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The Milkman

by David Larson

This picture was taken of Earl Ames around 1900 near the location of the Borden's Company Creamery along the Kishwaukee River. Ames married Viola Spooner in the home of her parents on East Locust Street in Belvidere at about the same time. The couple were regularly reported to have attended social events together in the Belvidere papers. At the home of Earl's parents on Buchanan Street, Earl and Viola would gather with their friends Ruth Colvin, Susie Porter, Charles and Walter McDowell and Viola's brother Earl and sister Anna to play cards and crokinole, a game similar to curling but played indoors on a table top. Frequently these social gatherings were reported in the newspaper with an implied dignity that would be lost on teenager's social media mentality today or even the teenagers of the and 60's. While not visible in the photograph, a sandbar had developed where the creamery would harvest ice every winter for cooling milk throughout the vear. This caused thin ice, and during the dry summer and lower river levels, teams of horses were used to pull scrapers and removed the sandbar. The river bottom was also dredged from the railroad bridge to the creamery to secure the store of adequate ice because deeper water creates thicker ice. Further downstream, south of the State Street Bridge at what is today Doty Park, an ice business thrived in those days by harvesting the river ice. The Borden's Company was founded by Gail Borden, Jr., in 1857 in Connecticut as "Gail Borden, Jr., and Company." Gail Borden, who was originally from New York, found his way to Texas, where in his youth he became a farmer and newspaperman. His newspaper supported

the Texas independence movement and he was associated with the founding fathers of Texas, Stephen Austin and Sam Houston. After his adventures in Texas, Gail Borden married Eunice Church, who grew up in Elgin. `

The company prospered during the Civil War by selling condensed milk to Union armies. Borden began selling processed milk to consumers in 1875, and pioneered the use of glass milk bottles in 1885. The company changed its name to the Borden Condensed Milk Company in 1899, and became the Borden Company in 1919. The Borden Company became the largest U.S. producer of dairy and pasta products in the United States. It was best known for its Borden Ice Cream, Meadow Gold milk, Creamette pasta, and Borden Condensed Milk brands.

Its most famous logo was that of Elsie the cow, the head of a smiling cow in the center of a daisy.

Local Results of Tuesdays Election

In a very light election turnout of 8.74% unofficial results from Boone County Clerk and Record show the following: City of Belvidere Alderman Ward One: Clayton Stevens 55% Andrew Racz 45% Ward Two: Daniel Snow 100% Ward Three: Wendy Frank 100% Ward Four: Ric Brereton 55% Christine Gardner 45% Ward Five: Mark Peterson 100% Caledonia Trustee: (4 Seats) 14 write-in votes Capron Trustee: (2Seats) Shirley Berghorn 55% Kenneth Hawes 45% Capron Trustee 2Year Term: Conor Ryan 100% Poplar Grove Trustee (3 Seats) William Hursh 37% Laura Herter 32% Donna Leone 31% Belvidere Park Commissioner Sam An 100% Belvidere School Dist 100 – UNX Heather Sell-Wick 100% Belvidere School Dist 100 - BD MEM Allison Reid-Niemiec North Boone School Dist 200 BD 2 Year Carl Rudy 100% North Boone School Dist 200 BD Member (3 Seats) Edward Mulholland 33% Joseph Havery 34% Mary Maxey 33% Fire Dist 3 – Ambulance Tax Yes 62% No 38%

Prior to adopting that very well known logo, Borden's used the wing spread eagle as seen on the side of the wagon we see in this photograph. In the July 11, 1901 Belvidere Daily Republican, the company puts on notice whomever reused bottles with the Borden logo as violating the law and would be sued in a court of law. Branding was clearly a part of the Borden's business plan in becoming the largest national dairy. Borden's was year-in-and-year-out purchasing dairies all over the country. By the late 1930's it was the subject of anti-trust investigations and settled with the government in 1940.

In the 1950s, the company expanded into the consumer and industrial products segment of the economy by marketing wallpaper, adhesives, plastics and resins. By 1993, sales of food products accounted for only 67 percent of its revenues. It was also known for its Elmer's Glue and Krazy Glue products. In the 1980's it went on a buying spree that in the 1990's lead to the

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Borden's

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collapse and divesture of the company. Today its milk business is owned by Dean Foods and the logo remains on products marketed by a Texas company called the Borden Dairy Company, which is a privately held dairy processor and distributor and not the original Borden Dairy business.

In 1910 to 1920 period, Boone County dairymen began to rebel at the price of milk set in Chicago by the Milk Board and handed down by the Borden's company. The way business was done then involved forward contracting. Two months before a 6 month contract would be effective, a price was established dependent upon the fat content of the milk. Each farmer had a contract for a certain quantity of milk for each month and at different rates for each month. Prices were set higher in the winter months were set higher than in the more productive summer months. The Belvidere papers followed and reported on these contracts.

In 1914 and 1918, tensions grew among milk producers over the price set by the Chicago Milk Board. Boone County farmers refused, as did farmers in the region, to sell their milk. In those days, a farmer was not a single-crop producer. Farms were smaller and raised chickens, pigs and cattle. Farmers fed the milk to the pigs, which cut the flow of milk to Chicago by 40percent. Big business turned to the authority of government to force the farmers to sell their milk. The Attorney General called a grand jury and the Secretary of Agriculture enforced the edict. The offer in early

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February was \$2.45 per hundred pounds set by Federal Milk Commission. The asking price by the farmers in Illinois was \$3.45 and they had been receiving around \$3.22. The consumer price of milk had not changed at 12 cents a quart. A Boone County farmer was quoted in the Republican-Northwestern in February of 1918 as saying, 'If they would guarantee that what I would lose on milk would go to the poor people of Chicago instead of to the interests back of the distributers, I would send my milk.'

The independent dairies, like the Wait Dairy, locally, were working to capacity and had to turn down milk when farmers turned to it during the Borden boycott.

In time, the conflict was met with compromise and business went back to normal. Borden's introduced a new product to the east coast market. In Nova Scotia and New York, its dairies produced creamed coffee in a can. When the coffee in a can was tested the Chicago market the response was so great it required opening a coffee production operation in the Midwest. An addition was put on the Belvidere Creamery and Belvidere supplied a canned condensed coffee product to the Midwest for Borden. In Belvidere, green coffee beans were roasted and boiled into a rich black coffee. The black coffee was combined with cream and a sweetener and sealed in a can. The end user would heat water and mix to taste the condensed, canned coffee.One of Gail Borden's legacies in the area is the Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin. The Scofield Mansion was purchased and donated to the library in 1892, by his wife's family, the Churches, who once lived in the area, and were some of its earliest settlers. The family's only

stipulation was that the library be forever named for Gail Borden. Although Gail Borden never lived in the area, he had established a milk company there in 1865 on his wife's recommendation.

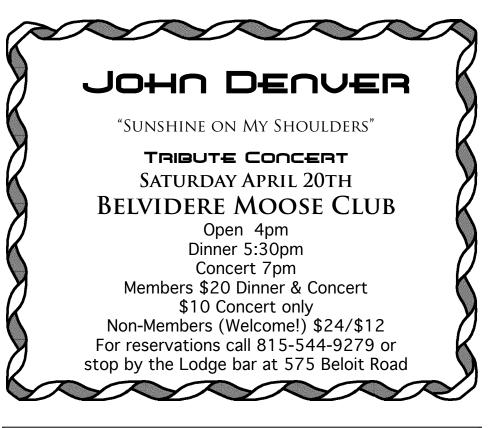
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State Police: too Often, Drivers Aren't Moving, Slowing for Squad Cars

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SPRINGFIELD – Already in 2019, motorists have hit 14 squad cars stopped along Illinois roads. One of those incidents cost an Illinois

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State Police trooper his life.

"This information is obviously extremely concerning," acting ISP Director Brendan Kelly said Tuesday during a news conference at the capitol in Springfield. "While only one of these impacts resulted in a fatality, that is one too many."

In January, trooper Christopher Lambert was struck and killed along Interstate 294 near Northbrook while he was assisting at an accident scene. It's the worst-case scenario among incidents occurring more often, Kelly said, despite a law that requires motorists to move over and slow down for emergency vehicles that are stopped and have their hazard lights flashing.

Scott's Law was passed in Illinois in 2002. In 2013, the law was extended to apply to other vehicles, including ambulances and tow trucks.

Kelly said so far in 2019 there have been 494 recorded violations of the law, compared to 184 during the same period last year.

This year's 14 collisions, occurring statewide at a rate of more than 1 per week, are already more than the yearly totals for 2016 (5), 2017 (12), and 2018 (8).

Kelly blamed the increase on distracted and impaired driving.

"The amount of distracted driving out there is something everybody is sensitive to," Kelly said. "And it's increasing, at least anecdotally, from talking to our colleagues across the country."

As he spoke during Tuesday's news conference, Kelly was flanked by photos of recent collisions, mangled squad cars hit by distracted or impaired drivers, which Kelly said have resulted in injuries ranging from concussions, lacerations and muscle tears, to ruptured and bulged discs, compound bone fractures – and a death.

It was the ISP's second stop on a three-day trip across the state to remind people of the law. A stop in Belleville is planned Wednesday.

Kelly and other officers held a news conference Monday in Chicago with Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who described the anguishing call he made to Lambert's family in January, notifying them of the accident.

On Tuesday, Kelly referenced a plan to increase Scott's Law enforcement by allocating an extra 2,000 man hours and using "some new and creative techniques" devoted to catch drivers breaking the law.

"If you see a squad car with warning lights on, don't assume it's a lone trooper just doing a regular traffic stop," Kelly said. "You could have eyes, video, and other instrumentation all around you as part of a special Scott's Law detail."

Asked to elaborate on the new tactics, which will be paid for with ISP's existing funds, Kelly said he was "not going to spell it out right here."

The 14th recorded collision with a parked squad car occurred March 20, when a state trooper and his parked squad car were hit by a semitrailer along Interstate 55 in Collinsville. The officer was outside his car when the crash occurred, and suffered serious injuries. The squad car was demolished.

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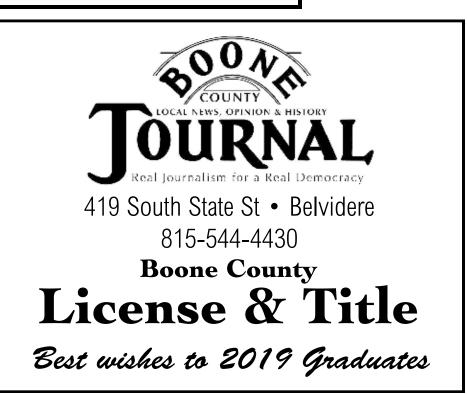
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"If you see an emergency vehicle with their lights activated," Kelly said, "please slow down and move over. It's the right and safe thing to do, but failure to do so could also result in prosecution." Those who violate Scott's Law face fines from \$100 to \$10,000

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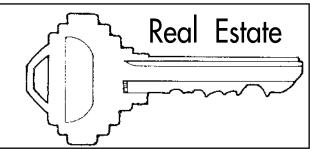
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CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST Plaintiff,

2018 CH 59 BRENDA S. HANCOCK, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 19, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 20, 2019, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 813 FOLEY ROAD, Belvidere, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-24-303-006. The real estate is improved with a single family residence

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$149,842.82.

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

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JEFFREY BARTHEL; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, ILLINOIS DE-PARTMENT OF REVENUE; Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in-side the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: LOT 166 IN CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 7, ACCORDING TO

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

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation PLAINTIFF

2019CH34 Vs.

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ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., LPA, 180 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 2400, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 782-9676 FAX 312-782-4201 Please refer to file number WWR#10147036.

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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. WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., LPA 180 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 2400

Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 782-9676 Fax #: (312) 782-4201

E-Mail: ChicagoREDG@weltman.com

Attorney File No. WWR#10147036 Case Number: 2018 CH 59

TJSC#: 39-1112

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REGARDING REPAIR OF SCHOOL GROUNDS IN BELVIDERE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 100, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS.

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of School District No. 100, Boone, DeKalb and McHenry Counties, Illinois, that a Public Hearing will take place on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008.

The purpose of this Hearing is for the Board of Education to determine the need to undertake repairs to the pavement of playgrounds, school bus turnarounds, student drop-off areas, sidewalks and parking areas at: Meehan Elementary School, 1401 East 6th Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; Washington Academy, 1031 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008; Belvidere South Middle School, 919 East 6th Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; and Belvidere North High School, 9393 Beloit Road, Belvidere. IL 61008, and to receive public comment regarding such repairs.

Belvidere Community Unit School District 100, 1201 5th Avenue,

BOONE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 137

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CORPORATE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE

1ST DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2019 AND ENDING THE 31ST DAY OF

OF TRUSTEES OF THE BOONE COUNTY CONSERVATION

for Corporate Funds of the BOONE COUNTY CONSERVATION

DISTRICT for the year beginning the 1st day of April, A.D., 2019 and ending the 31st day of March, A.D., 2020 as hereinafter specified. **CORPORATE FUND**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD

SECTION I: That the following sums of money or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated

600.00

6000.00

6000.00

\$12,600.00

s/ Robert Torbert, President

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s/ Stacy McGowan, Secretary Board of Education

Belvidere, IL 61008.

MARCH, A.D., 2020.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Total Law Enforcement

Attorney Fees and Court Costs

Contract with City of Belvidere

Contract with Boone County

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

DISTRICT:

Plaintiff,

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JEFFREY BARTHEL; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, ILLINOIS DE-PARTMENT OF REVENUE; Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in-side the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 206 Gables Drive SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065.

P.I.N. 03-28-229-019-0000.

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. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 981-7385. SMSF.0357

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SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 5, 2006 IN PLAT INDEX FILE ENVELOPE 327-B AS DOCUMENT NO. 2006R04819 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Commonly known as 813 FOLEY ROAD, Belvidere, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-24-303-006.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$149,842.82

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 twentyfour (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.

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Professional Services	47,500.00
Total Professional Services	\$47,500.00
ADMINISTRATION	
Salaries - Wages	261,021.50
Payroll Taxes (Social Security & Medicare)	19,968.14
IMRF Expense	27,321.49
Health Insurance	19,444.00
Health Ins. Reimbursement Fund	16,000.00
Property Taxes	10,500.00
Property Mortgage	5,000.00
Telephone & Utilities	22,450.00
Office Expenses & Supplies	6,000.00
Insurance (liability, vehicles, etc.)	63,917.00
Uniforms	1,200.00
Conferences & Training	8,050.00
Dues (IPARKS, etc.)	5,085.00
Copy Machine Lease & Printing Costs	12,500.00
Equipment Purchase	7,000.00
Equipment Repairs	1,000.00
Misc. Expenses	11,250.00
Memorials	600.00
Public Relations & Information	13,050.00
Volunteer Resources	3,800.00
Autumn Pioneer Festival	16,500.00
Public Outreach & Programming	1,600.00
Riffles & Eddies	8,800.00
Nature's Window	11,600.00
Total Administration	\$553,657.14

Legal notices published in the Boone County Journal also available on-line at www.Boonecountyjournal.com and Statewide at www.Publicnoticeillinois.com

LAND MAINTENANCE		
Wages	143,456.00	
Payroll Taxes Health Insurance	10,974.38 13,944.00	
IMRF	8,100.00	
Building, Landscape Maintenance & Rep		
Utilities Fuel	8,100.00 16,000.00	
LPT Maintenance	10,000.00	
Equipment Purchase	2,200.00	
Equipment Repair	25,750.00	
Equipment Rental Small Tools, Building Material & Supplie	7,500.00 es 16,950.00	
Uniforms	1,000.00	
Other	2,500.00	
Total Land Maintenance	\$323,797.35	
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PRO Salaries & Wages	<u>GRAM</u> 87,918.00	
Payroll Taxes	6,725.73	
Health Insurance	6,972.00	
IMRF	5,765.36	
Camp Programs School Education Programs	11,350.00 2,900.00	
Public Education Programs	250.00	
Uniforms	200.00	
Displays	1,250.00	
Other Total Environmental Education Program	300.00 \$123,631.09	
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMEN		
Salaries	123,354.00	
Payroll Taxes	9,436.58	
Uniforms/Safety Equipment Health Insurance	2,000.00	
IMRF	13,944.00 10,439.65	
Ecological Restoration	63,200.00	
Equipment Purchase or Rental	23,549.00	
Total Natural Resource Management Total Operating Expenses	\$245,923.23 \$1,307,108.81	
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,507,100.01	
CAPITAL EXPENSES		
Land Acquisition	1,325,333.00	
Major Site Improvement Projects Vehicles and Equipment Purchase	945,403.00 28,000.00	
Site Improvement Projects	15,000.00	
Total Capital Expenses	\$2,318,736.300	
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$3,067,822.57	
INSURANCE AND COMPENSATION FUND For the necessary and current expenses for insurance premiums and		
compensation payments of said Boone Co	unty Conservation District for	
the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019 an	d ending March 31, 2020.	
Commercial Umbrella - Liability Workman's Compensation	45,791.00 12,626.00	
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	<u>5,500.00</u>	
	63,917.00	
RETIREMENT FUND AND FICA TAX	PAYMENTS	
For the necessary and current expenses for Illinois Municipal		
Retirement Fund and FICA tax paym Conservation District for the fiscal year	beginning April 1 2019 and	
ending March 31, 2020.	ooginning riprir 1, 2019 und	
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	52,349.47	
FICA Taxes	<u>47,107.84</u> 99,457.31	
Estimated Revenues	99,437.51	
Non-tax Sources:		
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Fines/Ticket Payment 50	00.00	
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Dog Park Tags 3,5	00.00	
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Cultural Heritage Gardens 2,0	00.00	
Archery Hunt Program 9,0	00.00	
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Grants/Alternative Funding Sources 2,26	6,900.00	
Total Non Tax Pagainta 2 422 0	50.00	

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

Notice is hereby given that the Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following

The applicant, Mitch Musil, 8757 Centaur Dr, Belvidere, IL 61008, is requesting a Variance pursuant to Section 3.5.4 (Lot Development Standards) of Section 3.5 (Single Family Residential District) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance to allow a six (6) foot side setback to construct a garage addition at 8757 Centaur Dr, Belvidere, IL 61008 in unincorporated Belvidere Township, Boone County, Illinois on 0.61 acres. PIN: 05-19-277-015. Legally described: LOT 37 PLAT 3 CENTAUR ESTATES 8757 CENTAUR DR S 95 W 200 N155.28 E 221.84

The applicant, Ross Ticknor (Ticknor Construction), 4884 Stenstrom Rd, Rockford, IL 61109, and Jordan Martin, 9033 Smokethorn Tr, Belvidere, IL 61008, as landowner, are requesting a Variance pursuant to Section 3.4.4 (Lot Development Standards) of Section 3.4 (Exurban Residential District) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance to allow a three (3) foot side setback to construct a garage addition at 9033 Smokethorn Tr, Belvidere, IL 61008 in unincorporated Belvidere Township, Boone County, Illinois on 2.67 acres. PIN: 05-17-352-005. Legally described: DEER WOODS PLAT 3 LOT 36 9033 SMOKETHORN TRL

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

Tony Savino, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals Published in *The Boone County Journal* 4/5/2019

Spring Township Annual Meeting Spring Township will have a Regular Board Meeting on Monday April 8th at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Spring Townhall, 3150 Shattuck Rd. Topics to be discussed include excessive truck traffic, surplus funds in the general town fund, flat grant general assistance, work/age requirements for township/road district employees, approval of tentative 2019-2020 township and road district budgets. Published in The Boone County Journal 4/5/2019

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend... to conduct and transact a Beatuty Salon in said County and State under the name of El Retono Beauty Salon at the following post office addresses:211 N. State St. 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: Teresa Morales 213 N State St, , Belvidere IL, 61008. Signed: Tersa Morales 4/3/2019 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 3rd. day of April, 2019. Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Geselle B Lenover, Deputy Published in the Boone County Journal 4/5, 12, 19/2019

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend... to conduct and transact a Salon/Personal TrainingBusiness in said County and State under the name of Studio 26 at the following post office addresses: 2734 Francis St, 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: Sandy Peterson 2734 Francis St, , Belvidere IL, 61008. Signed:Sandy Peterson 3/15/2019 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 15th. day of March, 2019. Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Christine E Gardner, Deputy Published in the Boone County Journal 3/22, 29, 4/5/2019

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend... to conduct and transact a Photography buisness in said County

and State under the name of Shelly Slater Photography at the following post office addresses:15361 IL Rt 76 Poplar Grove, IL 61065 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Shelly Slater 15361 IL Rt 76 Poplar Grove, IL 61065 Signed: Shelly Slater 4/1/2019 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 1st. day of April, 2019. Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Geslle B Lenover, Deputy Published in the Boone County Journal 4/5, 12, 19/2019

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

Independent: A public notice is

published in a forum independent of the government, typically in a local newspaper.

- Archivable: A public notice is archived in a secure and publicly available format.
- Accessible: A public notice is capable of being accessed by all segments of society.
- Verifiable: The public and the source of the notice can verify the notice was published, usually by an affidavit

OTAL REVENUE 3,383,1 Transfer of Funds from Existing Accts40,669.81 Total Budgeted Funding 3,625,844.81

Total Non-Tax Receipts

Liability Insurance Rate

Total Tax Sources

IMRF and Social Security Rate

Tax Sources Replacement Tax

Property Tax: Corporate Rate

SECTION II: That any unexpended balance of any items of the appropriations made in the General Purpose section of this Ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any other item or appropriation made by the Ordinance.

2,422,050.00

69,839.00

914,238.00

103,566.00

1,163,125.00

75,482.00

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and SECTION III: effect at the expiration of ten (10) days after its passage, approval and publication as passed 19th day of March A.D., 2019.

Attest: Matthew Bullard - President Attest: George Thomas - Treasurer Published in *The Boone County Journal* 4/5/2019

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Proposals for the South Sewer Trunk Manhole Rehabilitation Project in Belvidere, Illinois will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Suite 100, Belvidere, Illinois until 10:00 AM local time, on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, and will be publicly opened and read at that time

The bid documents are being distributed by BHFX for a minor fee. Copies of the bid documents may be obtained by calling 815-344-0630 or online at http://www.bhfxplanroom.com

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities

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House Gop Says State Must 'Go Beyond Cuts' to Balance Structural Budget Deficit

By JERRY NOWICKI Capitol News Illinois Jnowicki@capitolnewsillinois.com

SPRINGFIELD – Republican members of the Illinois House reaffirmed their opposition to Gov. J.B. Pritzker's graduated tax proposal Tuesday, calling it a "blank check" to lawmakers and citing "empty promises" from Democrats in previous General Assemblies.

Representative Mark Batinick, a Plainfield Republican, read from statements made by state Senate President John Cullerton (D-Chicago), House Majority Leader Greg Harris (D-Chicago) and other Democrats from years past which said previous tax hikes would balance the state's structural deficit, help pay down the state's bill backlog and pension debt, raise credit ratings and more.

Batinick said none of those claims have become reality.

"Our Democratic colleagues love to make promises that if it's just 'raise this tax or that tax, our will problems be solved,"" Batinick said. "But in reality, it just gives them more money to spend without actually fixing what got us here in the first place."

Batinick brought up two votes to raise the income tax: one which took place in 2011 and raised the flat tax rate to 5 percent temporarily for four years, and one which passed in 2017 with bipartisan support, raising the rate to 4.95 percent after it reverted to 3.75 percent upon expiration of the temporary tax.

According to an Illinois Comptroller report, when the temporary tax was passed in 2011, the bill backlog was \$7.4 billion. When He cited former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels' handling of his state's agency expenditures in a "programmatic approach of looking at each agency on a scale of individualized metrics so that they could not only refine what they do in alignment with the mission created for them, but that they could do it in a more effective and efficient manner."

The group mentioned a bill from state Rep. Steve Reick, a Woodstock Republican, which would create private-sector commission mirroring Daniels' approach to examine the spending habits and management practices of state agencies.

That commission would give recommendations to lawmakers to spend more efficiently, but would be a 501(c)4 organization which would not have to release any information about its donors. The bill remains in committee.

Other specific reform legislation mentioned Tuesday includes a Batinick bill to consolidate pensions, and legislation from Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer (R-Jacksonville), who has a bill to create a discretionary spending freeze for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The group also touted workman's compensation reforms and said Illinois needs to work on making it easier to do business in the state.

Batinick said he believed his party, which holds 44 of the 118 Illinois House seats, could solve the state's multibillion-dollar structural budget deficit through a series of reforms if "given the keys to pass what we need done," but as it stands now, he said, Democrats will have to play a bigger role.

A graduated tax constitutional amendment would require three-fifths approval from each house to be put on the November 2020 presidential ballot, and Illinois voters would have the final say.

Per Pritzker's plan, the rate would be a flat 7.95 percent for those making more than \$1 million in income, while earners in five other brackets would see margins of income taxed from 4.75 to 7.85 percent. Illinoisans earning \$250,000 or less – approximately 97 percent of the state – would see their rates lowered modestly under the plan, Pritzker's office claims.

Pritzker claims this would raise \$3.4 billion in new revenue, \$2.7 billion of which will be paid

Dark Money Group LaunchesAnti-Graduated Tax TV Ads

By JERRY NOWICKI Capitol News Illinois Jnowicki@capitolnewsillinois.com

SPRINGFIELD – Another dark money organization has joined the television advertising mix in opposition to a graduated tax proposed by Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

Illinois Policy, a 501(c)4 organization which is the political advocacy wing of the conservative advocacy group Illinois Policy Institute, launched an ad entitled "You're Rich" in the Champaign, Springfield and Decatur markets with planned runs through April 12.

In the ad, an accented narrator speaks over video of two grinning men in a sports car and states "Illinois politicians say they want a new tax on the rich."

As the camera pans to a woman in an old, dented car, the narrator claims Illinois' spending promises "mean raising taxes on the average family by up to \$3,500 per year."

While the ad offers no explanation for that claim, Austin Berg, Illinois Policy's director of content strategy, said the \$3,500 number references the amount needed to cover Democratic spending promises which were discussed on campaign trails but are not written into law.

Per the only plan on the table, only earners whose income exceeds \$250,000 would see their taxes increase. Per Pritzker's estimates, fewer than 20,000 Illinoisans earning more than \$1 million annually would provide \$2.7 billion of an estimated \$3.4 billion in added revenue by from 4.75 percent to 7.85 percent would apply to five different margins of income: a 4.75 percent rate from \$0 to \$10,000; a 4.9 percent rate from \$10,001 to \$100,000; a 4.95 percent rate from \$100,001 and \$250,000; a 7.75 percent rate from \$250,001 and \$500,000; and a 7.85 percent between \$500,001 and \$1 million.

But Berg said the initial rates touted by Pritzker are a "dishonest attempt" to "slide through" the graduated plan should a constitutional amendment pass, and nothing would stop legislators from raising rates in the future.

Democrats have said they would have to raise the flat rate from its current 4.95 percent rate to 6.95 percent in order to raise the revenue brought in by the graduated plan should it fail, and it would take only simple majorities in each chamber and a signature from the governor to do so.

Berg said neither is a good option, and the Democratic supermajorities' time would be better served reforming pension systems.

Ideas Illinois, a business-tied conservative 501(c)4 group that is opposed to the graduated tax, announced an extension of its ad campaign this week as well.

Their two new spots target Democratic Rep. Jerry Costello of Smithton and Republican Rep. Terri Bryant of Murphysboro, portraying them as "trustworthy" and asking them to oppose the "permanent jobs tax" of "Springfield insiders."

Think Big Illinois, a 501(c)4 group which Pritzker has admitted donating to, has been on the airwaves promoting the graduated tax since late March.

In a press statement, Think Big's executive director and former Pritzker campaign staffer Quentin Fulks said "Ideas Illinois is at it again in their latest attempt to use 'classic fear-mongering techniques' to ensure the wealthiest Illinoisans avoid paying their fair share."

approximately by 20,000 Illinoisans whose income exceeds \$1 million, although a study by the Project for Middle Class Renewal and the Illinois Economic Policy Institute estimated added revenues at \$3.12 billion, according to the Associated Press.

But Republicans would say voters be allowing only graduated tax а structure, not approving the rates touted by Pritzker, and revenue resulting from a graduated tax would not be realized for another two years.

Batinick said Illinois needs solutions now, not a tax plan that would "make it easier" for Democrats to "engage in class warfare" by allowing them to raise rates on a smaller percentage of wealthier taxpayers.

The peer-reviewed PMCR and IEPI study, on the other hand, said Pritzker's plan could narrow growing income disparity, cut property tax bills by up to 10 percent and help cut the state's deficits.

it expired in 2015, the backlog was \$5 billion. During the paying a flat rate of 7.95 percent on all income. For all other earners, different rates ranging

two years between the 2015 expiration of the temporary hike and the 2017 permanent increase, the backlog tripled to \$15 billion. As of Tuesday, the comptroller's website shows the backlog at \$7.8 billion.

Democrats said last week if a graduated tax amendment failed to pass, the state's other two options for balancing the budget are 15 percent cuts across the board or an increase to the flat tax for every Illinoisan from 4.95 percent to 6.95 percent.

Batinick said he did not know if Democrats, who hold the governor's office and supermajorities in each chamber, would prioritize raising the flat tax rate should the graduated tax fail.

And when asked Tuesday to name three cuts to state government that Republicans would support, Rep. Jeff Keicher, a Sycamore Republican, said the conversation has to "go beyond cuts."



