her father's home on North State Street. The Rhinehart's had three children, Allen (1883-1886), Ida (1885-1961) and Frank (1888-1926).

Thomas Rhinehart retired in 1888, 8 years into the marriage. The Rhineharts then had time to travel from Thomas' point of view. Katherine was 31, and just had her third child; and yet, her husband, the clothing salesman, decided to retire from earning an income. His interest was in traveling.

As the marriage progressed, Thomas often went on long trips alone, leaving Katherine at home with the staff to care for his children. By 1903, Katherine had had enough and divorced him. Her father had passed away two years earlier and she had made some decisions that included building a house on North State Street. Thomas died someplace on the east coast in 1916 and was buried in the Belvidere Cemetery family plot by his son, Frank.

Katherine spared no expense on the new home, commissioning Charles Wyman Bradley, one of the most sought-after Rockford architects of the day. Bradley was the architect of several local landmarks in Belvidere and Rockford, including the Bel-Mar Country Club and the Apollo Theater.

Thorstein Veblen's famous book *The Theory of the Leisure Class* (1899) coined the concepts of conspicuous consumption and conspicuous leisure. Like other communities, in time, the prairie settlement of Belvidere began to show signs of prosperity to support these social patterns.

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Benavides, Vicente, 93, Belvidere, April 13  
 Burns, Jacob, Belvidere, April 8  
 Kelley, Sarah, 81, Poplar Grove, March 22  
 Strate, Joan, 90, Belvidere, April 13  
 Tejeda, Jose, Belvidere, April 13

The charitable donations of inherited wealth and the honor it conferred, investment in entertainment like the Apollo (which made a marginal return if any) are examples used by the University of Chicago's Veblen.

BelMar Country Club formed in 1919 as a private golfing club, for those who could afford it. Located between Belvidere and Marengo on the U.S. Grant Highway, Route 20, The club served as a respite for those who could afford the price of leisure at a private golf club. It introduced the trappings of the leisure class to the growing middle class of the community. A club where this new class of local individuals could call their own and could feel comfortable enjoying the sport of golf and socializing with those with whom they felt a commonality. To enjoy a cocktail and muse over one's place with those whom one rubbed shoulders, the conspicuousness was gratifyingly self-evident.

Katherine's social status in Belvidere was unrivaled even by those who owned and managed the National Sewing Machine Company, of which she was major shareholder.

She pledged funds for the construction of the present Ida Public Library building. She offered to donate \$25,000 to build the new library, an amount adequate to complete the whole project. But Boone County sued the estate of her father for back taxes on some of his property. The conflict caused Katherine such emotional distress that she withdrew her donation before it was formally accepted by the library board.

As it turned out, Katherine was the largest local donor to the library, with a \$1,000 gift. Many other local donors contributed. The Elon Musk of the day, Andrew Carnegie, who established an endowment that is still a major foundation today, made up the difference. The Ida Public Library was funded in 1913 with a gift to the city of \$17,500 from the Carnegie Foundation. Katherine joined the library board and served for the next 25 years.

Katherine also was the largest donor to the establishment of Highland Hospital. The idea of a hospital had come from the community's physicians and was brought to the Boone County Board of Supervisors. The County put a proposition before the public for additional funding for the project. The Board of Supervisors required private donations of \$4,000 to move the project forward. Katherine donated her father's house at 2/3rds of the market price, which met one half of the goal the Supervisors had set.

Frank Rhinehart, Katherine's son, started two businesses of note. In 1919, he purchased a seaplane in the early days of flight, hired a pilot, and gave visiting tourists rides in St. Augustine, Florida. Shortly before his death, he purchased the land that Dertick Hall had been on. It burned to the ground in 1917. Dertick Hall functioned much like a community building, and was the place where people enjoyed opera, silent films, plays, and community gatherings. Frank purchased the property and built the grand Apollo Theater on that riverside site, which opened in 1926 shortly before his untimely death.

As Belvidere grew, it was no longer a settlement struggling to survive. Within a generation, individuals had become wealthy enough to provide an income for several generations. Some gained statewide influence, and, in the case of the Wright family, national influence. The Funderburg family has donated the mansion that Katherine Rhinehart built to the Boone County History Museum. Tours are being offered by the museum.

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## Overcoming Impoliteness

by Mars Rinaldi

The unofficial slogan of the United States Marine Corps simply states, "improvise, adapt, overcome." The line was made famous by Clint Eastwood in his 1986 film, "Heartbreak Ridge;" but in a post-pandemic society, it probably feels like the unofficial slogan of everyone. Undeniably, the effects of COVID-19 and the ensuing quarantine and restrictions have forced individuals and businesses alike to improvise, adapt, and (hopefully) overcome. Reports of unemployment numbers dropping and folks going back to work sound hopeful, but there is a perceptible and rapidly-widening rift growing between employers, potential employees, and consumers. This is just one of many cracks forming in what I believe is a broken social covenant in the United States that we absolutely must address together.

When I use the term "social covenant," I am referring to the unwritten but majoritively accepted set of socially acceptable commitments and behaviors within a culture. Within the American social covenant are a wide range of commonly accepted and expected behaviors; from small things like offering your bus seat to an elderly passenger to behaving like a reasonable, polite human being to your coffee shop barista. The social covenant extends itself into workplace culture as well, and this is where the most evident breakdown is taking place. In fact, I'm willing to bet that you can quickly think of an instance you've witnessed recently where the social covenant was broken in the examples I gave above. If I had a nickel for every time I heard a story about an exceedingly rude customer in a coffee shop, I'd be writing this article from the sun deck of a cruise ship in the Caribbean. It's the same with stories of disgruntled employees throwing their uniform and badges on the floor and walking out in the middle of a shift; or tales of nightmare employers who work their underpaid staff to death and treat them like dirt. If it seems to you that things have gotten worse since COVID-19 hit, you're not alone. A survey conducted by NBC measured the effects of COVID-19 on customer service. A whopping 74.7% of respondents said that the pandemic made customer services worse. Thus begins a bitter cycle that demonstrates this breakdown in the social covenant. Customers are unhappy with a company's service, so they react angrily in person or by a scathing online review. Business owners and employers become angry at the response from customers, and proceed to blame (or worse, retaliate against) the employees. The employees, in turn, blame their employer for not supporting them and walk off the job to find a better work environment. The business is now understaffed and customer relations are getting worse, and to top it off, no one wants to work there because they've heard that the employer is awful to work for. Customers, who are now jaded about customer service all together, take their business elsewhere and may act quite rudely to the next employee they encounter—and the cycle begins again. If you haven't lived it, you've almost certainly heard of it happening. What we're left with is a jagged chasm that is going to take a concerted effort to mend; and barring another pandemic that results in a sudden wave of altruism, mending isn't going to be easy.

The question becomes, "how do we start?" Like in many instances of healing broken relationships, the task of repairing our broken social covenant begins with recognizing that the current state of affairs is not and should not be acceptable. No one likes to stare their flaws in the face, but that is exactly the step forward that we all must take. Perhaps we simply spent so much time with ourselves that we forgot to think of others. Perhaps you were treated badly, so you anticipate the same from everyone else and have become colder than you once were. Whatever the case may be, it is time to recognize that it costs absolutely nothing at all to be polite.

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# Man Who Received Pardon for Felony Arson is Now Fire Chief and Police Officer

**State board shows Jerame Simmons joined the force March 14**

**By Beth Hundsorfer Capitol News Illinois**

Jerame Simmons spent nearly 24 years as a convicted felon after pleading guilty to arson in 1999 until a 2021 pardon cleared that record and allowed him to head the department that put out the fire he started.

Now, he's not only a fire chief, but also a part-time police officer, allowed to make arrests, carry a gun and use lethal force if warranted.

A plea deal allowed him to avoid prison time 24 years ago, but the prohibitions that come with a felony conviction would stand in the way of a public safety career and gun ownership.

That all changed with a May pardon from Gov. JB Pritzker, which followed a string of other favorable decisions from police, prosecutors and judges that allowed Simmons to avoid prosecution or conviction in other cases.

After that pardon, Simmons became the fire chief for the Prairie Du Pont Fire Department, where he previously served as a volunteer firefighter when he pleaded guilty to setting fire to an abandoned home when he was 18 years old. His hire prompted a mass resignation by firefighters from the department.

Last month, he also became a part-time police officer in his small hometown of East Carondelet, just across the river from St. Louis, where his father has served as mayor for more than three decades.

Simmons did not return calls for comment.

The timing of Simmons' employment is fortuitous for him. Starting July 1, officers must have completed nine months of training before starting work. Because he was hired before the July 1 deadline, he has full police powers and can begin work immediately. He must complete nine months of training within his first 18 months of employment.

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According to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, Simmons joined the force on March 14 and completed his firearms training on March 23. Although the pardon did not restore Simmons' firearm privileges, a federal law exempts police officers from having to obtain a Firearm Owners Identification Card or concealed carry license.

Background checks are largely up to the counties and municipalities doing the hiring and are usually required by most local police departments. Simmons' father, Herb Simmons, is the longtime mayor of East Carondelet, a village of 500 that borders the Mississippi River on one side and a railroad depot on the other.

Herb Simmons also formerly served as the town's police chief. He is currently head of the St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency and he sits on several influential boards in the Metro East region.

Herb Simmons did not return a call for comment.

## The charges

It was after school on a Thursday, Jan. 15, 1998. Toilet paper and ceiling tiles were piled in a heap in the basement of Dupo High School and set on fire, causing minor damage.

Nine days after that fire, St. Clair County sheriff's deputies received a report that a white van had turned on emergency lights and stopped a vehicle.

The men in the stopped vehicle told police that the van's driver approached them and asked if they had alcohol, then displayed a badge and told them he was a U.S. marshal. Deputies later found Simmons behind the wheel of a white Chevrolet Astro Van, registered to his father, Herb Simmons, who served as a deputy U.S. Marshal.

On Feb 13, 1998, a vacant house was set on fire.

Police stopped Simmons and questioned him after a neighbor identified a white van leaving the area after the fire started. Simmons was driving a white van – and responding to the fire call in his capacity as a volunteer firefighter – when he pulled up at the Prairie Du Pont Fire Department.

The Illinois Fire Marshal's report from 1998 stated a 5-gallon gas can was found on the home's first floor, flares were found in three different locations, and evidence of accelerant was found on the stairs of the home.

Gloves and a coat taken from Simmons had the odor of gas, and Simmons' cousin told police Simmons started the fire. The house had been set on fire three times before.

Simmons eventually confessed to a St. Clair County detective, but Simmons said the officer "acted like a jerk" and lied to him to leverage the confession.

After his arrest, Simmons was charged with starting the fire at Dupo High School a month before the fire at the vacant house. He was also charged with unlawfully using the emergency light.

In the case at the high school, Simmons was charged with a Class X felony – the most serious felony – because he knew that there was a woman in the building when the fire was set, according to court records.

In a plea agreement, the school fire charge was dismissed and Simmons pleaded guilty to the arson charge related to the vacant home. Under the terms of the deal, Simmons received four years of probation on the arson charge related to the vacant home. He received another 30 months of probation for the unlawful use of an emergency light.

Those charges were expunged after the pardon was signed by Gov. JB Pritzker on May 19, 2021.

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**Fire Chief**

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**The fight**

Three years before that pardon, Jerame Simmons told a strip club bouncer that he was a cop, according to a police report.

The bouncer at the Sauget club ejected Simmons' wife, who had had an altercation with another patron, the report stated. The report stated the bouncer said Simmons accosted him, told him that he was a police officer, then pulled a gun.

Simmons later denied that he pulled a firearm, stating that he shook his fist at the bouncer while holding a vape cigarette.

Police did not review the surveillance video because they took the word of the club manager, who said Simmons was not holding a gun.

Simmons was not a police officer at the time.

Simmons was charged with disorderly conduct and sentenced to 90 days probation.

Simmons has faced other charges over the years as well, including a 2006 charge of leaving the scene of an accident, to which he pleaded guilty and received six months supervision; a 2009 charge of obstructing a police officer, to which he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to conditional discharge; and a 2016 disorderly conduct charge to which he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation.

He has also had multiple charges dismissed, including a 2006 charge of violating an order of protection, a 2008 charge of impersonating a police officer, and two 2008 charges of violating an order of protection.

These charges cannot be seen on Simmons' public record, but were listed in the petition for clemency and in previous news coverage about the fight at the strip club.

**Public safety record**

Simmons was interested in law enforcement early on, according to his clemency petition.

He joined the Boy Scout Explorers at the East Carondelet Police Department when he was still in high school.

He trained with a K-9 Officer, searched for missing kids and started a Boy Scout Police Explorer program. He received first responder, firefighter and police safety commissions, as well as University of Illinois and Federal Emergency Management Association certificates.

He served as director of the Public Safety Department of Emergency Services for East Carondelet in 2005. He volunteered with the Golden Garden, Valmeyer and Prairie DuPont fire departments. He was acting fire chief for the Brooklyn Fire Protection District.

In May, he asked the governor for another chance – a clean slate to pursue a career in public safety.

"I know that kids do stupid things, but being in the wrong place at the wrong time is all it takes. I am a perfect example," Simmons wrote in his petition. "I have lived this nightmare for a long time and I am asking for your forgiveness."

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**OP-ED****Better Politics, Smarter Government:  
Internships Build  
Skills, Launch  
Careers, Enrich Lives****By John T. Shaw**

On a late Friday afternoon in early March, my final appointment for the week was a conversation with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute's interns, most of whom are working at the Capitol in Springfield. I was looking forward to the conversation but was tired from the long week, so I spent a few minutes gathering my energy for the meeting. It quickly became clear this was unnecessary. The curiosity, passion, idealism, intelligence, and hopefulness of our interns gave me a jolt of energy that propelled me through the afternoon, and it remains. In an hourlong conversation, they discussed working in the Capitol as COVID-19 lingers, the ebbs and flows of the General Assembly's schedule, and the opportunity to meet state representatives, senators, and constitutional officers. One student described meeting Gov. and Mrs. Pritzker at this year's State of the State Address.

The conversation reminded me how important internships are for students, universities and employers.

Research shows that internships during college provide critical opportunities for students to channel academic learning into workplace skills. Internships also spur personal growth, boost confidence, and help students build professional and social networks and assess career options. For employers, interns bring energy, inquisitiveness, creativity and fun to the workplace. Everybody wins.

"Internships and other forms of work-based learning are one of the most influential ideas shaping research, policymaking, and educational practice in higher education in the early 21st century," concludes a national study of college internships conducted last year by the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

When Paul Simon created the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University 25 years ago, he envisioned student opportunities, including internships, as central to its mission. Over the years, the institute created several internship programs in Springfield and one for a government agency in southern Illinois. We also have a social work internship.

The institute's interns have had enriching experiences that helped launch impressive careers in state government, politics, business, academics, media and lobbying.

Please allow me to let the Institute's interns say a few words.

Mallory Harrity, from Fox Lake, Illinois, major in criminology and criminal justice: "I took this internship to be able to have experience in government and learn about the inner workings of the State Capitol. ... I hope this internship will help my career by continuing to introduce me to successful people in legislation who share my passion for criminal justice reform."

Crystal Kendzior, from LaGrange, Illinois, major in economics: "I have always wanted to

help fix the social ills in our country. I took this internship to narrow my passions and figure out where to apply my skill set to create change. Becoming a Gene Callahan Intern in the Speaker's Office has provided me with a launchpad for the rest of my career. ... I gained valuable lessons on the fundamentals of state government, how to perform in professional social interactions, and the importance of being confident and willing to learn."

Ajara Yakoubou, from Plainfield, Illinois, major in political science: "I took this internship so I can learn firsthand how state government operates. This internship has taught me how to build professional relationships with others and that people are willing to help me strengthen my future in politics by showing me different things I can do in it."

Valeria Beltran, from Mundelein, Illinois, major in social work: "With this internship, I have the chance to learn about how committees in the Illinois Senate and House of Representatives operate and how bills make their way through government. This internship has showed me a different side of social work and I know it will help prepare me for the future in watching out for bills that will affect my clients so I can advocate for their needs."

Chelsey Varela, from Centralia, Illinois, major in criminology and criminal justice: "Throughout these past months, I have learned the benefits of social interactions, introducing myself to new faces, and stepping beyond my comfort zone. As someone with an interest in policy and a dedication to pursuing law, I hope this internship will assist me in propelling forward to spark change within the criminal justice system both on the state and federal level."

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**Session Recap:  
Bills Allow  
Pharmacists to  
Administer Preventive  
HIV Meds, Fentanyl  
Test Strips**

*Lawmakers say the expanded access can be lifesaving*

**By Grace Kinnicutt *Capitol News Illinois***

Legislation allowing pharmacists to administer or dispense preventive HIV medication and fentanyl testing strips were among health-related measures passed by the Illinois General Assembly during the final week of session.

House Bill 4430 allows pharmacists to order and conduct testing and dispense pre- and post-exposure HIV medications to individuals who are at high risk for infection. The pharmacists would need to have a standing order issued by a licensed physician or county health department that would allow them to offer care for the individual seeking help.

The medications, referred to as PrEP for the pre-exposure drug and PEP for the post-exposure one, are designed to mitigate the risk of HIV infection.

Sen. Mike Simmons, D-Chicago, the bill's chief Senate sponsor, said it will help cut down on waiting times and provide "potentially lifesaving" care to thousands of Illinoisans.

According to the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, there are about 45,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in Illinois and 1,300 people each year learn they have HIV or AIDS.

The bill also lays out insurance reimbursement requirements for pharmacists offering the services.

Sen. Jason Barickman, a Bloomington

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Republican, was the only GOP lawmaker from either chamber to vote yes for the measure.

Barickman said the solution to the issue "may be imperfect," but that Simmons has worked with the Illinois State Medical Society and the Illinois Pharmacists Association to find a solution to lower HIV exposure across the state.

"The proposed solution is much better than the status quo that exists today," Barickman said.

The measure passed the Senate 37-12 with 10 Senators not voting and passed the House 72-30 with 12 members not voting.

Throughout debate in both chambers, Republicans raised concerns about legal, emancipated minors having access to the medication and receiving the medication on multiple occasions for their own personal use. In Illinois, a legal emancipated minor must be 16 years or older and have court documentation proving they are legally emancipated.

Under the Consent by Minors to Health Care Services Act, if a minor 12 years of age or older who possibly comes into contact with any sexually transmitted disease can give consent to health care providers to prevent, diagnose or treat a potential disease.

For an emancipated individual to receive HIV medical care from the pharmacist, under the Consent by Minors to Health Care Services Act, they must show the pharmacist documentation proving they are emancipated in order to receive the medical care they need.

Sen. Darren Bailey, R-Xenia, said the language leaves "too many loopholes" for minors, whether emancipated or not, to go to different pharmacies and refill their medications several times.

But Simmons said it is unlikely that an individual will become addicted to the medication since it has no side effects, and the hypothetical scenario is impossible because the individual must receive lab testing before a prescription can be given.

Under the bill, pharmacists are required to complete a training program that is related to HIV care before they can dispense the drugs. If an individual needs to get another prescription for the medication, follow-up lab tests must be done to determine if they are still at risk for infection or are HIV-positive, Simmons said.

The bill still needs approval from Gov. JB Pritzker and would take effect Jan. 1, 2023, if signed.

**Fentanyl strips**

Passed unanimously by both chambers, House Bill 4556 expands access for pharmacists and other health care professionals to distribute fentanyl testing strips to help reduce opioid overdoses. The testing strips can detect fentanyl in counterfeit pills and drugs.

The bill is designed to expand on the Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Act, passed in 2019. That law authorizes government agencies and nongovernmental organizations to create needle access programs aimed at reducing HIV and other bloodborne diseases.

Programs are community-based and provide a range of preventive services and educational information on overdose prevention and intervention, monitoring programs for opioids and other prescriptions, and safe drug disposal of unused medications.

All testing supplies for fentanyl must be stored in a licensed pharmacy, hospital, clinic or other health care facility.

Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, said that many opioid deaths occur in people who did not know they were ingesting a substance that was "cut with fentanyl, a synthetic, cheap, and extremely deadly opioid."

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, there were 2,944 opioid overdose deaths in 2020 which was more than twice the number of homicides. There were also 19,451 emergency responses to opioid overdoses in 2020.

Guzzardi noted that the bill won't end the

fentanyl crisis but that it will provide young people who do experiment with drugs a measure of protection that could potentially save their life.

The measure still needs approval from Pritzker and would take effect immediately once signed into law.

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## Egg Supplies Tighten It doesn't Look Good

*By Daniel Grant  
FarmWeek*

A significant drop in production along with strong demand recently pushed wholesale table egg prices to more than \$3 per dozen, up 170% from a year ago, according to the CME Group's Daily Livestock Report (DLR).

The sharp increase in prices was due in large part to recent outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Nationwide, at least 11 million layers have been lost to the potent virus, according to a CoBank report, while estimates this month suggest total losses could reach 18 million birds, or 5.5% of the layer supply, DLR reported.

"The impact of HPAI on the egg production industry has been devastating, which is also what the industry experienced in 2015," DLR authors noted. "If 2015 is any guide, we could see more outbreaks and losses in the next two months, further worsening the egg supply situation and pricing."

With USDA reporting new cases of HPAI almost daily and depopulation of operations ranging from dozens to millions of birds, estimating total expected losses remains challenging, according to CoBank.

USDA's weekly shell egg demand indicator showed about five days of inventory on hand at the start of the month, which suggests a snug but not alarmingly tight supply, CoBank noted. However, it does not appear supplies will be able to accommodate the reduction in layers as a result of HPAI outbreaks, especially at a regional level.

The outbreak of HPAI is the latest blow to the egg layer industry, which is dealing with skyrocketing feed prices and struggled with a lack of packaging equipment and supplies needed for grocery sales at the height of the COVID pandemic.

"U.S. producers have been hard-pressed to align supplies with market demand over the last two years," said Brian Earnest, lead animal protein economist with CoBank.

"The U.S. layer flock typically expands

ahead of the surge in demand for Easter and contracts during the summer months," he continued. "But recent losses due to HPAI have combined with high feed costs and other challenges that are severely limiting flock size management."

Overall, protein for Easter meals is expected to be more expensive than in years past. The lamb cutout value has averaged more than \$6 per pound so far this year, down slightly from a record value of \$6.39 per pound last August, but still well above average.

Meanwhile, the wholesale boneless beef rib-eye price has averaged \$8.43 per pound this year, more than \$1 above the five-year average, ham prices remain above the five-year average and broiler prices gained 20% the first quarter of this year to \$1.60 per pound, DLR reported.

Losses from HPAI also could affect sales to other countries. The U.S. exported 16.8 million dozen eggs in January, down 35% compared to last year, the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council reported.

And, while the value of chicken and turkey exports increased in January due to higher prices, volumes decreased 4.5% for chicken and 16.2% for turkey.

USDA's world ag supply and demand estimates project broiler sales could decline as higher prices reduce export opportunities. The forecast for turkey exports was lowered due in part to HPAI-related import restrictions to Mexico.

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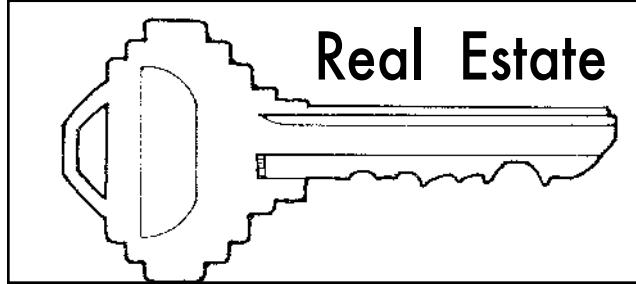
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE  
ON BEHALF OF AND WITH RESPECT TO AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN  
TRUST 2020-D, MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES, SERIES 2020-D Plaintiff,

-v.-  
DAVID S. VISTINE, SUZANNE VISTINE, Defendants

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Property Index No. 05-35-406-014

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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HOLDERS OF THE JPMORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST  
2006-WMC2 ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SE-  
RIES 2006-WMC2; Plaintiff,  
vs.  
21 CH 25

CHARLES W. KAISER; UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY AND  
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

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Commonly known as 1721 7th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008.

PLN. 05-35-452-013.

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 Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, 225 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 236-0077. SPS001160-21FC1

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
2020 CH 16

COLLEEN M. JOHNSON, DONALD K. JOHNSON, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 11, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 4, 2022,

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 1726 5TH AVENUE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-35-479-097

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$67,019.41.

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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO CITIBANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE TO LEHMAN XS TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-6 Plaintiff,  
vs.  
21 CH 15

LYNDA W. REILLY, M. MICHAEL REILLY A/K/A MATTHEW MICHAEL REILLY A/K/A MICHAEL REILLY, YOUR EQUITY SOURCE, LLC, WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS YOUR EQUITY SOURCE, LLC, WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-S6 Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

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Commonly known as 107 NORTH FOURTH STREET, CAPRON, IL 61012

Property Index No. 04-11-126-010

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$174,781.19.

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.

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For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKESHA RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 21-094957.

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vs.  
-v.-

2020 CH 16

COLLEEN M. JOHNSON, DONALD K. JOHNSON, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11 AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN AS RECORDED JANUARY 7, 2004 IN PLAT INDEX FILE ENVELOPE 288-A AS DOCUMENT NO. 2004R00200 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

C/K/A: 232 Briarwood Drive, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
PIN: 05-12-152-011

said Mortgage was given by Pamela R. Michaud and Gilbert J. Michaud, Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for St. Francis Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, Illinois, as Document No. 04R12641.

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UNLESS YOU file your appearance or otherwise file your answer in this case in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Boone County, Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere IL 61008 on or before May 23, 2022, A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, Belvidere City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 upon the following:

Application of Black River Bells, LLC, 7915 Kensington Court, Brighton, MI 48116 on behalf of the property owner, DMD Investment Inc., 923 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 for a special use to permit in-vehicles sales or service in order to operate a drive-through lane at 2056 Gateway Center Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C)(4)(B)(2) In-Vehicle Sales or Service and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures) in the PB, Planned Business District on approximately 1-acre. The subject property is legally described as:

Lot Four (4) as designated upon the Plat of Gateway Center, being a Subdivision of part of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 6, in Township 43 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded March 23, 2005 in Plat File Envelope 316-A of Plats as Document No. 2005R03084, in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois. PIN: 08-06-101-005

All persons interested in the petitions may attend and be heard at the stated time and place.

Paul Engelman, Chairman,  
Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission  
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NOTICE OF SALE

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LOT 3, IN BLOCK 10, AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NUMBER 3 OF SHEFFIELD GREEN, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 15, 1968 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 10982, IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1721 7th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008.

P.I.N. 05-35-452-013.

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 Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, 225 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 236-0077. SPS001160-21FC1

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO CITIBANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE TO LEHMAN XS TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-6 Plaintiff,

-v.- 21 CH 15

LYNDA W. REILLY, M. MICHAEL REILLY A/K/A MATTHEW MICHAEL REILLY A/K/A MICHAEL REILLY, YOUR EQUITY SOURCE, LLC, WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS YORU EQUITY SOURCE, LLC, WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-S6 Defendant

#### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 29, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 18, 2022, 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:

PART OF LOT 8 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 8 AND RUNNING TO THE NORTH 84 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES EAST 4 RODS; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES SOUTH 84 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES WEST 4 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN BLOCK 4 IN THE PLAT OF THE TOWN OF CAPRON, BEING A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 11, 1862 IN BOOK X OF DEEDS, PAGE 119, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 107 NORTH FOURTH STREET, CAPRON, IL 61012

Property Index No. 04-11-126-010

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$174,781.19.

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, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 21 8581.

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- 3pm.. Please refer to file number 21-094957.

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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](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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Attorney File No. 21-094957

Case Number: 21 CH 15

TJSC#: 42-1391

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.

Case # 21 CH 15

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

## ASSUMED NAMES

### ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a food trailer business in said County and State under the name of ALFREDO'S TACOS at the following post office address: 13012 Parkway, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Lucerito Rocha, 13012 Parkway, Poplar Grove, IL 61065; phone # (779) 770-3774.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 18th day of March, A.D. 2022

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk

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### ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a home / office cleaning business in said County and State under the name of HAPPY HOME CLEANING SERVICE at the following post office address: 719 East Lincoln 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: Erin Stone, 719 East Lincoln Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # (815) 978-6130.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 19th day of April, A.D. 2022

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk

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## What's in the \$46 billion budget package?

*Increased education spending coupled with tax relief for workers, homeowners*

**By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois**

Gov. JB Pritzker signed a package of bills Tuesday that make up a roughly \$46 billion Fiscal Year 2023 state general revenue funds budget that includes increased funding for education and human services and \$1.8 billion in mostly-temporary tax relief.

Pritzker signed the bill during a ceremony at Chicago State University where he was joined by students who stand to benefit from increased funding for higher education, including more money for student financial aid through the state's Monetary Award Program.

"The budget increases investment in MAP and provide increased opportunity for our students to access complete a college education right here in our great state of Illinois," said CSU president Zaldwaynaka "Z" Scott. "The dividends of this investment will not only yield our state immediate benefits but will impact families for generations to come."

In total, the spending plan appropriates \$115 billion for all funds, with the \$46 billion accounting for the state's main discretionary general revenue funds.

The budget is based on estimated GRF revenue of about \$46.5 billion, which would leave the state with a budget surplus of \$444 million at the end of the year, the second consecutive budget surplus under the Pritzker administration.

The budget signed Tuesday directed \$720 million into the state's Budget Stabilization Fund from the current fiscal year and \$280 million out of next year's revenues – the first such deposits made into that fund in 18 years.

"We're putting a billion dollars into the state's rainy day fund so that we won't have so many troubles the next time hard times hit our state," Pritzker said. "And we put an extra \$500 million into our pensions, saving taxpayers nearly \$2 billion in future interest payments, and to make sure retirees get what they are owed. Balancing the budget allows us to save for the future and live up to our financial obligations."

### Tax relief

The tax relief package was one of the most hotly debated elements of the budget, both between Democrats and Republicans and within the Democratic caucus itself.

The final agreement includes \$520 million for a one-time property tax rebate for qualifying homeowners. The rebate would be equal to 5 percent of the homeowner's tax bill, up to a maximum of \$300.

It also provides for a one-time income tax rebate of \$50 per individual and \$100 per dependent, up to a limit of three children per family, for individuals

with incomes up to \$200,000 and joint filers with incomes up to \$400,000.

The package also calls for a one-year suspension of the state's 1 percent tax on groceries. That's about \$400 million in revenue that would normally go to local units of government but which the state will pay out of its own general revenue funds for one year.

It also puts a six-month pause on the automatic inflationary increase in the state's motor fuel tax, which was estimated to be 2.2 cents per gallon, or about \$70 million over that period. That money would normally go into a fund for road and bridge projects but the state will make up for that loss by transferring money from its Leaking Underground Storage Tank Fund.

Another \$50 million in tax relief will come in the form of a back-to-school sales tax holiday on clothing and school supplies for 10 days in August and a doubling of the tax credit that teachers can claim for buying school supplies for their students.

The one permanent element of the tax relief plan expands the state earned income tax credit from 18 to 20 percent of the federal credit while also expanding the number of households that can claim the credit.

### Education

Overall, the budget calls for spending \$12 billion on education next year, or 26 percent of the total operating budget. That includes just under \$9.8 billion for PreK-12 education and \$2.2 billion for higher education.

The PreK-12 budget includes the statutory \$350.2 million increase called for in the Evidence Based Funding formula that lawmakers approved in 2017.

In addition, the budget provides a \$96 million increase for transportation and special education reimbursements to school districts, a \$54.4 million increase for early childhood education and \$300 million in grants to child care providers.

The higher education budget includes supplemental appropriations in the current fiscal year of 5 percent over what lawmakers approved last spring and a continuation of that increase into the next fiscal year.

It provides an additional \$122 million in funding for MAP grants, the state's need-based financial aid program, bringing the total available next year to \$601.5 million. It also provides an expansion of the maximum award to 50 percent of tuition at public universities and coverage for an additional 24,000 students.

"With funding from the MAP grant, students will not only earn a degree without accumulating debt, but (will have) access to better opportunities and greater social capital," said Nekoya Washington, a CSU senior and MAP grant recipient.

### Public safety

The Illinois State Police will be able to recruit as many as 300 new officers in the upcoming year with funding for an additional class of cadets, the largest dollar investment in state history to expand cadet classes.

The budget package also includes more than \$1.4 billion from a variety of different funds for other projects aimed at reducing crime and violence in the state. Those include:

- Approximately \$1 billion for violence prevention, youth employment, and diversion programs.

- A \$50 million increase directly from marijuana revenues to support communities harmed by violence, excessive incarceration and economic disinvestment.

- \$240 million for the Reimagine Public Safety Act aimed at early violence intervention, including \$235 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding.

- \$30 million to support the Violent Crime Witness Protection Program.

- \$20 million for grants to non-profits for security investments to prepare for hate crimes.

- \$30 million for Local Law Enforcement Body Camera grants.

- \$20 million for less lethal device grants and associated training expenses.

- \$10 million for a mental health co-responder pilot program.

- \$10 million for a local law enforcement retention grant program.

- \$8 million for a multi-year equipment replacement program at the Illinois State Police that includes radios, body and car cameras, and cloud storage.

- \$5.4 million for increased staffing and equipment at a new ISP forensic lab in Decatur.

- And \$20 million for cameras and automatic license plate readers on state highways.

### Health and social services

Health care services, most of which are provided through the state's Medicaid program, typically make up about 17 percent of state spending while other human services such as foster care and care for people with disabilities make up about 18 percent.

One of the biggest new health care programs provided in the budget is a \$700 million increase in reimbursements for Medicaid-funded Nursing homes through a new payment model lawmakers approved in March that is aimed at increasing staffing levels at those facilities.

Other highlights of the health care budget include a \$230 million increase in funding for mental health care and community-based substance abuse treatment providers; \$150 million to fully implement the Pathways to Success Program for children with serious mental illnesses; and \$70 million to implement the 9-8-8 call center and crisis response for people experiencing mental health crises.

The budget also establishes a framework for distributing the first year of funding from Illinois' share of a \$26 billion national opioid settlement agreement.

The human services budget includes a \$250 million increase for the Department of Children and Family Services to hire additional staff and increase reimbursement rates to outside child welfare agencies that contract with the department.

### Economic development

Among the new economic initiatives in the budget is a one-year waiver of retail liquor license fees, a move intended to aid restaurants, bars and other liquor license holders that were hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The budget package also includes a permanent increase in the state's revenue sharing formula that will bring an additional \$25 million in funding to local units of government through the Local Government Distributive Fund.

There is also funding for a variety of job training programs, business attraction and retention programs and \$55 million in capital funding to promote economic development throughout the state, including funds to support zero emission vehicle manufacturing, clean energy, supply chain manufacturing and other environmental purposes.

### ARPA funds

The budget package also appropriates the remaining \$4 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding. That includes the \$2.7 billion that was used in March to pay down part of the deficit in the state's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

The remaining \$1.37 billion includes:

- \$320 million for Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services and Department of Public Health.

- \$380 million in pandemic support for health care provider payments.

- \$150 million for affordable housing programs through the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

- \$83.4 million for violence prevention and interruption grants at Criminal Justice Information Authority.

- And \$190 million in other support through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, including \$75 million for the hotel industry, \$50 million for restaurants and bars, \$50 million for arts-related grants, and \$15 million for tourism attraction development grants.

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