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## Hotel Belvidere

by David Larson

Belvidere's first hotel was a log cabin built by a pioneer by the name of Doty, and was built in 1835. In 1836, Doty built a larger structure using the first sawed lumber hauled from Chicago to what was known as General Scotts Crossing at the Kishwaukee River. Doty constructed the new hotel on the south bank of the Kishwaukee, near the State Street Bridge.

The second Hotel development, called the Big Thunder Hotel, was built in 1838. In 1842, a two-story structure was constructed by William H. Gilman on North State Street called the American House. This hotel was operated by the Lawrence and Walker Partnership.

The Hotel Belvidere was one of several hotels in Belvidere's business district around the turn of the century. Today, the site of the hotel is a parking lot on the north side of the alley that runs between State Street and Whiney Boulevard, next to City Hall. *The Boone County Journal* is located directly across State Street from the site. When the hotel was built in the 1880s, Belvidere's population was 3,000. When the hotel was torn down in 1934, Belvidere had 8000 people.

Built in the 1880's and torn down in the 1934, the building was never valued as a quaint, period structure whose antique appearance brought as much value as its utility. Not enough time had passed to make that so. The building had murals, but they were strictly commercial advertisements painted by walldogs and were not the artistic appeal of a Banksy nor were they a decorative graphic design suitable to enhance the wall of a nursing home.

The hotel was affiliated with an successful, existing restaurant on the west side of the street, which had long been popular for serving a good, home-cooked meals, farmer-style. To dine farmer-style was to sit at a long table with others, like hibachi-style dining, and food was served on larger platters. Customers at the table could help themselves to any helping or helpings they chose until satisfied, similar to a buffet restaurant today.

The Hotel Belvidere was used for many functions other than providing a hotel rooms for travelers or social occasions. Town Hall meetings were held at the Hotel Belvidere, and a barber was in residence as can be noted by the barber poll at the right, front corner of the building next to the other signs. The Eastern Star Chapter was established at the Hotel Belvidere. The Order of the Eastern Star is a Masonic organization open to both men and women. It was established in 1850 but was only adopted and approved as an associated body of the Masonic Fraternity in 1873. The order is based on teachings from the Bible, but is open to people of all religious beliefs. It has approximately 10,000 chapters in twenty countries and approximately 500,000 members under its General Grand Chapter.

The hotel building was built by C.J. Harding for Samuel Lovejoy, the owner of the farm-style restaurant. The Hotel Belvidere was informally known as the Lovejoy House, because of the name of the proprietor. During the era in which Lovejoy operated the Hotel, political rallies, business meetings, musical entertainment, and lecturer occurred on the premises. Often lectures were delivered from the roof of the first floor awning, which was used as a balcony. Later the business was passed on to Fred Evens, a local attorney, followed by a series of other proprietors and partnerships.

In 1919, a banquet of 75 of Belvidere economic and political leaders met at the Hotel Belvidere to unveil plans for a mega-hotel project in Belvidere to be built at the corner of First and State Streets. Many more were unable to attend due to summer vacation plans. Belvidere's population in 1920 was 7,800. Excitement over the project drew the moral and financial support of the well-heeled. Five stories of brick and terra cotta, were planned for this 90-foot-tall structure. The proposed hotel included 50 rooms and 26 bathrooms, and an elegant carriage porch, facing First Street. A beautiful garden on the Second Street side, punctuated with shade trees, brought an atmosphere of posh, landscape architecture that would be viewed from a 31 by 43 foot dining room, not unlike plans on the drawing board for the former Leath Furniture Building on Meadow Street today.

The plans for the second floor of the 1920s hotel contained a ballroom and the first class suites. A prominent local attorney, William L. Pierce, serving as toastmaster, vouched for the character of the developers. Speaking on behalf of the National Sewing Machine Company, Harry Pierce explained that so much of the National's business affairs were rushed because clients had to be taken to the Nelson Hotel in Rockford to rest in the comfort to which they were accustomed. The National was always put in the embarrassing position of making apologies for the inconvenience.

Developers raised \$160,000 in 1919 dollars, but the corporation ran into labor and material overruns. The project was put on hold and never happened.



## Belvidere Township Appoints New Assessor

Michael 'Mike' St. Angel was sworn in as the new Belvidere Township Assessor on Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. St. Angel will fulfill the remainder of the term of office, which expires in 2021, vacated by former Assessor Tamara Torrance who retired in June.

St. Angel, who is a 9-year employee of the Belvidere Township Assessor's Office and a State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser with over 20-years of experience, was recommended for the assessor position by Ms. Torrance. Her recommendation along with St. Angel's credentials were reviewed and approved by the Belvidere Township Board of Trustees, following all State of Illinois mandated regulations pertaining to the appointment of an individual to an elected position that has been vacated prior to the expiration of a term.

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## Pritzker Vetoes School BB Gun Bill

Sponsor says bill gives school boards 'flexibility;' gov cites 'school-to-prison pipeline' as concern

by JERRY NOWICKI  
*Capitol News Illinois*

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the Republican sponsors of a bill he vetoed Tuesday announced they will continue to work on legislation aimed at clarifying the state's school code as it pertains to BB guns, air-powered guns and other similar weapons.

Pritzker used only his fifth veto on [Senate Bill 2124](#), a measure state Sen. Chapin Rose, a Mahomet Republican and the bill's sponsor, said was written to "close a loophole" in a state law, which he said ties school districts' hands in dealing with incidences in which students bring BB guns to school to cause panic and disruption.

The problem, Rose said in a phone call, is that weapons like BB guns, spring guns, air-powered pneumatic guns and paint ball guns are not specifically addressed in current law. That's because they technically don't fit the legal definition of actual guns, and the section of law pertaining to "look alike" guns applies only if the weapon is "used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm."

Rose said the bill was written in response to a specific incident in the Mt. Zion school district, in Macon County.

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Hundreds came out to stroll Buchanan Street Sunday. "Buchanan Street Strolls" will repeat September 8, 22 and October 6 from 1p.m. to 6p.m.

**Obituaries**

- Diss, James, 82, Poplar Grove, August 12
- Horner, Rex, 50, Belvidere, August 11
- Metzger, Phillip, 72, Belvidere, August 7
- Mullane, Rev. Bernard, 89, Belvidere, August 7
- Nolan, William "Tip", 88, Belvidere, August 7
- Poffenberger, Philip, 79, Poplar Grove, August 12
- Scott, David, 60, Belvidere, August 10

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**Community News & Events**

**Kirkland Historical Society Annual Golf Outing-** Saturday, August 24, 2019. Timber Pointe Golf Course, 5750 Woodstock Road, Poplar Grove, IL. 11:30 check-in. Italian Dinner served at 6:00 PM. Contact Jean Klock at 815-761-3100.

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**The Fox On The Fairway-** The Fox On The Fairway will be performed September 5-22 in the Cheek Theatre in the Clark Arts Center at Rockford University. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30, Fridays at 7:30, Saturdays at 4:00 and 7:30, and Sundays at 2:00. Thursday

tickets are \$19. All other performances are \$30, \$28 for seniors, and \$10 for students. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.artistsensemble.org](http://www.artistsensemble.org) or by calling 815-394-5004.

**Kirkland Historical Society Fall Meeting-** Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7PM at the Olson Chapel, 309 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Kirkland. The program will be "Kirkland's Hemp Mill" by Connie Worden. All are welcome-Refreshments will be served.

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**BB Gun**

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In that district, Rose said, the school board believed alternative school would be an appropriate disciplinary action for a student who was involved in an incident with a BB gun.

Mt. Zion Superintendent Dr. Travis Roundcount said in a phone call that if a weapon is not fired in such an incident, Illinois law allows for only suspension up to 10 days.

“So the only way that we could send somebody to an alternative school is if they brought the BB gun to school and started shooting people with it,” Roundcount said. “And what school districts more often probably have is they bring a BB gun to school, and then other kids see it. And other kids don’t know if it’s a BB gun, or a real gun, and it causes panic.”

Rose’s measure would have provided that a student who brings one of the weapons to “school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year.”

But Rose said it also included an important stipulation that the expulsion requirement “may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent’s determination may be modified by the board (of education) on a case-by-case basis.”

“The most important thing is that school boards need flexibility to address school safety issues in these circumstances, flexibility they do not have under current law,” Rose said.

Rose said the measure would have granted superintendents and school boards the same authority they currently have to deal with hunting knives, brass knuckles or other such weapons.

“The kid who is otherwise a good student, has no blemishes on his record, he’s got a BB gun in his car, that’s in one category,” Rose said. “A kid with clear mental health issues, who’s walking through the hallway or walking through the locker room brandishing a gun, clearly to incite a rise out of classmates, is asking for serious, serious trouble.”

Thus, he said, the measure was designed to make alternative school an allowable disciplinary action against the latter student.

“I’m for giving school boards, locally elected school boards, as much discretion as they can possibly have when it comes to dealing with student safety,” Rose said.

In Pritzker’s veto message, he said current law “already equips school boards, superintendents, and administrators with the tools necessary to discipline students who bring inappropriate, potentially harmful objects to school.” But he said he was willing to work with bill sponsors to “address any ongoing concerns surrounding student safety.”

“The School Code authorizes school boards to expel students who bring weapons to school. It also authorizes school boards to establish

policies to discipline students who engage in gross disobedience and misconduct. These policies provide authority for school districts to discipline a student who brings a pneumatic gun, spring gun, paint ball gun, or BB gun to a school or school activity, and to tailor the punishment to the circumstances of the incident,” Pritzker wrote.

He also said to avoid the “school-to-prison pipeline,” state law “should be crafted to ensure that students are not disproportionately disciplined in a manner that affects the long-term trajectory of their success in school and life.”

“The School Code reflects this philosophy by recommending that school officials consider forms of nonexclusionary discipline prior to using out-of-school suspensions or expulsions,” Pritzker wrote.

Rose and House sponsor Rep. Dan Caulkins, R-Decatur, said they were contacted by the governor last week and expect to come up with a new bill that is agreed upon by all parties by the time the General Assembly returns to address the governor’s vetoes in late October and early November.

The concept had wide support in the General Assembly, as it passed the Senate 56-0 and the House 109-1 with five present votes prior to the veto.

**Report: ‘Bullying’ Rife in House Speaker’s Office**

**Former prosecutor paints bleak picture of Madigan’s ex-chief of staff**

by **REBECCA ANZEL**  
*Capitol News Illinois*

An investigation into the “workplace culture” of Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan’s office found his former chief of staff contributed to a culture of bullying pervasive throughout the Capitol system.

The review, conducted by former federal prosecutor and former executive inspector general Maggie Hickey, was called for in response to allegations of harassment. She currently works for Schiff Hardin LLP.

Hickey found “by far the most consistent criticism” of more than 100 people interviewed was “bullying,” according to the report released Tuesday. The issues, including “hazing” experienced by some workers, were described as “inevitable” due to long hours workers spend in the Statehouse and the “militant” nature of Madigan’s staff.

Madigan and a group of female Democratic lawmakers called for Hickey to conduct the probe of the Speaker’s office in June 2018.

“I welcomed this independent review to better understand the workplace culture within the

Office of the Speaker and to help improve the environment in the Capitol,” Madigan said in a press release.

One of the allegations was against Timothy Mapes, who was the speaker’s chief of staff for more than 25 years

and clerk of the House for more than six years before resigning in June 2018.

Sherri Garrett, an account technician, worked in the Statehouse since the 1980s. She made eight allegations against Mapes, which Hickey classified into three groups in her report: illustrations of Mapes’ leadership approach, examples of how he managed workplace harassment complaints and allegations he made inappropriate comments at work.

In interviews for the investigation, she told Hickey that Mapes had “an inordinate amount of power in the State,” according to the report, including influence over harassment complaints. Hickey’s report said most of the people she interviewed, regardless of their opinion of Mapes, said he “commonly threatened people’s jobs” or “reminded them that they were dispensable.”

Hickey concluded Mapes “had a habit of being discourteous to workers and representatives.”

“The number of independently verified instances of Mr. Mapes’s derogatory behavior was overwhelming,” Hickey said in her report. “Mr. Mapes had a reputation for denigrating workers and threatening their jobs.”

The report also found Mapes made “discourteous and inappropriate comments” to and around Garrett, as well as other workers, to “[exert] power” over them.

“It is my position that the recent criticisms made against me do not truly appreciate the size of the responsibility of my position,” Mapes said in a statement distributed by his law firm, Clifford Law Offices. “The daily needs of my position required constant attention in order to ensure the successful operation of our government. I made every effort to satisfy these demands.”

But in her report, Hickey noted Mapes held “substantial actual and perceived authority” in Madigan’s office as well as the Capitol.

“Whether he intended it or not, many workers said that Mr. Mapes caused them to believe that they were easily replaceable, and therefore, they made sure not to make waves, even if they would have had workplace harassment concerns that they believed warranted attention,” according to the report.

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She recommended Madigan reorganize the hierarchy of his office to prevent the amount of power and influence Mapes wielded to again rest with one person. In the report, she suggested the speaker take on a greater role in his office and delegate additional responsibilities to senior members of his staff.

The document also states the speaker's human resources department should be given additional authority, workers should receive more harassment training, and the office should have clearer reporting structures.

"I truly hope that the workplace culture changes so that people doing this important work are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve," Garrett said in a press release.

The report said that while many people believe the power wielded by the speaker's office "has been used to silence opposition" and "discouraged some people from coming forward," many of those interviewed also believed the office "can use its power to eliminate harassment and discrimination from the Capitol workplace by being transparent, accountable, and a model for other workplaces and legislatures."

"We agree," Hickey wrote.

The investigation also focused on allegations made by Chicago Democratic Rep. Kelly Cassidy and activist Maryann Loncar.

Cassidy alleged in mid-May 2018 that she was the subject of retaliation by Mapes, Madigan and Blue Island Democratic Rep. Robert Rita for speaking out about how the speaker's office handled harassment complaints.

The report did not find any evidence of wrongdoing of the three men.

Loncar last year accused former Chicago Democratic Rep. Lou Lang of sexual harassment for an action which occurred more than five years ago when they were working on legislation together. Hickey noted in the report that Loncar did not cooperate with the investigation, and Lang, who is now a registered lobbyist at the Statehouse, denied the allegations against him, calling them "absurd."

The report notes "there is insufficient evidence to conclude that Representative Lang engaged in wrongdoing."

# Mendoza Signs Executive Order to Focus on Prevailing Wage

**Comptroller says emphasis on existing law needed as capital plan takes shape**

*by Jerry Nowicki  
Capitol News Illinois*

With a \$45 billion, six-year capital infrastructure plan becoming law earlier this year, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza signed an executive order Tuesday aimed at refocusing enforcement of state prevailing wage laws for construction projects receiving state money.

"When I took office in 2016, we made sure to let folks know that ... our goal is to continue to enforce this executive act. What we're doing now is just reaffirming it and updating it and getting the word out as we embark on a \$45 billion capital plan that this is state law, people need to be aware of it, they need to abide by it."

Prevailing wage is the rate of compensation determined by the government that must be paid to workers for projects involving state government funding.

At a news conference in her office Tuesday, Mendoza warned of halted checks for any contractor if it comes to her attention workers are not receiving the prevailing wage.

Mendoza said anyone believing a company is in violation of the act could notify her office.

"They would notify us, we would look into that alongside the Department of Labor, and we have the potential to stop payments, further vouchers going out, further warrants, essentially, being sent out until that corrective action is taken," she said.

Mendoza's executive order outlines other steps her office will take to ensure contractors pay their employees the prevailing wage as well. The executive order says her office will not accept any grant or contract submissions without proof that the contractor is in compliance with the prevailing wage act, and would have the authority to "pre-audit" any state-funded contracts as well. Mendoza's office will also maintain a [prevailing wage inquiry form](#) on the comptroller's website, where state contract listings and other information can be found. The comptroller also said she would direct her prevailing wage enforcement officer to address queries from labor about any state-funded contracts.

The new executive order is necessary, she said, because the last one pertaining to prevailing wage was signed by former Comptroller Dan Hynes, and the General Assembly has not passed a capital plan as extensive as this year's plan in decades.

"And essentially, there's a lot of people that have been in and out of government, even at the Department of Labor or here at comptroller's office. And not to mention, so many people that for the last few years had no clue even about what the rules are around prevailing wage," she said. "So any opportunity ... that we can have to educate the public, the vendor community, as well as our state agencies as to what the rules are when it comes to prevailing wage is important.

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State of Illinois

In the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit  
County of BOONE

BLACKHAWK BANK f/k/a BLACKHAWK STATE BANK,  
Plaintiff,

v. Case No. 2019CH99

HOWARD M. COOK; SANDRA COOK; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSES; UNKNOWN HEIRS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSES; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit having been duly filed in my office, NOTICE is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSES; UNKNOWN HEIRS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage concerning the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Three (3) in Block Four (4) as designated upon the Plat of Homedale as platted and recorded in Book 2 of Plats on Page 40 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

COMMON ADDRESS:

517 King Street  
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P.I.N.: 05-26-304-007

And for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, the said above-named Defendants, file your Answer to the Complaint of said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Boone County, Boone County Courthouse in the City of Belvidere, Illinois, on or before the 16th day of September, 2019, default may be entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

LINDA ANDERSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court, 17th Judicial Circuit,

Boone County, Illinois

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## Public Notices

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY

Joanna Hagge Plaintiff Case No. 2019-D-94  
Vs

Jerry Kellett Defendant  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Jerry Kellett, 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 21st day of August, 2019, a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Dated: 07/03/19

Linda J. Anderson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

17th Judicial Circuit  
Boone County, Illinois

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## Assumed Names

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Landscape business in said County and State under the name of Brian Outdoor Essential Services at the following addresses: 215 Highline St. Apt 10, 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: Margarito Hernandez & Brian Hernandez 215 Highline St. Apt 10, Belvidere IL, 61008 Signed: Margarito Hernandez & Brian Hernandez 07/08/19 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 08th day of July, 2019. Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Erica L. Bluege, 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 an Excavating business in said County and State under the name of LaLoggia's Excavating at the following addresses: 6544 Joan 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: Ross LaLoggia, 2380 Randolph St, Caledonia IL, 61011 Signed: Ross LaLoggia 08/13/19 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 13th day of August 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 Photography business in said County and State under the name of Karen Chambers Photography at the following addresses: 1103 Maple Ave, 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: Karen Chambers, 1103 Maple Ave., Belvidere IL, 61008 Signed: Karen Chambers 08/20/19

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 20th day of August 2019.

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# Republicans Say State's Political Pendulum Due To Swing Right

State GOP leaders talk role of Trump, graduated income tax, Chicago separation in 2020 elections

by JERRY NOWICKI  
Capitol News Illinois

Leading Illinois Republicans acknowledged the stark political reality their party faces in the state at a joint breakfast of the state central committee and county chairmen's association Thursday, but said the state's "aggressive progressive" swing to the left this year offers them an opportunity to rebound.

"We all know what happened in 2018, and I don't want to sugarcoat anything and tell you that it was such a great year because it wasn't," state Republican Party Chair Tim Schneider said in his opening remarks.

His party holds a superminority in each house of the Illinois General Assembly and no statewide elected positions, and it lost two congressional seats to Democrats in the "Blue Wave" election of 2018 which saw Democrats reclaim the U.S. House of Representatives.

"The northern half of the state didn't react very well to what was going on in the nation and we had a rough year," Schneider said. "... That's our current reality, but it doesn't and it won't be our

future."

The meeting partially filled a small room at the Wyndham hotel in Springfield, and the vast majority of the state's 102 counties were not represented in a roll call which kicked off the event.

Those in attendance heard their leaders discuss the role of U.S. President Donald Trump and a graduated income tax ballot proposal in upcoming elections. In media interviews, those same leaders downplayed the sentiments of some in their party who have said Chicago and downstate Illinois should be separated into two states.

The unifying theme of the speakers was that the progressive tilt Illinois politicians have taken legislatively will force the pendulum of party politics back toward the right.

Senate Republican Leader Bill Brady, of Bloomington, said the Democrats' choice to invite Democratic U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to give the keynote address at their county chairs' association brunch Wednesday shows the party is "losing touch with independent and moderate voters."

"We will regain our position by reconnecting with independent and moderate voters who don't agree with the extreme nature and extreme policies of the Nancy Pelosis of the Democratic Party," Brady said.

Despite Brady's effort to hold Pelosi against Illinois Democrats when it comes to wooing moderate voters, he said state Republicans were not focusing on their party's leader in President Trump.

"I'm not really focused on what that national agenda is," Brady said. "... He's got his work cut out for him here. But I think the fact that the Democratic Party is leaning so far to the left, we

have an opportunity to communicate to moderates and independents, alongside of whatever the president says."

In 2018, Democrats added three seats to their state Senate supermajority while picking up seven seats in the state House to achieve a supermajority there as well. The victories helped Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker achieve several major legislative victories, including extending reproductive health rights, legalizing recreational marijuana, expanding gambling options and passing a \$45 billion, bipartisan capital infrastructure plan which included

several new taxes.

House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, said that in 2020 he expects to take back some of the gains Democrats made in the state House last year.

"All is not lost," Durkin said. "We lost many races by less than 2 points, some of them by 200 votes. We hit the perfect storm that the Democrats brought up to the suburban area of Chicago. They're not going to replicate it again."

Durkin predicted success in 2020 elections in the suburbs and collar counties, as well as the Metro East area which comprises the Eastern suburbs of St. Louis.

In the Chicago suburbs, Durkin said after the meeting, the Republicans will also work to separate the election from Trump, focusing on Pritzker and state House Speaker Mike Madigan.

That effort will also focus on opposition to a graduated income tax ballot measure that would amend the state's constitution, which Durkin called "the killer of all killers." He said the measure, which would pave the way for an income tax structure which allows the state to impose higher income taxes on larger margins of income, would eventually turn into a "middle class tax hike."

Durkin also touched on the sentiments of some of his party's members that have been openly feuding with GOP leadership and touting the idea of separating Illinois into two states – downstate and Chicago.

"They've got interesting ideas, and I'll just say if it works back in the district, good for them," he said. "But we know that that's not a possibility."

When asked if the idea was damaging to the state, Durkin said "if there was ever a chance that it could happen," it would be damaging, but "this is just political rhetoric."

"I think they're playing the game of re-elections in an area where it sounds good," he said.

Schneider dismissed the idea of separation as official state GOP policy.

"I don't believe that's a policy of ours moving forward," he said before his public remarks. "We all know that Chicago and Cook County are likely going to be part of Illinois for the foreseeable future."



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