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Choices Since 1900 in Belvidere

by *David Larson*

With a little experience, one tends to think that things will stay the same as they always have been. But with more experience, one realizes that things are always changing, and it is a matter of choice that determines the change.

This week we have tried to find three pictures of a familiar part of Belvidere over a span of 120 years, specifically the west side of the 500 block of South State. One picture is from around the turn of the century, the second 1951, and the third about 1975. It is evident that many changes occurred over that 75-year period, about the length of a lifetime. Buildings were removed and other buildings were stripped of their uniqueness, creating a completely different and much plainer look. Utility seemed to be the choice rather than preserving the creativity of those who built those buildings after 75 years. Today, some owners have chosen to restore buildings to as close to original as practical, and the city has nicely paved streets.

The first photo at the top taken during either a Fourth of July Parade or a Homecoming Parade held during a Civil War Reunion allows us to see a Belvidere that was much younger. By 1900, it had only been 65 years since the Belvidere settlement began to develop and the population was only 7,000. In the second picture, the first thing that pops out is that the first building on the left no longer exists. In the second and third photo, that building is replaced by Shultz Brothers 5 & 10 store. The original building had a beautiful balcony on the second floor. The second story balcony may have been used to address crowds. The record suggests that this building was Phoenix Hall, and the site of a memorial service held at the end of the Civil War for those sons of families from Boone County who had fallen in battle. It has been said that the gathering went on into the dark of the evening in April, 1865 with singing under the stars to ease the grief.

After that gathering, the following week saw a second memorial service held for the assassinated President Abraham Lincoln and was led by General Allen Fuller at the Presbyterian Church. A large crowd gathered there to reflect on remarks made by Fuller, who was a larger than life character in Belvidere and, due to his largesse, responsible for many good things in Belvidere. Four years of the bloodiest war the United States has ever seen, was followed immediately by the assassination of the President. The only positive thing that could be said was that the war was finally over.

Just beyond the building referred to as Phoenix Hall is what appears to be a wooden structure. A solid brick building with ornate trimmings can be seen in its place in the 1951 photo directly behind the Rexall sign of Law's Drugs. Every building had an awning to shade and protect passersby from the rain and snow. The sidewalk was where everyone shared a common space.

Today, parking lots seem to have replaced that experience. In the earliest photo, we can see railings used to tie horses used to rest on while enjoying the parade lead by a drum troupe followed by a banner which read "Boone Camp".

These were the people who lived in Belvidere 120 years ago and how they lived their lives.



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The top photo is estimated to have been taken between 1890 and 1900 from the roof of John Plane Hardware. The middle photo we know was taken in 1951. The bottom photo was taken in the 1970s.

Suit Charges Comed With Consumer Fraud

Bribery scheme netted utility at least \$150 million, lawyers argue

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

A class action lawsuit filed this week against utility giant Commonwealth Edison seeks to recover potentially hundreds of millions of dollars for consumers who were charged rates under legislation that the company has admitted was aided by a bribery scheme involving Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan.

The suit, filed Monday in Cook County Circuit Court, accuses ComEd of violating the state's Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, which is designed to protect consumers against unfair business practices.

It comes on the heels of an announcement July 17 that ComEd had agreed to pay a \$200 million fine after admitting to federal prosecutors that it doled out jobs and payments to close associates of Madigan in an effort to influence him and

secure passage of legislation that benefitted the company.

Madigan has not been charged in the case and he has denied any wrongdoing.

"Even though ComEd has already paid a \$200 million fine. I think it's important to keep in mind that not a penny of that is going to the ComEd ratepayers," Adam Levitt, one of the attorneys involved in the case, said during a video news conference Tuesday. "That money is simply a fine ...that will ultimately be remitted to the US government."

ComEd serves roughly 4 million residential, commercial and industrial customers in northern Illinois.

Between 2011 and 2019, according to documents filed in federal court, ComEd engaged in a systematic practice of awarding jobs and subcontracts to Madigan's associates with the intent of gaining the powerful House speaker's support for legislation that the utility company wanted.

Those included the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act of 2011, which established a formula for automatically adjusting utility rates instead of having to submit rate requests to the Illinois Commerce Commission, and the Future Energy Jobs Act of 2016, which provided its parent company Exelon with additional revenue to rescue its economically troubled nuclear power plants.

In a document known as a "deferred prosecution agreement," ComEd admitted that the "reasonably foreseeable anticipated benefits" of those laws exceeded \$150 million.

However, the Citizens Utility Board, an agency that represents consumers in rate cases before the Illinois Commerce Commission, estimates that the formula-based rate adjustments will yield about \$700 million for ComEd over 10 years while the Future Energy Jobs Act could yield up to \$2.35 billion over 10 years.

"This lawsuit is to determine the full extent because we all know that Commonwealth Edison did not admit to \$150 million, that this goes much deeper than that," said Stephan Blandin, another attorney in the case. "And we're going to have a full accounting from Commonwealth Edison to determine how extensive the fraud was so that the 4 million ratepayers in the state of Illinois will get their money back as a result of this bribery scheme that took place."

Class action lawsuits are different from traditional civil actions because they involve only a handful of plaintiffs who represent an entire class of individuals who might be victims of the same offense. They are used in instances in which there are so many potential plaintiffs that it would not be feasible for each individual plaintiff to pursue legal action on their own.

In this case, three residential customers and three businesses are the named plaintiffs who represent the entire class of ComEd's 4 million customers. They include Randall Kuhn, of Lake Forest; Robert Nieman, of Glencoe; Erica Lieschke, of Chicago; Windward Roofing & Construction Inc.; In Demand Electronic Court Reporting Inc.; and Standard Equipment Company.

Although ComEd has admitted to engaging in bribery, the plaintiffs in the lawsuit will need to show they were the victims of fraud, which is a different offense. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act typically involves cases such as pyramid schemes or the sale of some product or service in which the seller intentionally withholds material information.

Blandin, however, said he believes the actions

of ComEd fall within the scope of the consumer protection law.

"One of the things to keep in mind is that Commonwealth Edison and Exelon (its parent company) have been given a state-authorized monopoly in the state," he said. "They provide 70 percent of Illinois' population with electricity in exchange for a guaranteed profit. In this particular case, one of the things that we're going to be delving into are the two nuclear power plants that were underperforming that ratepayers bailed out as a result of this legislation that was influenced by the admitted bribery."

Officials at ComEd did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Levitt and Blandin said they do not anticipate calling Madigan for a deposition in the case, but they do plan to depose ComEd's lobbyists and top executives.


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Sounds like Wisconsin is not going to have a good tourist season...Of course no one to hold accountable.

Obituaries

- Peter Green 73, Canvey Is, Essex, Eng., July 25
- John Lewis 80, Atlanta, Georgia, July 17
- Olivia Mary de Havilland, 104 Paris, Fr., July 25
- Brei, Janet, 73, Belvidere, July 25
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State Regulators Grill ComEd Execs Over Fraud Admission

Utility says \$200 million fine to be paid by shareholders, not ratepayers

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Top executives of utility giant Commonwealth Edison faced tough questions from state regulators Wednesday as they publicly apologized for the lobbying scandal that is forcing the company to pay a \$200 million criminal fine.

“That’s the first words I wanted you to hear out of my mouth,” ComEd CEO Joseph Dominguez told members of the Illinois Commerce Commission. “But the last words I want to leave you with is that I’ve observed the character of this company. I know what our job is and leading it and I know the reforms that we have to put in place.”

On July 17, ComEd entered what’s called a deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. Attorney’s office in Chicago and admitted to handing out lobbying jobs and subcontracts to close associates of Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan — including some who reportedly did little or no work — in an effort to gain Madigan’s support for legislation benefitting the company.

Madigan, who also serves as chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party, so far has not been charged with any crime and he has denied any wrongdoing.

ComEd is the state’s largest electric utility and serves roughly four million customers in northern Illinois.

As part of the deal to defer prosecution of bribery charges against the company, ComEd and its parent company Exelon agreed to pay the fine, to cooperate with a continuing federal investigation, to adopt internal policies and controls regarding their dealings with public officials to prevent similar crimes from occurring again and to file reports with the U.S. Attorney’s office at least once every 12 months detailing how it is complying with the terms of the agreement.

“They create, among other things, a detailed tracking system to capture information about our interactions with public officials,” said David Glocker, Exelon’s executive vice president for compliance and audit. “Going forward, beginning when these policies went into effect on July 6, any request, recommendation or referral from a public official has to be reported, has to be tracked, and it can only be acted on with the concurrence of a series of people within the organization, including, importantly, the compliance function.”

The Illinois Commerce Commission is a five-member body whose members are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. Its main function is to set rates and charges for services provided by public utilities.

But with regard to electric utility rates, that function was greatly curtailed in 2011 with the passage of a bill that has been a focus of the federal investigation, the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act. Under that law, which was passed over the veto of then-Gov. Pat Quinn, electric rates are automatically adjusted each year based on a formula that is tied to interest rates on 30-year

Treasury notes.

That law continues to anger consumer advocates, including the Illinois Public Interest Research Group, or PIRG, whose director, Abe Scarr, also testified before the ICC Wednesday.

“EIMA has severely limited Commission authority, while shouldering it with an overwhelming number of proceedings and not enough time, or the proper tools, to analyze utility filings,” Scarr said, according to his written, prepared testimony.

Illinois PIRG has called for repealing the 2011 law, and Rep. Ann Williams, D-Chicago, who chairs the House Energy and Environment Committee, has said she intends to introduce legislation in 2011 to repeal the automatic rate adjustments.

Of particular concern to ICC members, however, was ensuring that the \$200 million fine will come out of the pockets of ComEd’s shareholders, not its customers and ratepayers.

Dominguez insisted that it will come from shareholders, and he detailed the process by which Exelon, the company’s biggest shareholder, will put the money into ComEd in two installments of \$100 million each and ComEd will repay that money out of the quarterly dividends that it would otherwise distribute to shareholders.

But some ICC members remained skeptical.

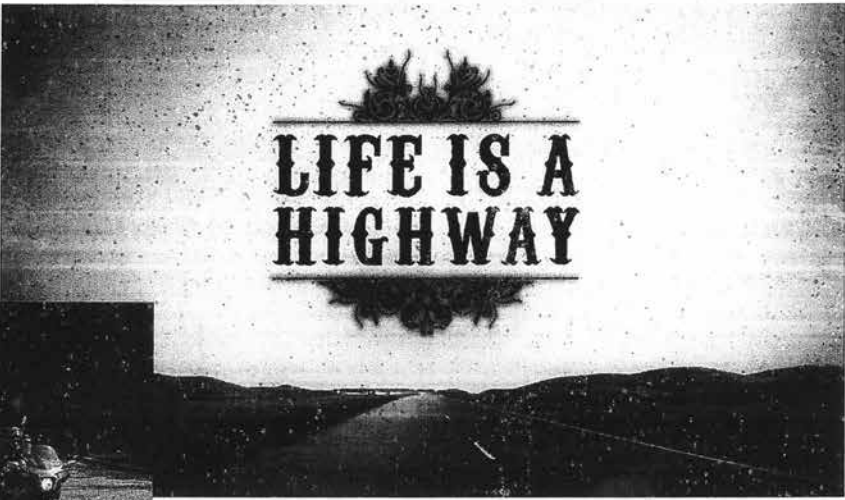
“I’m not interested in receiving assurances that our ratepayers will not be saddled with any financial settlement related thereto,” Commissioner Sadzi Oliva said of the federal investigation. “Because I can assure you that that answer is a foregone conclusion in my book.”

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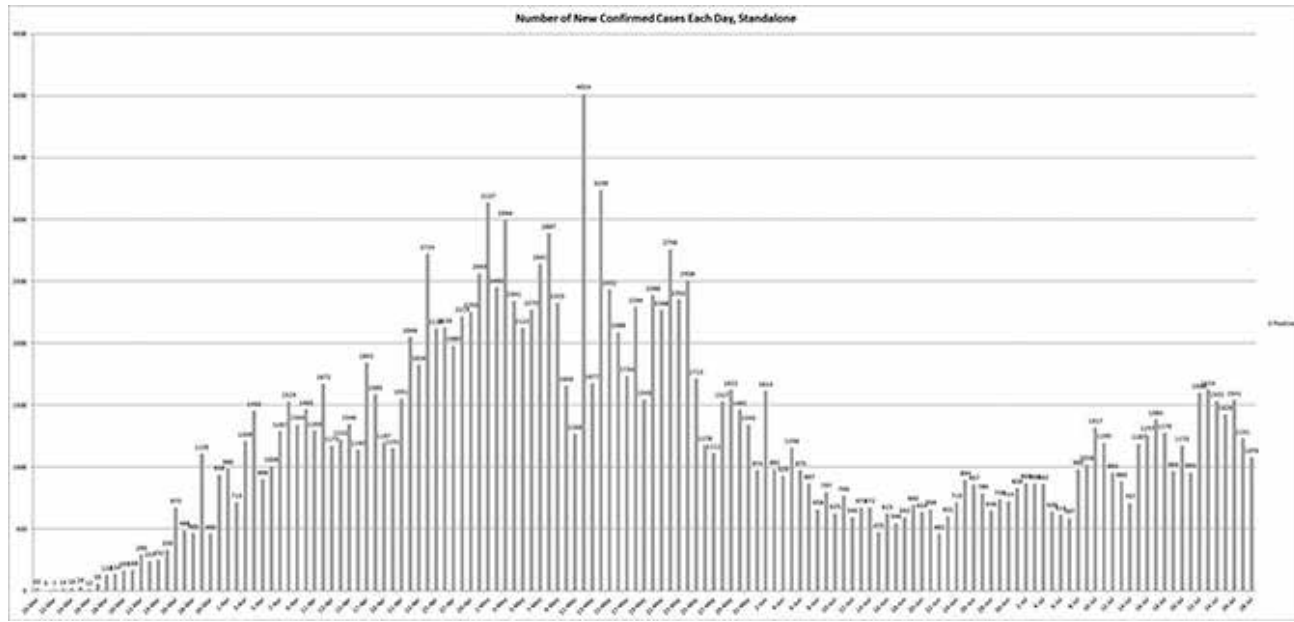


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Covid-19 Positivity Rate Continues To Climb

Key metric is highest it's been since June 11

by Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Illinois' seven-day rolling positivity rate for COVID-19 tests continued to rise through the weekend, reaching 3.8 percent — more than a full percentage point higher than it was at the beginning of the month.

The positivity rate for tests completed has increased for seven of the past eight days, ticking upward from 2.9 percent on July 19. It's the highest the rolling positivity rate has been since it was 4.2 percent on June 11.

That comes after one-day positivity rates of 3.7, 3.8 and 4 percent on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, respectively. Over that three-day span, the state averaged about 1,399 new cases daily among an average of 36,537 tests completed over the same period.

Speaking Monday in Adams County, which is in the state's warning territory for COVID-19 trends, Pritzker continued to urge Illinoisans to wear masks and avoid crowds. Those measures will likely be necessary though at least the end of 2020, he said.

Sen. Jil Tracy, R-Quincy, appeared alongside the governor at the Adams County Health Department in Quincy. She urged all residents to wear face coverings, which a number of studies have shown can help limit the spread of the virus.

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The senator called mask-wearing a “minor inconvenience” that is “so well worth it” to prevent spread of the lethal virus.

“We learn new things about this virus every day. But one indisputable fact is that it’s highly, highly contagious,” she said. “...Even those that get very sick, and don’t die, they have lingering health problems. Wearing a mask, I advocate (for), because it is such a simple thing to do.”

On Friday, the Illinois Department of Public Health reported that LaSalle, Peoria and Randolph counties joined Adams County in warning territory according to state COVID-19 metrics that track new cases per 100,000 people; the number of COVID-19-related deaths; weekly test positivity; ICU availability; weekly emergency department visits for COVID-19-like-illness; weekly hospital admissions; the number of tests performed; and the percentage of COVID-19 cases associated with clusters or outbreaks.

“If these trends continue in a negative direction, the state will need to take immediate action to impose additional mitigations to slow the spread and keep more people from getting sick. We are trying to bring down infection rates before it gets out of control,” Pritzker said in Adams County.

The metrics “are intended to be used for local level awareness to help local leaders, businesses, local health departments, and the public make informed decisions about personal and family gatherings, as well as what activities they choose to do,” according to an IDPH news release.

“We’re counting on city and county health departments and leaders do what they know is right to protect their residents,” Pritzker added, noting those efforts include ticketing or closing bars that flout masking and social distancing guidelines.

IDPH said the counties flashing warning indicators saw outbreaks associated with “risky behavior.”

In Adams County, that includes larger social events, health care exposure, travel to hotspots including neighboring Missouri and Iowa, as well as outbreaks tied to places of worship and youth sports.

In LaSalle County, outbreaks were tied to large family and social gatherings, while there were increases in cases among people younger than 29 years, many of whom visited bars or attended larger social events. “Inconsistencies with masking requirements” played a role as well, according to IDPH.

Peoria County also saw increases in cases among people younger than 29 years old, while outbreaks were tied to large gatherings such as Fourth of July parties, and people traveling to Florida, Iowa, Texas and Wisconsin.

Randolph County outbreaks were tied to congregate settings, numerous bars not complying with distancing and masking, and a large party with more than 200 people.

The IDPH website, which is updated weekly, was still showing warning indicators as of July 18 on Monday afternoon, and Sangamon, Champaign and Randolph counties were the only three flashing an orange warning indicator.

IDPH also reported 31 more COVID-19-related deaths over the past three days, bringing total fatalities since the pandemic began to 7,416 among 172,655 confirmed cases. There have been more than 2.5 million tests performed in the state and the recovery rate from the virus is 95 percent for those 42 days removed from a positive test, according to the IDPH.

Intensive care unit beds in use by COVID-19 patients increased to 350 at the end of Sunday as well, marking the highest that number has been since June 30 when there were 384 ICU beds in use by COVID-19 patients.

At the end of Sunday, there were 1,417 COVID-19-positive patients in hospital beds statewide, including 125 on ventilators. Both of those numbers were near their pandemic lows, although they were increases from the day prior.

While Pritzker said the state is doing a better job handling the virus than its neighbors and others in the South, it does not take long for cases to spike.

“I can’t tell you what’s gonna happen August 10 or any date in August yet,” he said. “What I can tell you is we’ve issued guidance for what we know right now, but we’re all gonna have to keep watching.”

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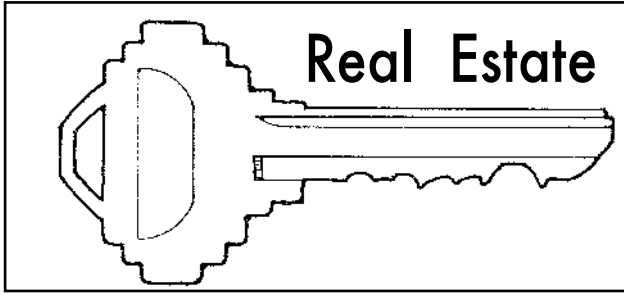
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v- 19 CH 73

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF SUSAN M. SIEK, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SUSAN M. SIEK, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF SUSAN M. SIEK, DECEASED, DEBORAH L. SCHROEDER, KIM YUREK, DAN YUREK, STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SHERRY ZACK, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUSAN M. SIEK, DECEASED Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 14, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 19, 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:

Lot Three (3) in Block Twelve (12) of J.A. Cornwell's Addition to the Town of Caledonia Center, situated in Boone County, State of Illinois.

Commonly known as 2360 RANDOLPH ST., CALEDONIA, IL 61011 Property Index No. 03-21-176-010 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$114,381.90.

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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).

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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, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 381459.

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

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006 EQ2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-EQ2 PLAINTIFF

Vs. 2020CH3

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Dana R. Vawter; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Timothy A. Miller, as Special Representative for Dana R. Vawter (deceased) DEFENDANTS
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Dana R. Vawter
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2810 Huntington Drive Belvidere, IL 61008

and which said Mortgage was made by:

Dana R. Vawter
Hans Karl Vawter

the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for EquiFirst Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, Illinois, as Document No. 2006R12476; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Linda J Anderson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
601 North Main Street
Belvidere, IL 61008

on or before August 24, 2020, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
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DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-20-00041

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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LEGAL NOTICES

Foreclosures

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,
-v- 2020 CH 1

MELISSA JO HARRIS 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 March 10, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 2, 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:

LOT EIGHTY-NINE (89) IN CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 6, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PORTIONS OF SECTION 22, 26, AND 27, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-2060 AND REVISED IN DOCUMENT NO. 73-4912 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 131 COLUMBIA ST NW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 03-22-352-014

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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-v- 19 CH 73

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Miscellaneous Expense:	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000
Ambulance Reserve:	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND ESTIMATED		
EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS:		
	\$ 217,500	\$ 243,000

The foregoing appropriations are appropriated from the above revenue sources including the proceeds of a special property tax for ambulance purposes.

ESTIMATED AMBULANCE FUND BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 2021: \$ 2,878

SUMMARY

TOTAL CORPORATE FUND APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 2,225,500.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND APPROPRIATIONS	243,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 2,468,500.00

Section 3: That all unexpended balances of any item or items of any general appropriation in this Ordinance be expended in making up any insufficiency in any other item or items in the same general appropriation and for the same general purpose of any like appropriation made by this Ordinance.

Section 4: That the invalidity of any item or Section of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the whole or any other part hereof.

Section 5: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 20th day of July, 2020, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Winne, Wiltse, Ziegler NAYS: None A B S E N T : None

Mike Winne, President, Board of Trustees, North Boone Fire Protection District #3

ATTEST: Dave Wiltse, Secretary Pro Tem, Board of Trustees, North Boone Fire Protection District #3

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

On Monday evening, August 17, 2020 at 7:00 P.M., a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and City Council Members of the City of Belvidere, in the City Council Chambers, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois, for the purpose of considering and hearing testimony as to an ordinance authorizing an Annexation Agreement relating to real property commonly known as the Belvidere Cemetery located on Fairgrounds Road, Belvidere Illinois and legally described as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23 and part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, all in Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows; Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 23, thence North 00 degrees 55 minutes 18 seconds East, along the West line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section, a distance of 254.0 feet to its intersection with the North line of the South 254 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 23; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds West, along said line, a distance 40.0 feet to the westerly right-of-way line for Fairgrounds Road, as now laid out and used, and to the point of beginning for the following described Parcel; thence North 00 degrees 55 minutes 18 seconds East, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 735.70 feet to its intersection with the westerly extension of the North line of premises conveyed to the Cemetery Association of Belvidere by Warranty Deed recorded as Document No. 97-2993 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 36 seconds East, along said line and along the North line of said premises conveyed to the Cemetery Association of Belvidere, a distance of 331.74 feet to the Southwest corner of premises conveyed to the Cemetery Association of Belvidere by Corporation Deed recorded as Document No. 03 R16773 in said Recorder's Office; thence North 01 degrees 01 minutes 24 seconds East, along the West line of the last described conveyance, a distance of 1755.91 feet to the Northeast corner thereof; thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds West, along the East line of the last described conveyance and said East line extended to the South, a distance of 266.79 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds West, a distance of 242.33 feet; thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 36 seconds West, a distance of 383.74 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 39 seconds East, a distance of 139.64 feet to the former West right-of-way line of that part of vacated Chicago Street; thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 20 seconds West, along said line and along the West right-of-way line of said Chicago Street, a distance of 464.97 feet to the North right-of-way line for East Marshall Street; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 36 seconds West, along the North right-of-way line for said East Marshall Street, a distance of 165.11 feet to an angle point in said right-of-way; thence South 54 degrees 46 minutes 23 seconds West, along the Northwestly right-of-way line for said East Marshall Street, a distance of 57.17 feet to the South line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 23; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds West, along the South line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 23, a distance of 1445.85 feet to the Southeast corner of premises conveyed to Everett E. Worrell by Warranty Deed in Trust recorded as Document No. 94-6246 in said Recorder's office; thence North 01 degrees 01 minutes 20 seconds East, along the East line of said premises conveyed to Worrell, a distance of 220.00 feet to the Northeast corner thereof; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 36 seconds West, along the North line of said premises conveyed to Worrell, a distance of 250.00 feet to the Northwest corner thereof and to the East right-of-way line for said Fairgrounds Road; thence North 01 degrees 01 minutes 20 seconds East, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 34.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds West, a distance of 80.4 feet, more or less to the point of beginning; situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois; containing 48.69 Acres, more or less.

The proposed Annexation Agreement is available for review in the City Clerk's office 401 Whitney Blvd. Belvidere Illinois.

By order of the Corporate Authorities of the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois.

Dated: July 29, 2020 Sarah Turnipseed, City Clerk

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ROOM FOR RENT: Belvidere: Nice furnished room w/ fridge, near downtown, bus stop, Aldi, Drug & Dollar Stores. No Sec. Deposit. \$102/wk. or \$430/mo. Call (815) 544-4466

Project Based Vouchers Award Request for Proposals (RFP) Project Based Vouchers

The Boone County Housing Authority (BCHA) announces the availability of up to 15 Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers (PBV's) for rehabilitation and/or new constructed housing units within Boone County

Applications in response to this Request for Proposals must be consistent with the published Request for Proposals (RFP) and in compliance with governing rules and regulations. The RFP may be obtained either by (1) contacting the Boone County Housing Authority, attention Alan Zais and via email only at alan@wchauthority.com, or (2) via the website at https://wchauthority.com.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. September 14, 2020. Published in the Boone County Journal July 31 and August 14, 2020

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Camila Lupita Casillas Barrientos Case No.2020-MR-84 NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given, that on September 22, 2020, at 10:15am, I will present a Petition requesting that the Court change her present name of Camila Lupita Casillas Barrientos, to the name of Camila Lupita Barrientos. The hearing will take place at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 Courtroom #4 Published in the Boone County Journal 07/31, 08/07, 14

Assumed Names

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a clothing online store business in said County and State under the name of Janet's Boutique at the following post office address: 225 Highline Street #10, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Janet Rivera, 225 Highline St. 310, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # 815-202-0260

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 10th of July, A.D. 2020

Julie Stapler, County Clerk Published in The Boone County Journal July 17, 24, 31

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a ice cream store business in said County and State under the name of Paletaria BuenaVista at the following post office address: 607 South State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Gabriel Venegas, 219 Gables Drive SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065; phone #847-660-4062

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 17th of July, A.D. 2020

Julie Stapler, County Clerk Published in The Boone County Journal, July 24, 31, August 7

Community News

Alcoholics Anonymous 12-step groups have moved their meetings to Zoom - Although there are in-person meetings that continue in the area and they are following the guidelines provided by the Winnebago County Department of Public Health, many of the members of A.A. are choosing to practice safe social distancing by attending meetings online.

A list of Zoom meetings can be found on our websites and members of the community who are struggling with a substance abuse or drinking problem can find help 24/7 by visiting: www.rockfordaa.org and www.district70aa.org or by calling 815-968-0333. Sober members of AA are available to take calls and provide guidance around the clock.

State's Blood Supply "Critically Low"; Blood Centers In Dire Need For Organizations To Host Blood Drives-Officials from the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers (ICCBC) gathered today to make the public aware of Illinois' dwindling blood supply and the dire need for organizations to step up and continue to host blood drives in their communities, especially as Illinois advances to Phase 4 of Restore Illinois. Following the national trend, Illinois Blood Centers are currently running on 2 day or less supply of blood, putting them at a "critically low" level. To donate blood, please go to www.americasblood.org to find a donor center near you to schedule a donation time. Donor requirements include being at least 17 years old (16 with parental permission), in good health and weigh at least 110 lbs. The donation process takes about an hour, consisting of a health screening, donating time and snack. Individuals can donate whole blood once every 56 days.

RVC Reopening Student Services for In-person Appointments:

Rock Valley College is happy to announce that most student services will be open to visitors again beginning Monday, July 20. With fall semester rapidly approaching, the College wants to offer as many options as possible to help students and parents with the registration process. While the College still encourages phone and virtual appointments as a first choice, in-person assistance will be available by appointment only starting July 20. All social distancing guidelines and procedures must be followed for the protection of all visitors and staff members. All visitors must schedule an appointment. No walk-ins will be accepted. Visitors are also required to wear a facemask and will be asked to park in lots 1, 2A or 2B and enter the Student Center on the west entrance closest to the Physical Education Center (PEC). Appointments can be scheduled by calling the specific department needed. For a complete list of department numbers and for additional information on the reopening plan for student services, please visit rockvalleycollege.edu/contact.

Rock Valley College Ready to Help Students Succeed Online This Fall: Rock Valley College has worked diligently over the last few months to ensure that students will have a successful hybrid and online learning experience this fall.

RVC faculty have completed in-depth training and will have resources available to them to create quality learning experiences for students. Best practice research and a newly expanded online learning department have ensured that Rock Valley College's fall courses are designed to achieve student success. Because many of RVC's fall courses are now online, a strong emphasis on faculty communication with their students has been implemented so that students will not feel isolated or lost. Furthermore, Zoom sessions and synchronous communication is encouraged from faculty in an attempt to answer questions or student concerns in a faster time frame.

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