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Stormwater Tax for Belvidere: Mechanics Done, Finishing Touches Coming

By David Larson

Belvidere's mayor, Mike Chamberlain, has moved the city one step closer to implementing a new tax. Based upon a study commissioned by the city, which outlines the mechanics of fees, implementation, and collection of the new tax, the city need only check a few boxes and fill in a few variables to pay for a \$40 to 50 million storm sewer upgrade for Belvidere's south side.

The study presents rationale for the upgrade by pointing out that, "portions of the storm sewer system are more than 50-years old and are beyond their intended service life."

Presently, the city budgets \$30,000 per year from the general fund to maintain the storm sewer system.

This study has been designed to accommodate the results of an engineering analysis done last year, which was reported on in this newspaper.

The present study states that despite raising sales tax a half percent and increasing the motor fuel tax 2 cents (together adding approximately 1.5 million yearly to the general fund) that those funds were designated to go into the general fund and not specifically for a storm sewer upgrade. The study does go on to explain the relevance of that comment.

- Insufficient Funding for Stormwater Management – Maintaining and improving a network of over 400,000 feet of storm sewer costs more than \$30,000 and the availability of monies from the general fund is unknown from year to year.

- Current Spending Ties Up General Fund Monies – Money spent from the general fund on stormwater is money that cannot be spent on other urgent municipal infrastructure needs.

- Not an Equitable System for Generating Revenue – Tax revenues that support the general funds are not based on the burden property owners place on the stormwater system, so groups of taxpayers pay disproportional amounts toward addressing stormwater program needs.

No mention was made regarding the 5 percent utility tax designated for infrastructure improvement and implemented under the Brereton administration about 20 years ago. A decade ago, the improvements for which the utility tax was intended had been completed. Since then that money has flowed to the general fund. The study did not discuss the future of the new storm sewer tax after bonds for the construction of the storm sewer improvements were retired. This newspaper has previously reported that the city recently discovered it had not been collecting a utility tax from several industrial natural gas users in the city due to a loophole in the law. After closing the loophole, the city raised an additional \$900,000 this year and will be able to capture a similar amount in future years. That revenue was not allocated in the most recently created city budget.

Jeff Carlisle, a local resident, and Boone County Board member, rumored to be planning a run for mayor in the next election, spoke to the city council during public comment. Carlisle said it's not clear where the money, (from the sales and gas taxes), has been posted to any purposeful fund it's just placed in the general fund. He said, "No one has any idea how much is set aside for this project or pensions." Carlisle cautioned them to, "...put the brakes on and to get a grip on this situation."



Something Special in a Photograph

by David Larson

What an asset this building would be to Belvidere's downtown if it still existed today. The character of individualism in the composition of the façade for each of the business and its lesser tenants is distinctive. The occasion was a photograph made for us to be able to see great accomplishment on the Midwestern Prairie. The Belvidere settlement began to develop around 1835. The first advertisement for Plane Hardware in a local newspaper, *The Belvidere Standard*, appeared on October 28, 1851. John Plane was a partner in Plane & Jenner Hardware at the time of the advertisement, and presented the business as having been long established by 1851. By 1852, the name Jenner had been dropped from the business advertisements.

An 1852 advertisement indicates Plane Hardware was in operation on North State between what today we call Lincoln Avenue and Hurlbut. Perhaps after the Civil War he moved the store to 600 South State Street.

Plane was a stove dealer. Marketing stoves for cooking, the parlor, dining room both in heavy and light versions, he had a broader definition of a hardware store than we do today. He sold horse-pulling hay rakes, hayforks, shovels, hoes, and scythes for the farmers. The store sold Fairbanks Scales, general hardware in iron, steel, copper and tin – nails, and farm tools under the banner, "as good as the best and cheaper than the cheapest."

We do not know as yet when this building was built or who built it. It may have not been the first at the corner of South State Street and Logan Avenue, where a bank branch is located today. Perhaps Plane with friends, family and with the help of a contractor, combined to be both architect and laborers. We do know of this building and three others, J. C. Penney being the occupant of two of them, constructed on this site at 600 South State Street. 600 South State Street is at a fork in the road, one going east and one leading to the west. Today, if you went west, and if South State Street were extended, and Belvidere had an urban

plan rather than doing things piecemeal guided by head scratching old men, it could lead directly to the Belvidere Oasis, a mass transit hub connecting with Chicago and O'Hare by bus.

The stonework, the irregular wall, the ornate orderliness at a principal highway fork set off this part of the business district as a centerpiece and created a new center of town. When the railroad came through Belvidere on the south side of the Kishwaukee River in the 1850s, it caused the south side of the city's business district to develop, and eventually exceed the original business district on the north side in size. The railroad changed everything, because, as a practical matter, any long distance travel or shipping in that era was by rail.

In the photo at the front door of Plane's Hardware is a kitchen stove and most likely the Plane family standing around it. The Planes lived above the store. Another stove from the inventory can be seen outside the big windows along Logan Avenue.

Above the Sabin & Sykes Dry Goods store is a sign for an attorney at law by the name of R. W. Coon. Belvidere's legal community had clearly grown as well.

Stephen Hurlbut the third attorney to practice in Belvidere arrived in the 1850's. Coming by a train to Galena in an attempt to outrun forgery charges Charleston, South Carolina. He stopped in Belvidere becoming the third attorney, with Loop and Fuller, to practice in Boone County. Belvidere now had a judge, and a lawyer for both the defense and the prosecution. Hurlbut became a state representative for this district. When the Civil War broke out, he rose to the rank of a Major General primarily because of his political connections. He was in charge of supplying the Army of the West from Memphis. Hurlbut used his position to smuggle Confederate, black market cotton with the help of Loop but both were pardoned by Lincoln because of Hurlbut's political status. After the war, Hurlbut became the U.S. Ambassador to Peru. The local newspaper defended him in the face of his disgrace and undoubtedly John Plane knew him well. Fuller went on to become perhaps Belvidere's most important citizen. The population of Belvidere in 1850 was about 1,000, and by 1870 it had grown to 3,200.

❧ Obituaries ❧

Hill, Charlene, 82, Belvidere, July 15
 Kremsreiter, Helmut, 87, Belvidere, July 16
 Neff (Batty), Jane, 78, Cherry Valley
 Timmerman, Ronald, 75, Poplar Grove, July 15
 Waugh, Jacqueline, 84, Belvidere, July 16

Letter to The Editor

My View

Exploiting our greatest national resource: teachers

Teachers are amazing, dynamic people. As a teacher whose second career is in Education, I have often felt as if I am looking in from the outside. I already had fifteen years in journalism when I joined the ranks of those who influence the future of America.

What I have found is that teachers endure a lot. They also find great joy in shaping lives and forming relationships with families. Teachers take work home in rolling suitcases after already long days in classrooms and meetings. They work in 90 degree temperatures with no air conditioning and bad ventilation. Teachers aspire to be called “excellent” or “distinguished” in an evaluation system that plays against their chances of that rating, no matter what they do. They muster the kindest voices and words in the most difficult situations. Literally, the “outsider” part of my view is that nothing is ever good enough. And I say that after working on some political campaigns that were targeted viciously with national money and in not-for-profits that were fighting to swim or sink.

That is why it incenses me that Donald Trump’s presidency has been all about an attack on educators, poor students, students of color, immigrant students, and of course doctors who are trying to help us all. These attacks are a hallmark of Fascism. If you haven’t read Fascism a Warning by Madeleine Albright, you should add it to your summer reading list.

Now, Trump and Secretary of Education DeVos have allied for yet another attack on teachers. They continue to insist that schools should fully reopen in the fall despite the fact that we are still in the first wave of a pandemic that is in charge because Trump mishandled the response from the beginning.

A recent article in the Washington Post, entitled The coronavirus spreads in close quarters. That should factor into reopening decisions, states, “Muge Cevik, a physician and scientist at the School of Medicine, University of St. Andrews, who examined a series of contact tracing studies, found increased rates of infection in enclosed and connected environments, including households, long-term-care facilities, and churches, among others. She said casual, short interactions appear not to be main drivers of the pandemic...”

Factor that in when you think about what I already said about school buildings with no air conditioning and bad ventilation. Instead of helping us to step up our game in distance learning through increased funding, the federal powers that be repeatedly tell us to just go back to school six or seven hours a day, almost as if the virus will just “disappear” as Trump has said.

Some teachers, nationally, have already declared that they won’t return to the classroom, and with good reason. Teachers know that schools are constantly mitigating flu and colds as if in a battle zone. How do we expect to mitigate a deadly virus that is still not understood? Under these circumstances, teachers’ unions should step in and file lawsuits for endangerment.

So, in a profession where people constantly re-educate themselves; spend their own money on supplies; bring a smile every day; and struggle

to be good enough, teachers will have to add “fight deadly virus and the anxiety it produces” to their lists along with “administer pandemic response to save the economy and thus Trump’s presidency”.

Remember, the looming collapse of this country is not in the hands of educators. They are just the latest scapegoats of the White House. The collapse will come at the hands of a reckless, unqualified, self-serving president who doesn’t care about you or me.

Paula Coulahan

To the Editor:

RE: Boone County Animal Control Facility
 This is in reply to the article in the Rockford Register Star on July 14 regarding the problems in the Boone County animal control facility.

I want to state very clearly that my comments are based on my personal observation of the Boone County board from August 2013 to July 2016 when I relocated from the area. During that period I attended every monthly board meeting as well as committee meetings. The majority of the county board did not support the animal control facility and treated the employees accordingly.

I found the board comments nothing but political rhetoric, which means they are reluctant to accept responsibility and find other issues to blame.

The fact that all employees resigned should send you a strong message regarding your management style and priorities. You were elected to represent the county and the public not your personal interest or that of any special interest group.

Robert Christianson, Machesney Park

Biden Plan Seeks To Aid Informal Caregivers

I have known many people who have been devoted caregivers in my life. Whether they cared for an aging relative, a person with a disability, or a close friend, informal caregivers make tremendous personal sacrifices. Informal caregivers bear emotional and financial burdens out of a loving bond and desire to see that the person in their care live the life he/she desires. I have also seen the long-term effect that sacrifice has had on families.

For the first time in my life a presidential candidate, Joe Biden, recognizes the unique position our family or informal caregivers find themselves in and has a multilayered plan to ease some of their burden.

Biden’s plan works to protect the retirement income of caregivers so they too can be cared for as they age:

- Creating a tax credit of \$5,000 for informal caregivers.
- Allowing caregivers to make “catch up” payments to their retirement accounts, even if they aren’t making money in the formal job market.
- Providing Social Security credits to people who leave the workforce to care for a loved one.
- Increasing the Child and Dependent Care tax credit up to \$8,000.

As our population ages, more of us will be thrust into the role of informal caregiver. Biden’s proposals seek to allow us to take on that role by eliminating some of the financial stress. Biden’s plan is also good for the economy. Allowing caregivers to contribute to their own retirement while helping their loved one takes a burden from taxpayers now and in the future.

Joe knows us.

Wendy LaFauce

Helmut Maximilian Kremsreiter

87, of Park Place, Belvidere, Illinois died July 16th, 2020. Helmut was born January 18th, 1933 in Passau, Germany.



He was preceded in death by his mother and his father. Also preceding him were two brothers and a sister. Helmut immigrated to the United States in 1955 and became a citizen in 1961. Helmut had learned the machinist trade in Germany. He was a jet mechanic during his 4 years of service in the U.S. Air Force. Helmut lived most of his life in Belvidere and worked as a machinist for factories in the area. An avid reader, Helmut usually had a book at hand. He also enjoyed camping and fishing. Helmut Kremsreiter is survived by a son Paul (Maria) Kremsreiter of Richmond Heights, Missouri. Also, a son, Joseph Kremsreiter of DeKalb, Illinois survives. He has two grandchildren. Clare age 14, and John Paul, age 11. Three nieces are still living in Germany. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Belvidere Funeral Home & Cremation Service. There will be a graveside service in Belvidere Cemetery on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. The photo shown above is circa 1961.

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ComEd's Bribery Admission Implicates Madigan

Court document shows utility agrees to pay \$200 million, admits attempts to influence House Speaker

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Hours after filing a court document implicating – but not charging – Illinois' House Speaker Michael Madigan in a yearslong bribery scheme, federal officials took to the courtyard of the Dirksen Federal Building in Chicago on Friday to deliver a message to those engaging in public corruption: "We will find you too."

The charges in the document filed Friday are officially against Commonwealth Edison, Illinois' largest electric utility company, which has agreed to pay \$200 million and to continue cooperating with an ongoing federal corruption probe in order to defer prosecution for a single count of bribery. Per that agreement – which is still pending approval from a judge – prosecution against the utility giant would be delayed for three years and potentially dismissed in exchange for the company's cooperation.

The bombshell in the report, however, is that ComEd admitted to –

from 2011 until 2019 – seeking to "influence and reward Public Official A" for that person's favorable action on legislation. While Public Official A is not directly named in the document, that person is later identified as "the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives and the longest serving member of the House of Representatives."

The current House Speaker is Michael Madigan, a Chicago Democrat who has held that position since 1983, except for a brief stint from 1995 to 1997. The documents did not contain his name or any charges against the person identified as "Public Official A." At their news conference Friday afternoon, federal authorities said the FBI does not name those who are not charged.

The implications were clear, however, as federal officials said ComEd "admitted it arranged jobs, vendor subcontracts, and monetary payments associated with those jobs and subcontracts, for various associates of a high-level elected official" in order to advance legislation that would bring the company monetary benefits that "exceeded \$150 million."

This occurred "even in instances where these political allies and workers did little to no work that they were reportedly hired to perform," John Lausch Jr., U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, said at a Chicago news conference.

"In many ways, this agreement – including and specifically ComEd's statement of facts – it speaks for itself," Lausch said. "But it also speaks volumes about the nature of a very stubborn public corruption problem we have here in Illinois. The admitted facts detail a nearly decade-long corruption scheme involving top

In our 25th year publishing *The Boone County Journal* July 24, 2020 3 management at a large public utility, leaders in state government, consultants, and several others inside and outside of government."

Later Friday, a statement issued via a communications firm on behalf of Madigan said he had "accepted subpoenas" at his offices asking for documents related to job recommendations "among other things."

"He will cooperate and respond to those requests for documents, which he believes will clearly demonstrate that he has done nothing criminal or improper," according to the statement distributed by Maura Possley of the BoycePossley firm.

"The speaker has never helped someone find a job with the expectation that the person would not be asked to perform work by their employer, nor did he ever expect to provide anything to a prospective employer if it should choose to hire a person he recommended. He has never made a legislative decision with improper motives and has engaged in no wrongdoing here. Any claim to the contrary is unfounded," Possley said in the emailed statement.

'Intent to influence and reward Public Official A'

The statement was a direct rebuttal to the claims made by prosecutors, who said ComEd "corruptly gave, offered, and agreed to give" jobs, subcontracts and monetary payments to Public Official A and Public Official A's associates, "with intent to influence and reward Public Official A."

Lausch, however, said it was a "complex question" as to whether a public official has to benefit directly from an action for it to constitute criminal activity.

"The short answer is, sometimes a corruption charge is appropriate if it does benefit someone personally, and other times a charge is appropriate if it benefits somebody else," he said.

The public utility company, which is subject to heavy state regulation, admitted it "understood that, as speaker of the House of Representatives, Public Official A was able to exercise control over what measures were called for a vote in the House of Representatives and had substantial influence and control over fellow lawmakers concerning legislation, including legislation that affected ComEd."

The electric utility also admitted in the court document that it appointed an individual to its board of directors and retained a particular law firm "at the request of Public Official A." It also accepted into an internship program "a specified target number of students who primarily resided in a Chicago ward that Public Official A was associated with."

In a statement, Christopher Crane, CEO of ComEd's parent company, Exelon, said, "In the past, some of ComEd's lobbying practices and interactions with public officials did not live up to" the company's standards.

"When we learned about the inappropriate conduct, we acted swiftly to investigate. We concluded from the investigation that a

small number of senior ComEd employees and outside contractors orchestrated this misconduct, and they no longer work for the company," he said. "Since then, we have taken robust action to aggressively identify and address deficiencies, including enhancing our compliance governance and our lobbying policies to prevent this type of conduct."

Pritzker: If true, 'he's gonna have to resign'

Gov. JB Pritzker – who was also a subject of headlines regarding a public corruption investigation Friday – said at an unrelated news conference in Waukegan that if the allegations against Madigan are true, "He's gonna have to resign."

"The speaker has a lot that he needs to answer – to authorities, to investigators, and most importantly, to the people of Illinois," Pritzker said. "If these allegations of wrongdoing by the speaker are true, there is no question that he will have betrayed the public trust. And he must resign."

The Chicago Sun-Times reported Friday morning that it had obtained documents that "show the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago has asked Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi for all emails and any other communications dating to 2012 regarding the tax break that Kaegi's predecessor, Joseph Berrios, gave Pritzker."

The documents requested reportedly pertained to the \$330,000 property tax break that Pritzker – before he got into elected politics – received on his Chicago mansion after he purchased a neighboring property and removed toilets to render it uninhabitable.

Pritzker's properties were among 118 for which prosecutors sought information about property tax appeals granted during Berrios' tenure from 2010 to 2018.

Pritzker has consistently denied wrongdoing and did so again Friday, noting neither he nor his wife had been contacted by federal authorities on the issue.

"There's nothing new to tell you. ... I learned about this from a reporter," he said. "The facts about this matter have been public for some time and have extensively been discussed as they were in the 2018 election, and they've been fully aired. And as I've always said, any review will show that all the rules were followed."

Republican officials looked to tie the dueling Pritzker and Madigan headlines together.

"The announcement against ComEd and "Public Official A" and the ongoing investigation of Cook County property tax corruption are

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another sad commentary on the state of our state,” House Republican Leader Jim Durkin said in a videoconference. “The deep federal investigations into the highest members of the Democratic Party and their abuse of the Cook County property tax system is finally coming to light.”

He suggested the state should reexamine laws beneficial to ComEd, and said he would like to see a special session for ethics reforms, which he accused Madigan of blocking in recent weeks.

“The allegations presented today are troubling and downright depressing,” he said. “Speaker Madigan needs to speak up on this issue. And if the allegations are true, he must resign immediately. Just as important, I hope that members of the General Assembly in the majority party, the Democrat Party, finally have the courage to stand up and demand an explanation of their leader that they have, for decades, elected to rule.”

‘We will find you too’

In the courtyard of the Dirksen federal building Friday, Lausch signified more federal action could be forthcoming.

“It’s not good,” he said. “But our federal investigations of corruption in Illinois are ongoing. We have a lot of work ahead of us, and we will get that work done.”

Federal authorities have been conducting a seemingly wide-sweeping probe of public corruption that first breached the public’s radar in the second half of 2019.

State Sen. Tom Cullerton, a Villa Park Democrat, was indicted on embezzlement charges in August that alleged he took a salary and benefits from a labor union without doing any work. He continues to serve in the chamber and pleaded not guilty to the charges.

In September, federal agents raided the Statehouse office of then-state Sen. Martin Sandoval, D-Chicago. He resigned his Senate seat in November, and in January he pleaded guilty to a bribery and tax fraud charge pertaining to his dealings with a red light camera company and agreed to continue to work with investigators.

Luis Arroyo, also a Chicago Democrat and former state representative, was arrested in October for allegedly passing a bribe to a state senator for favorable treatment of legislation pertaining to gambling devices known as sweepstakes machines. He pleaded not guilty to the bribery charges in February, but waived a right to be indicted by a federal grand jury, “again signaling plans to eventually plead guilty in his corruption case,” according to a report in the Chicago Sun-Times.

Investigations of local Chicago officials have been ongoing as well.

On Friday, Kathy Enstrom, special agent-in-charge of the Chicago office of the IRS Criminal Investigation Division, said the office is committed to “investigating fraud and political corruption on all levels.”

“We shine bright lights in dark corners and exposed financial fraud and corporate misconduct wherever they exist,” she said. “Organizations involved in this type of criminal activity should take today’s actions as both a warning and opportunity – We will find you too. It is not too late to get on the right side of the law.”

State Unveils 6-Year Road, Bridge Improvement Plan Without Covid-19 Adjustments

No ‘cutting or delaying’ projects ‘at this time,’ but IDOT is ‘monitoring’ revenues, secretary says

by Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker joined Illinois Department of Transportation officials Tuesday to unveil a six-year, \$21.3 billion statewide road and bridge improvement plan that is an extension of the Rebuild Illinois infrastructure package passed last year by the General Assembly.

IDOT is tasked with unveiling a multi-year plan each year to detail how it will spend transportation dollars on state and local highway transportation systems. For the current fiscal year, the investment in road and bridge infrastructure totals \$3.15 billion, according to the governor’s office.

Current funding levels would allow the multi-year plan to include 3,356 miles of road improvements and 8.4 million square feet of bridge deck in total over the next six years.

The infrastructure spending largely relies on revenue from the motor fuel tax — which was increased on July 1, as it will every year forthcoming under the new state law — among other driving-related fees.

According to an overview of the multi-year plan on the IDOT website, however, revenue estimates were not adjusted to account for economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated stay-at-home orders.

“Due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and national stay-at-home guidance, the reduced consumption of gas is expected to cause a decrease in motor fuel tax revenue that would be deposited into the state’s road and state construction fund,” according to IDOT’s summary of the plan. “It is not yet known what the actual decrease will be. Therefore, no adjustments were made to the (multi-year plan).”

“The department will continue to monitor the data and make any adjustments deemed necessary as actual revenue impacts become known,” the summary continued.

While the attendees of a news conference unveiling the plan touted the Rebuild Illinois package, which passed in 2019, acting IDOT Secretary Omer Osman said the COVID-19 pandemic presented some unforeseen challenges.

“The multi-year plan keeps us on track during these uncertain times,” Osman said at an event in Collinsville. “While we are not cutting or delaying projects at this time, we will continue monitoring the impact on future revenue to ensure we are investing taxpayer resources wisely. Clearly, COVID-19 is not going to be something that lasts for a few months, but likely impact our decision making for years to come.”

Despite the pandemic, Osman said, Pritzker allowed road work to continue by deeming construction workers essential in his executive orders.

That allowed year one of work on the Rebuild Illinois plan to continue despite state

stay-at-home orders, so the first year of the plan saw \$2.77 billion in improvements, with \$2.15 billion to the state system and \$616 million in the local system.

Included was 1,385 miles of road improvements in the state system — comprising 61 bridges and 157 safety improvements — as well as 321 miles of road improvements in the local system, including 67 bridges and 71 safety improvements.

Pritzker noted IDOT had developed a plan consistent with the Federal Highway Administration’s Transportation Asset Management Plan standards.

“That standard puts an end to the practice of letting roads and bridges in Illinois deteriorate until they’re in just terrible shape,” the governor said. “Instead we’re investing on the front end saving money for taxpayers.”

Among other projects, the first year of the plan included design work on an Interstate 80 bridge over the Des Plaines River that was deemed structurally deficient, resurfacing on state Route 251, widening and reconstruction on state Route 47, reconstruction on the Murray Baker Bridge in Peoria, construction and bridge repairs on Interstate 74, resurfacing on Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 51, resurfacing and bridge repairs on Interstate 255, and completion of design for added lanes and bridge replacement on Interstate 57 in southern Illinois.

Pritzker touted the plan as one that would create jobs in a difficult economic climate in Illinois and across the U.S.

“Even in a pandemic — especially in a pandemic — our transportation systems connect the lives of our residents and our communities,” Pritzker said. “...The Multi-Year Plan we’re announcing today provides funding to reconstruct over 3,300 miles of roads and over 8 million square feet of bridges — and, more importantly, create and support hundreds of thousands of jobs over the next 6 years for hardworking Illinoisans across our state.”

Projects for the plan are selected by safety criteria such as crash history, pavement conditions and traffic volumes.

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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.

Burpee Museum offers FREE Virtual Reality Field Trips - Thanks to generous community support and donations from foundations and individuals, we are pleased to offer a limited number of virtual field trips at NO COST to school groups this spring! Using the teacher's choice of a simple web browser, students will enter the "museum" through their home devices. Clicking on the floor, students can "walk" the 360-degree virtual reality environment and click on "hot spots" for additional activities, videos, and more. Burpee will have a live stream with the class to complete a 30-45-minute field trip. Please contact nicole.hayes@burpee.org for more to reserve your spot while supplies last. For more information see Burpee.org or email Burpee@burpee.org

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.

Zoom Programs to Enhance Health:- Womanspace will be hosting two programs on Zoom in July facilitated by Dr. Elisha Robinson that will help people to improve their health and well-being. Many are struggling with the "quarantine 15" and looking to bounce back and get in better shape. Both programs offer some practical solutions.

On Monday, July 27th, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM, she will lead a program on "The Benefits of Fasting". The program will discuss different types of fasting, from intermittent to prolonged, as well as how to implement fasting and make it work for your life and schedule. Register here: <https://womanspace-rockford.org/event-3876517>

Auctioning-in-Place for Womanspace: Womanspace is seeking donations of new products, antiques or experiences for an online auction to support its mission of empowering women and serving the local community. People will be allowed to bid on donated items between August 1st and 8th from midnight to midnight. To donate a gift, please contact Kristin Kofoed, at krisilizie@mac.com or 815-985-4484. All contributions will be reviewed in advance by the

In our 25th year publishing *The Boone County Journal* July 24, 2020 5 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 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

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.

Mental Health Resource League Announces Cancellation of Fall Diddley® 2020: With deep sadness and heavy hearts, the Mental Health Resource League of McHenry County (the League) announces the cancellation of this year's 35th Annual Fall Diddley® event scheduled for the Boone County Fairgrounds on the weekend of October 10-11, 2020.

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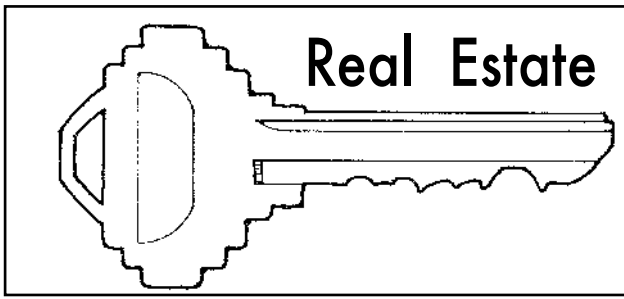
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

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.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

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Foreclosures

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL COURT BOONE COUNTY
ROBIN HIGGS, Plaintiff -VS- SHAMEKIN HIGGS, Defendant
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION 2020-D-42

Notice is given to you, SHAMEKIN HIGGS, 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 12th day of August, 2020 at 3:00p.m., a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Dated: 7/2/2020

Linda J. Anderson, Clerk of the Circuit Court
17th Judicial Circuit Boone County, Illinois

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Advertisement For Bids

Date: July 22, 2020

Project: Tennis Court Renovations For Belvidere CUSD #100

Locations: Belvidere High School 1500 East Avenue

Belvidere South Middle School 919 E. 6th Street

Belvidere North High School 9393 Beloit Road

Belvidere Central Middle School 8787 Beloit Road

Belvidere, Illinois 61008

Owner: Belvidere Community Unit School District #100

1201 5th Avenue Belvidere, Illinois 61008

ARCHITECT: OLLMANN ERNEST MARTIN ARCHITECTS

200 SOUTH STATE STREET

BELVIDERE, Illinois 61008

Tel: 815/ 544-7790

SCOPE: separate Bids for EACH SCHOOL LOCATION INCLUDING ALL WORK INDICATED FOR THAT LOCATION. bidders may submit bids for one or more school locations. contracts may be awarded for one or more school locations.

DATE DUE: Sealed bids will be received UNTIL 10:00 am CDT on thursday, august 13, 2020 at belvidere CUSD #100 office at 1201 5th avenue, belvidere, illinois and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

PRE-BID MEETINGS: PROSPECTIVE general Contractors AND SUBCONTRACTORS ARE invited to ATTEND a pre-bid meeting held at 9:00 a.M. CDT, friday, July 31, 2020 beginning AT belvidere North high school tennis courts, and proceeding, in order, to belvidere central middle school, belvidere south middle school and Belvidere high school. thirty (30) MINUTES WILL BE SPENT AT EACH SCHOOL.

SITE INSPECTION: all PROSPECTIVE general Contractors ARE required to INSPECT the existing conditions at the project site, prior to submitting a bid. Prospective general contractors and subcontractors will have an opportunity to inspect the sites at the time of the pre-bid meeting. Owner's contact for scheduling additional site visits will be given at the pre-bid meeting. All questions are to be processed through the Architect for possible inclusion in addenda.

ACCESS TO BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Bidding Documents are on file for reference at the following locations:

Office of the Owner Belvidere, IL

Office of the Architect Belvidere, IL

NIBCA Rockford, IL

Bidding Documents may be secured from

THE OFFICES OF:

DG PRINTING OF ROCKFORD, LLC

728 N. PROSPECT STREET, SUITE 109

Rockford, Illinois 61107

PH: 815-961-0000

EMAIL: print@dgdprinting.com

WEBSITE: www.dgdplanroom.com

BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Prospective General Contractors may receive a PDF copy of the bidding documents from the Printer. Bidders should be aware the Printer may charge a fee to download and/or provide PDFs on CD. PDF files are made available to bidders for the purpose of making reproductions pursuant to Specification Section 000114 "Ownership and Use of Instruments of Service". Bidders may purchase hard copies of the bidding documents directly from the printer at the printer's standard charge FOR handling and printing.

BID FORM: Bids shall be submitted in hard copy in duplicate on forms issued by Architect.

BID SECURITY: Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of at least 5% of the total amount of the base bid and all additive alternate bids. This may be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, bank draft or bid bond, payable to the Owner as a guarantee that, should the bidder be awarded the Work, the bidder will enter into a contract with the Owner and will furnish the proper performance and payment bond within the time limit set by the Owner. Bid securities will be returned to all other bidders when the successful bidder files a proper performance and payment bond and the contract is executed by the Owner. If the successful bidder fails to file such contract and performance and payment bond, the amount of his bid security shall be forfeited to the Owner as liquidated damages.

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS: Performance and payment bonds will be required.

WAGE RULES: Each craft, type of worker and mechanic needed to execute the contract shall be paid the prevailing wage rate for the locality in which the work is performed, in accordance with all federal laws and laws of the state as well as local ordinances and regulations applicable to the work hereunder and having force of law.

TAXES: Belvidere community school district #100 is a tax exempt entity.

RIGHTS RESERVED BY OWNER: THE OWNER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE any irregularities and/OR REJECT ANY or all bids when, in the opinion of the Owner, such action will serve the best interests of the owner.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: No bid may be withdrawn for a PERIOD of 60 days after the OPENING OF BIDS WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE OWNER.

BY THE ORDER OF BELVIDERE COMMUNITY

UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #100 BOARD.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, Belvidere City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 upon the following:

Application of Belvidere Fiesta Market, Inc., 400 Chrysler Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008 on behalf of the property owner, MB Belvidere, LLC, 400 Chrysler Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008 for a special use to permit indoor commercial entertainment. Specifically, video gaming at 400 Chrysler Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C)(5)(B)(2) Indoor Commercial Entertainment and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures) in the GB, General Business District on 3.25 acres. The subject property is legally described as:

Lot Two (2) as designated upon Plat No. 2 Commercial Plaza, being a subdivision of the replat of Plat No. 1 of Commercial Plaza and also being a part of the northeast quarter (1/4) of Section 2, Township 43 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian according to the Plat thereof recorded March 25, 1986 as Document No. 88-1144 in the Recorder's Office in Boone County, Illinois; situated in the County of Boone, State of Illinois. PIN: 07-02-200-016.

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

Alissa Maher, Vice-Chairman,

Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Carter Engelkes, minor No. 20-JA-15

Tim Engelkes/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on April 16, 2020, 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 Carter Engelkes, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 8/20/2020; 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 THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FORM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARAENTAL ARIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PREAENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUT CHILD. IF THE PETTION 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 RIGHT TO THE HILD. 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 ad show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: July 17, 2020 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Sophie Engelkes, minor No. 20-JA-16

Tim Engelkes/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on April 16, 2020, 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 Sophie Engelkes, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 8/20/2020; 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 THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FORM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARAENTAL ARIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PREAENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUT CHILD. IF THE PETTION 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 RIGHT TO THE HILD. 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.

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TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2016-00079

TO; ANTONIO TAURINA, ANNA TAURINA, CQNDLEWICK LAKE ASSOC. INC., THERESA BALK, AQUA ILLINOIS INC., ERNI WORLEY, OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, SPOUSES
County Clerk of Boone County:

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of BOONE County, Illinois as Case # 2017-TX-19 (2)

Property located at 206 MARQUETTE DR. SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Legal Description or Permanent Index No. 03-27-105-031

Said property was sold o 10-26-17 for delinquent taxes for the year 2016.

This period of redemption will expire on 10-26-20.

On 2-16-21 at NOON the petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order for Tax Deed, should the real estate not be redeemed.

TAX LIEN INVESTMENTS, Petitioner

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of JON J. KEISTER, Deceased.

2020-P-44

PUBLICATION NOTICE

TO CREDITORS and CLAIMANTS

Notice is given of the death of JON J. KEISTER, who died on February 24, 2020, a resident of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 24, 2020, and the Representative for the estate is AMANDA K. LOVELL, 3234 Grand Cape Court, Rockford, IL 61109. The attorney for the estate is Amanda J. Martinez, 5732 E. Riverside Blvd., #201, Loves Park, IL 61111.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before December 4, 2020, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of the first publication. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the Representative, or both. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent supervision administration by filing a petition to terminate under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

Attorney Amanda J. Martinez ARDC#: 6287970

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that at 6:00 P.M. July 27th 2020, Public Hearing will be held at Boone County Fire Protection District No 2., 1777 Henry Luckow Lane, Belvidere, Illinois, for the purpose of considering the proposed budget and appropriation ordinance of the District. Any party interested in viewing a copy of the proposed budget and ordinance may do so during business hours (8:00 A.M. to 5 P.M.) at the station at 1777 Henry Luckow Lane, Belvidere, Illinois.

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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

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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a 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

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How Spain is Doing It

By Marsha Fay

While Brazil and the U.S.A have rates of Covid-19 infection that are nearly going straight up day by day and Russia and Mexico are turning down it is instructive to look at the rules Spain has implemented to bring its rate of infection down to a small, traceable handful. The following is from an expatriate presently living in Barcelona.

The rules in Spain;

In your own car: The driver and passengers need not wear facemasks if registered as living within the same household. If anyone else is in the car, then facemasks MUST be worn at all times.

Your own home or your own private pool: That is your own decision, but if you have guests then it is advised to wear facemasks, but otherwise facemasks need not be worn.

Children UNDER SIX (6) are excused wearing facemasks, but if you can make them understand, then perhaps it would be beneficial for them to do so.

Communal or public pools: Facemasks are excused while swimming or sitting in your own group, but at all other times, the facemask must be worn

The Beach: When your sitting in your own space with family unit, you do not need to wear a mask.

Spain *continued from page 7*

Neither if your walking towards the sea (to swim) but otherwise, walking along the beach for whatever reason means the facemask needs to be worn at all times.

Public Transport: Facemasks are MANDATORY at all times. This includes taxi's buses, trains, airplanes.

Walking the dog, ferret, cat, horse goat or rabbit: Facemasks is MANDATORY at all times.

Restaurants, Bars, Cafes: When your sat at the table with friends/family, you do not have to wear a facemask, but if seated talking, perhaps consider putting it back on. (as a responsible adult!). Walking around or visiting the toilets, means the facemask must be worn.

Shops, streets, cinema, shopping malls, airports, train/bus stations: Facemasks are MANDATORY at all times.

Sports & exercising: You do not have to wear a facemask if exercising or playing sports. This includes jogging, running, cycling. But walking is NOT included (again, as a sensible adult, please wear a facemask if at all possible before & after).

Gym's: When actually using the equipment within the gym, a facemask need not be worn. But, when walking around in the common areas within the gym, a facemask must be worn (again, just sensible behavior towards other people will be appreciated).

At Work: Facemasks while at work is MANDATORY at all times.

Basically, we all need to be SENSIBLE about this. It is for the combined good of everyone. The rules exist and if ignored you will likely receive a fine, STARTING AT €100 per person and rising steadily as you disagree with the police officer. Those willing to pay these charges will of course be much appreciated by all for paying extra towards Spain's public services, but may well be shunned by most others who are willing to obey.

Governor Hits the Road to Make Census Push

Says undercount will impact the neediest communities the most

by Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker encouraged Illinoisans to complete the 2020 U.S. Census and touted a state investment in youth employment programs Thursday during two public appearances in Rockford.

The state has a 66.9 percent census self-response rate currently. That's nearly 5 percentage points better than the 62.1 percent national rate, but well below the state's 2010 final self-reporting tally of 70.5 percent. In 2000, the self-response rate in Illinois was 69 percent.

Pritzker's message at the Rockford City Market was that filling out the census is "an act of civic engagement" that has a direct effect on the amount of federal funding the state receives. In turn, an undercount often disproportionately impacts the neediest communities in the state, which typically have lower response rates.

"The same ZIP codes that are impacted the worst by COVID-19 — those that have been hurting for generations — are on track to be the most undercounted at a time when frankly we need full funding," he said.

A 1 percent undercount for the state could result in it losing \$195 million per year in federal funding for the next decade, Pritzker said. That equates to about \$1,500 per year in federal funding lost for each person not counted in the census.

Based upon the 2010 count, the state collects \$34 billion in federal funds annually, the governor added.

This year's numbers have Illinois tied with Virginia for seventh among all states. The response portal will be open until Oct. 31 due to delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pritzker signed an executive order last year dedicating \$29 million to the census outreach effort through the Illinois Department of Human Services.

The outreach is done through a "hub and spoke" model in which funding passes through IDHS to 31 intermediary organizations that lead outreach efforts in 12 regions of the state. Those organizations partner with other community groups to target outreach at a hyperlocal level.

"We're working with trusted messengers and grassroots community organizations to focus on personalized targeted outreach groups," Pritzker said.

While the governor said the census has historically "not been an accessible tool," leaving "too many people locked out and left behind," he pointed out that there is no citizenship question on the census form and organizers are doing all they can to make communities that are fearful of such a question comfortable in filling out the form.

"It's been incredibly uplifting and inspiring to see so many Illinoisans taking to the streets to demand justice, so I need everyone to know, filling out the census is an act of engagement," he said.

In May, however, some of those census community organizers told Capitol News Illinois their outreach efforts have been stymied by the pandemic and associated stay-at-home orders.

Youth Employment Program

Earlier Thursday, Pritzker spoke at the Lockwood Park equestrian center and children's farm to tout a COVID-19 Summer Youth Employment Program. The state dedicated \$9.3 million through the Illinois Department of Human Services to support the program to employ 2,400 young adults statewide between June and August 2020, helping them train for and find work.

The program is geared toward low-income youth who live in high-poverty communities and counties hardest hit by the pandemic. Job opportunities through the program are coordinated by community-based organizations in partnership with IDHS.

"COVID-19 has completely turned the working world on its head — but young people still deserve a chance to start building their future. In fact, it's more important than ever to ensure the most vulnerable among us don't slip through the cracks," Pritzker said. "That's why last month, my administration announced a redesigned \$9.3 million COVID-19 Summer Youth Employment Program, supporting dozens of projects across some of the counties hit hardest by the pandemic — projects that, across the board, will employ thousands of

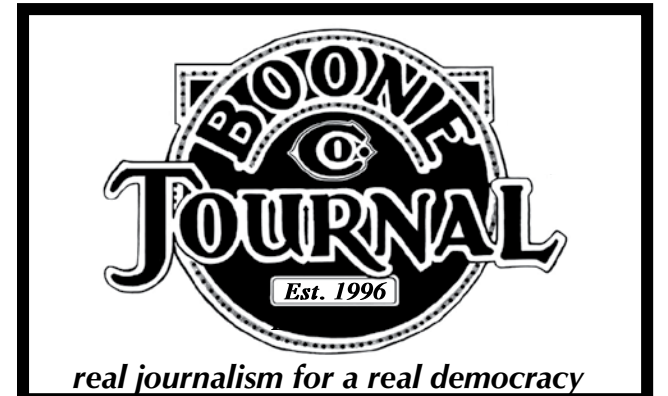
young people in need of an opportunity."

Pritzker was also asked about the progress on a Rockford casino, and said while he does not have an exact date as to when the Illinois Gaming Board will sign off on applications from potential casino operators, he is hopeful it occurs "certainly over the next couple of months." He said it must be done by October, per the law's deadlines.

The governor said the Gaming Board was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, just like everything else. Now that it is back at work, it's dealt with a number of backlogged issues. It's important, he said, because revenues from the gambling expansion bill passed last year are to fund infrastructure programs throughout the state.

"(IGB) just got up and running the sports wagering in the state,... a difficult thing to get done but they did, and expanded video gaming terminals in the state, another part of our capital program," he said. "And then of course, we want very badly to make sure that our casinos get up and running. It's economic development, its job creation, it's opportunity. And of course, it's also revenue for the capital projects that we so badly need."

The board operates independently, he said, and a major focus is ensuring there is no corruption in the licensing process.



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