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Bridge Over the River Kishwaukee

By David Larson

In 1928, it had been 15 years since the last public works project in Belvidere, the Post Office. Today that post office on the corner of South State Street and Meadow Street is the office of Ollmann, Ernest, Martin Architects & Engineers. Belvidere's bridge at State Street and the Kishwaukee River was again showing signs of old age and needed to be replaced.

The Chamber of Commerce took up the challenge to pass of a referendum to rebuild the bridge. The project was spearheaded by Charles T. Sewell through his work as the head of a Chamber committee for that purpose. Other members of the committee were: Harry Perkins, O. R. Manley, F. P. Teeple, P. H. O'Donnell, O. B. Wright, C. J. Wolf, E. W. Peterson, A. T. Lewis, Ollie Ewart, C. T. Penticoff, John Fair, and Frank T. Moran. Harry Perkins, also on the committee, was the mayor when the project began in 1928, but by September of 1929 and dedication of the bridge, a new mayor had been elected. The main selling point in asking for the referendum was that the tax would only be "\$1 for every \$40, and if the property tax bill was \$20 it would only be 50¢." Times have changed!

The decision was made by the City Council to make bridge 99 feet wide. The prior bridges were often only wide enough to allow a single lane of traffic. Fred Shappert, a local engineer and the son-in-law of the local newspaper publisher Frank Moran, created the engineering plans. Shappert later became the publisher of that same newspaper, *The Belvidere Daily Republican*, which was published 6 days a week and delivered to the subscriber's home. The plans included spindle railings, which gives

the bridge a decorative impression. The plans were submitted to the State's structural engineer for approval. This bridge was built for the automobile. 71 years later, when this bridge was rebuilt in 2000, architect Jeanie Gang encouraged the City to pay for the replacement of the bridge spindles. Such an embellishment being beyond the State's budget for replacement at the time.

A bridge construction committee was formed by the Belvidere City Council, who gave it the authority to manage the project. The committee worked with Shappert, the engineer, and subcontractors hired for the different phases of the building project. Bids for subcontractors were opened on August 11, 1928 at City Hall. The Committee encouraged using labor and suppliers from Belvidere. State Street was being paved at the same time (a dirt road until then), and coordinating the two projects reduced the combined cost.

At the time, the water main from the south side to the north ran under the river at the bridge site, and had to be moved. Shappert struggled with establishing a firm footing for the bridge and was quoted in the newspaper as saying the north side had firm blue clay, but the south was like quicksand just below the surface. Pilings had to be driven deep, and iron structures fabricated to solidly foot the south end.

Early on, the engineer understood that an arching bridge could not be built because of the lack of a rock subsurface to support that structural design.

Dedicated Sept 18, 1929 as the Kishwaukee Memorial Bridge, because the names of all who died in World War I were etched on the bridge on a bronze plaque. Over one thousand came to experience the dedication. At the time, Belvidere's population was 8,123, according to the 1930 census.

The platform for speeches and the band was built exactly in the middle of the bridge on the east side. Belvidere High School Band and the Pullman Porters Quartet, male singers from the Pullman Company of Chicago, creative dancing, and Edith Spencer on the piano entertained, as well helping to create the mood of the dedication. On the south entrance to the bridge were tents serving food, cold beer and soda pop. It was as much a social event as it was anything else. People found a comfortable place to experience the moment. It went on for hours. After all, the river and the bridge that linked the city together is the center of the county and its most significant geographic feature was not lost on the citizens of Belvidere in 1929. Unknown to them at the time, in about five weeks, the Great Depression would cripple the country, putting 1 in 4 out of work. The National Sewing Machine factory, in the back ground of this photo, would never fully recover.

Speeches and music were the main event. Congresswoman Ruth Hanna McCormick and Congressman John T. Buckbee, Mayor Ralph Mackey who gave the opening speech, Fred Shappert, Judge Carpenter and Mr. Clapp from the Chicago and Northwestern Railway each spoke about the bridge. Public speaking was amplified by a system that carried an audible voice to the edge of the crowd. This was unlike when Theodore Roosevelt gave a speech from the back of his train car a decade or so earlier, and the strength of one's voice limited the range of what was said.

Mayor Ralph Mackey's opening remarks began the series of speeches to come, "This bridge marks the last word in bridge building and is a landmark to coming generation of

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high-class engineering.” He then went on to give a brief history of bridges over the river.

The first bridge that was built was in the year 1837. It was a log bridge which high waters washed away in 1840. Between the 1840 washout and the construction of the second bridge, Simon P. Doty operated a ferry across the river using an oxen team to pull it from one side to the other. This was available at no charge to the public, because the county paid Doty \$55 per year for the service.

The Second was a low-framed structure of rough material, which lasted until 1845. It was carried away by high waters.

In 1847, a third was built by Cornelius Cline, an early settler, at a cost of \$4,000. Built of truss rod, it was 22 feet wide. It was a covered bridge in the middle, was but that feature was later removed. It lasted 20 years, until the end of the Civil War.


In 1867, a fourth bridge was built. An Elgin contractor built it out of iron at a cost of \$15,000. John Plane, a hardware store owner at the corner of State Street and Logan Avenue, dedicated it by being the first to cross it when it opened to traffic. The Midland States Bank is located where the Plane hardware store was. Plane was 100 years old in 1867, and the wagon he drove over the bridge was pulled by a horse that was 25 years old.

The fifth bridge was built in the winter of 1889-90 and lasted until 1928.

The engineer Fred Shappert spoke, “Belvidere today dedicates the completion of a structure which should endure for generations. A structure which will stand as a monument to the progressive spirit of the progressive people of our city and particularly a lasting monument to the leading business men and public officials for their foresight and courage in advocating a bridge structure of this size. Today, tomorrow, and I venture to say one hundred years hence, this splendid State Street bridge will be found to be of ample dimensions to meet all traffic demands....”

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Community Building Complex Finance, Rules & Regulations and Building & Grounds Committee Meeting- Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 11:45 a.m. at The Steam Plant Restaurant.

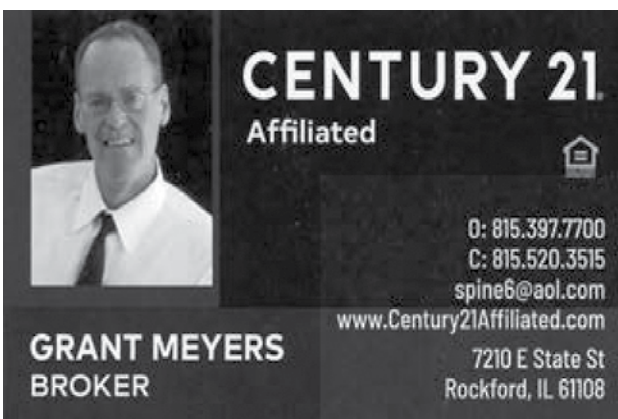
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Statehouse Dome Inspection Reveals Damage

Flagpole, Christmas lights might need work as well

By Rebecca Anzel Capitol News Illinois

A Capitol dome study conducted earlier this month revealed “some obvious flaws on the exterior of the dome,” a state employee said Tuesday.

Inspectors also found cracks inside the structure and changes made over the years that have altered the Statehouse’s historical profile. The flagpole atop the Capitol needs to be replaced and the holiday lights will probably need to be hung in a different manner, Harl Ray, senior project manager for the secretary of state’s Department of Physical Services, said at a Capitol Architect board meeting.

Secretary of State Jesse White’s office is tasked with overseeing buildings in the Capitol Complex.

Chicago-based, women-owned firm Bailey Edward performed an inspection from the top of the Statehouse dome to the fourth floor, where access to the inner dome is located right outside the House gallery. That dome, standing about 235 feet tall, is what Illinoisans see from inside the building. The outer dome is the silver-colored, 361-foot tall structure seen from outside the building.

The firm’s final report, expected by mid-January, will include “a detailed and prioritized list of recommended corrections and repairs to guide future preservation efforts of the Illinois State Capitol Dome,” according to its website.

Ray said examiners found open seams in the

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Pritzker Signs Pension Consolidation Bill Into Law

649 funds will be combined into two

by Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

A new law signed by Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker Wednesday will consolidate 649 downstate and suburban police and firefighter pension funds into just two.

Pritzker signed the measure, passed in the recent fall veto session, in Chicago and hailed it as an initiative 70 years in the making.

“Bipartisanship in this General Assembly has achieved what none of their predecessors have been able to do: consolidate the (nearly) 650 downstate and suburban pension funds to just two, amplifying their investment power and reducing the burden on property taxpayers,” Pritzker said in a news release. “Working together, we are helping hundreds of cities in Illinois alleviate their spiraling property tax burdens, and just as importantly, we’re showing that Illinois can tackle its most intractable problems.”

The governor’s office said [Senate Bill 1300](#), the legislation he signed Wednesday, will leverage “\$15 billion in assets — \$8.7 billion in the police fund and \$6.3 (billion) in the fire fund — to increase investment returns and lower management costs.” It estimated the new law would create greater returns from \$820 million to \$2.5 billion over the next five years, and “billions more over the next 20 years.”

The bill passed with broad bipartisan support by tallies of 96-14 in the House and 42-12 in the Senate.

It was also supported by the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois, the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police and the Illinois Municipal League, a statewide organization that represents local communities throughout Illinois

“Consolidating the assets of the ... downstate public safety pension funds throughout Illinois will help provide stronger investment returns for active and retired public safety employees and reduce redundant administrative costs on Illinois’ taxpayers,” IML Executive Director Brad Cole said in a release. “This is a good first step forward on the complicated and comprehensive issue of pension reform.”

Despite bipartisan support, detractors, including several Republicans, opposed a provision that retroactively enhances benefits for so-called “Tier 2” employees — those hired after Jan. 1, 2011, when the state implemented new retirement systems with substantially lower

benefits.

Several pension experts, however, have said the provision was necessary because many of those positions are not covered by Social Security. That’s allowed under federal law known as a “safe harbor” provision, but only if the benefits are at least as generous as what Social Security would pay.

outer dome’s protective metal skin and other spots where the sheet metal overlaps incorrectly. Those areas are “actually catching rain,” as opposed to allowing the rain to run from one metal shingle to the next, and causing “active leaks.”

Secretary of state crew members are using plastic sheeting to guide water into buckets so it does not seep below the inner dome to occupied areas of the Statehouse.

Inspectors also “discovered a crack on all four compass points” of the bracket structures supporting the stone columns visible outside the Capitol.

“They are not worried. There is no structural failure. They’re just wanting to know what happened and why,” Ray said. “Those cracks look like they’ve been there for decades — a long, long time.”

Assessors will reexamine those areas to determine whether additional support is needed, he added. They will be aided by a set of architectural drawings from 1870, which were donated from the Springfield Lincoln Library’s Sangamon Valley Collection last summer.

Inspectors are also examining brick archways in the area between the two domes and what effect the high-sulfur coal originally used to heat and light the Statehouse had on the material used in banding around the structure.

Ray said he expects the study to recommend replacing the “skin on the dome.” That might cost in the “ballpark” of \$5 million, according to estimates based on the cost of doing the same work in 1975. At that time, the state paid \$950,000.

Similar to the method utilized to renovate the U.S. Capitol, the work would necessitate scaffolding from the flat portion of the Statehouse roof to the flagpole, which also must be changed.

“Our guys and gals are at great risk when they’re up there changing the flag. It might be zero wind down here, but up there it feels like 25 or so,” Mike Wojcik, director of Physical Services in the secretary of state’s office, said. “We’ve been fortunate that we have volunteers that want to go up, but more and more, we have less and less people that are not afraid to go up there.”

He proposed installing a pole similar to that in Chicago’s Union Station — the flag can be lowered, replaced and raised from the observation room.

This “safer” type of flagpole is being added to the Old State Capitol as well, Tim Partrick, a member of the Capital Development Board, added.

The exposed part of the pole at the Statehouse is 23 feet tall, with another 28 feet of pole that connects to the ceiling of the observation deck. Each time the flag is lowered, workers use the floating staircase which, Wojcik said, was only meant for maintenance needs.

Ray said he also expects to receive a recommendation for “how and why and where we can do Christmas lights in the future.”

Since the Capitol saw its first legislative session in 1877, the state has made numerous renovations. “But the dome has been neglected, giving way to leaks and falling debris,” according to Bailey Edward’s website.

Eric Whitlock, a secretary of state employee, said all tours of the dome have been cancelled due to safety issues.

The governor’s office said the new law “brings Tier 2 pensions into compliance to avoid future additional liabilities, which is estimated to cost \$70 to \$95 million while projected investment gains can generate an additional \$820 million to \$2.5 billion.”

Rep. Mark Batinick, a Plainfield Republican who serves as minority spokesperson on the House Personnel and Pensions Committee, praised the passage of the bill in a news release.

“Our state’s broken pension system has been a heavy weight on the backs of Illinois taxpayers,” Batinick said. “With today’s bill signed into law I can proudly say that we are providing relief to our hardworking residents. This was a significant bipartisan reform effort that will make positive change. The work is not done on pensions, but today we can all celebrate this success.”

The bill was a recommendation of the Illinois Pension Consolidation Feasibility Task Force, which is a body Pritzker created early in February.

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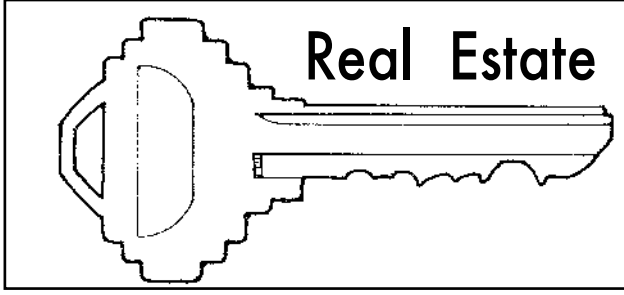
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, vs. 19 CH 8 RODRIGO RIVERA A/K/A RODRIGO D RIVERA et al, Defendant NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 16, 2020, 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 537 PRAIRIE POINT DRIVE, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065 Property Index No. 05-11-227-033 The real estate is improved with a gray vinyl siding, two story single family home with an attached two car garage. 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. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for

a 7 day status report of pending sales. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago IL, 60602 312-346-9088 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 268869 Attorney ARDC No. 61256 Case Number: 19 CH 8 TJSC#: 39-6675 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. 13139651 Published in The Boone County Journal Dec 13, 20, 27, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS WELLS FARGO USA HOLDINGS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. 19 CH 100 JAMES K. BAKER A/K/A JAMES BAKER, WENDI J. BAKER A/K/A WENDI BAKER A/K/A WENDI OSTWALD Defendant NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 10, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 16, 2020, 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 2212 RIDGEFIELD DRIVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 06-31-327-014 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$235,607.45. 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, The sales clerk, SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 19-091235. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301 Bannockburn IL, 60015 847-291-1717 E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com Attorney File No. 19-091235 Case Number: 19 CH 100 TJSC#: 39-7881 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. Published in The Boone County Journal Dec 20, 27 Jan 3

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. 18 CH 57 JOSEPH M. KRIEGL, LISA J. KRIEGL, Defendant NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 20, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 16, 2020, 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: Property Index No. 05-26-401-008 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$142,675.98. 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

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LEGAL NOTICES Foreclosures

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE, STATE OF ILLINOIS GSMP'S MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-RP1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-RP1, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff(s), vs. 19 CH 136 PATRICIA A. RICHTER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). PUBLICATION NOTICE The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: PATRICIA A. RICHTER, NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 8 IN BLOCK 7 IN "HIGHLAND" AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 2, SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY ILLINOIS, ALSO, THE EAST HALF OF THE VACATED ALLEY LYING WEST AND ADJACENT TO AFORESAID LOT 8 IN BLOCK 7 OF HIGHLAND SUBDIVISION, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. Tax Number: 05-36-329-011 commonly known as 1419 FREMONT ST BELVIDERE IL 61008; and which said Real Estate Mortgage was made by PATRICIA A. RICHTER, and recorded in the Office of the Boone County Recorder as Document Number 02R11035; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Boone County, located at 601 N MAIN ST, BELVIDERE, IL 61008, on or before January 6, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yucill - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 Joseph Baldwin - ARDC #6323598 Danielle Alvarez - ARDC #6325510 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevellaw.com KP # 19-04615 13138954 Published in The Boone County Journal Dec 6, 13, 20, 2019

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 PUBLICATION NOTICE No. 19-JA-26
 In The Interest of: Javier Martinez, Minor
 To: Logan Wentz/ To whom it may concern Respondent
 ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on November 18, 2019 a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty. Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled " In the Interest of Javier Martinez, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 P.M. central Daylight time on 01-16-20 & 02-20-20; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

Dated December 11, 2019
 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
 By: Heather Austin Deputy Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY

Irasema Barraza, Plaintiff
 Vs Case No. 2019-D-75
 Pablo Barraza, Defendant

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Pablo Barraza, 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 22nd day of January, 2020, a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Dated: 12/17/19
 Linda J. Anderson
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 17th Judicial Circuit
 Boone County, Illinois
 Published in the Boone County Journal 12/20,27 01/03

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

Carrie Belvedere, Plaintiff
 Vs Case No. 2019-D-104
 John Belvedere, Defendant

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, John Belvedere, Defendant that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for Divorce 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 22nd day of January, 2020, a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Dated: 12/11/19
 Linda J. Anderson
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 17th Judicial Circuit
 Boone County, Illinois
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In re the Marriage of Maria Villegas Casas and Martin Pinedo Belmontes Case No: 2019 D 102

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

YOU, Martin Pinedo Belmontes, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that this case has been commenced in this Court and is pending against you asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your Answer or Appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois located at 601 North Main Street in Belvidere, Illinois before January 22, 2020 or otherwise appear at the status hearing in this matter on January 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 4 of the Boone County Courthouse, located at 601 North Main Street in Belvidere, Illinois, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THIS COMPLAINT. Prepared by: Alexis Simmons, The Law Offices of Alexis M.K. Simmons, LLC, 124 N Water St, Ste 204, Rockford, IL 61107, (815) 570-9662, alexis@simmonsllaw.org.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of: Shaun Thomas Clausen, deceased.
 CASE NO. 2019 P 75

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION -HEIRS AND CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Shaun Thomas Clausen of Belvidere, Illinois, Letters of Office as Administrator with Will Annexed were issued on November 12, 2019, to Jared A. Clausen, 2174 Derby Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008, whose attorney is Theodore Liebovich, 415 South Mulford Road, Rockford, IL 61108.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before June 8, 2020, that being the date at least six (6) months from the date of the first publication, or within three(3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 5/18-3of the Illinois Probate Act, as amended whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Boone County Courthouse, Probate Division, 601 North Main Street, Suite 303, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 or with the estate legal representative or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

JARED A. CLAUSEN Administrator
 Published in The Boone County Journal Dec 6, 13, 20, 2019

Girl Scouts Cookie Program with Online Sales Beginning December 16!

Have Cookies in Time for the Holidays!

Local Girl Scouts will kick-off the 2020 Girl Scout Cookie Program with online sales beginning Monday, December 16! Digital Cookie 6.0 allows girls to take electronic orders for cookies. Customers have the ability to order and pay for cookies online and have the option to have the cookies shipped directly to them (shipping charges apply), have the Girl Scout deliver the cookies to them, or donate cookies (with no additional handling fees).

If customers would like to have Girl Scout Cookies for holiday gift-giving (or for themselves!), they should tell the Girl Scout in their lives to send them an email from their personalized website as soon as possible! Don't know a Girl Scout? Email cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org to be connected to a local entrepreneur who would love to add you to her customer list!

Digital Cookie 6.0 is an innovative and educational web-based addition to the cookie program that helps girls run and manage their Girl Scout Cookie businesses online. Now in its sixth year, Digital Cookie brings Girl Scout programming into the future by providing girls with invaluable business and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills that prepare them for next century leadership.

Local Girl Scouts will also take cookie orders in-person (and online) from January 8–February 2, 2020. The cookie lineup features refreshing Thin Mints, caramel-y Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs, crunchy Do-si-dos, buttery Trefoils, sweet S'mores, toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free, too!), and more. Cookies are on sale for \$5 per box!

Farmers Gather for State's First Hemp Summit

Some had better luck than others in Illinois' first year of legal hemp production

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Illinois Department of Agriculture Director John Sullivan said Tuesday that interest in the newly-legalized hemp industry continues to build, but more work needs to be done for the industry to mature.

Sullivan spoke to reporters at the state's first Hemp Summit at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield where nearly 700 farmers, processors and other people involved in the hemp industry gathered to talk about what they learned during the 2019 growing season — the first season of legal hemp production in Illinois.

"People are excited. There's a lot of questions," he said. "This is an industry, I would say, in its infancy stages at the moment. We have a lot to learn and that's what our speakers are here today to talk about."

State officials won't know until next month exactly how many acres of hemp were planted or harvested,

but the state certified more than 21,000 acres as being eligible for hemp planting — considerably more than officials expected.

Jeff Cox, who heads the department's medicinal plant bureau, said the agency registered 644 farmers to grow hemp and licensed 194 processors.

Hemp, a close relative of the marijuana plant, had been illegal in the United States since 1937, although the federal government did encourage its production during World War II. But after decades of debate, Congress reversed course in 2014 with passage of a Farm Bill that authorized hemp production for research purposes. It then lifted the ban entirely with passage of the 2018 Farm Bill.

Under that law, hemp is only legal if it contains no more than 0.3 percent of THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. If a crop contains any amount of THC above that limit, it is considered marijuana and must be destroyed.

Some farmers grow hemp for its fiber, which can be used in a wide variety of products such as rope, cloth and even building materials. So far in Illinois, however, hemp farmers have focused exclusively on a variety that produces CBD oil, thought to have a number of medicinal uses, ranging from an anti-inflammatory treatment to controlling seizures.

That's mainly because there are not yet any industrial facilities to process hemp fiber in Illinois, and only a limited number of processors for hemp oil.

"There's a huge need for more processing capacity in the state," said Justin Ward, cofounder of Stoney Branch Ag Ventures, near Rushville — a company that provides custom farming and consulting services to hemp producers. "I have a number of farmers who are having issues with getting their product into processing, and I know what few processors we have in the state are very backed up."

As the planting season began this past spring, some people were estimating farmers could make as much as \$90,000 to \$160,000 per acre growing hemp for oil. But as some found out this year, the new hemp supply drove prices down.

"There was a lot of discussion about get-rich-quick," Sullivan said. "You've got to keep in mind, Illinois is not the only state doing this. Nearly every state in the country is in this process."

Even with the price drop, however, Ward said he had a successful year.

"We had a very successful year producing for CBD," he said. "We already have our product on shelves in stores all over the state, so we had a very successful first season."

Some other hemp farmers weren't as fortunate, though. Trent Lawrence, who started growing hemp on a farm near Delavan, where he also grows organic vegetables, had the experience that all farmers dread.

"We actually had a tornadic super cell pass over our farm the day we were supposed to start harvesting," he said. "It broke all of our plants — the whole field. It touched down about a quarter-mile from our farm and went directly over us."

Lawrence said he ended up harvesting very little crop, a significant loss considering how labor- and capital-intensive hemp farming is, but he said he fully intends to try again in 2020.

"I got all the equipment now. I've got to keep doing it," he said. "Every year is not going to be as bad as this year."



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