



Defining American Culture Through Music

By Sofi Zeman

Throughout the course of history, music has played a vital key in defining culture. By looking at the arts, intellect and traditions of a given era, historians are able to better understand past civilizations. Why is this important? The whole point of recording the past is to learn from it. If one is able to understand the actions of generations past, one is able to accomplish the same successes or avoid past mistakes.

In the beginning, music was a major source for passing on information and stories from the past. This was how history was passed on. The first known form of music in the United States originated in Native American tribes. It was through the use of this music that tribes were able to communicate spiritual information, passed on by greater beings in the form of a dream. Native American communities were able to teach others spiritual and historical information by passing on the stories of their ancestors through song.

Music has also been used to address social stances, giving insight on the nation's outlook on various points in history over time. The song *We Shall Overcome* is a gospel song that became an anthem for the Civil Rights movement in the 1950s and 60s. While heightening social tensions at the time, this song gave hope, assuring audiences that equality is within sight.

During the Vietnam Era, the nation was heavily divided. Half of the nation was in full support of the war, while the other half didn't see the point in getting involved, and sought

after peace. The Beatles' song, *Revolution*, was a response to the political protests that had taken place during this time, displaying not only the band's, but the nation's uncertainty toward this major national change.

The Eagles' 1976 hit, *Hotel California*, shares the story of a man that finds himself lost in a Los Angeles Hotel. This song illustrates the band's negative view of the dangers of materialism and the Hollywood lifestyle.

Nine to Five, a song written by Dolly Parton, made strides in the feminist movement, critiquing male dominance in the workplace.

By merely listening to these songs, one is able to get a general idea of what life was like during each of these time periods. Music is one of the ultimate forms of self-expression, and has been used for ages to describe key points in history.

This image is of the Belvidere Orchestra. It was likely taken in either the late Nineteenth or early Twentieth Century, a time where classical music was still widely popular among western civilization. This particular instrumental ensemble consisted of nine men, playing an array of string, brass, woodwind and percussion instruments. Today, we are living in the era of contemporary classical music, which follows a more post-modern or pluralistic fashion, which blends in modern style with improvised portions. This image was likely taken during a time in which Romantic era of classical music became popular.

Someday, historians may look into how today's popular music has shaped our culture. What will the songs that have been written during our lifetime say about us as a civilization?

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Consolidation Measures Could Cut a Few of Illinois' Nearly 7,000 Units of Government

By Greg Bishop | Illinois News Network

A handful of laws that go into effect Jan. 1 will make it easier to get rid of select units of governments, but reducing the number of taxing bodies in the state isn't guaranteed.

Illinois has nearly 7,000 units of local government, nearly 2,000 more than Texas, a much larger and more populous state. Illinois has school districts, fire protection districts, library districts, townships, municipal governments, mosquito abatement districts and even cemetery districts and street lighting districts, among other types of local government. Most have the authority to levy property taxes. Illinois has among the highest property taxes in the nation.

State lawmakers made some progress in cutting down on the number of local units of government, but some say more needs to be done.

State Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, said one measure he helped pass that becomes law Tuesday shortens up the time-frame county officials must wait to dissolve a unit after an audit from five months to two months.

Cullerton said in 2013 that lawmakers passed a bill to allow DuPage County to start dissolving local units of government, but there were report and timing requirements. Eventually, Cullerton said lawmakers opened the process up statewide, but the process was allowed to take a year or longer. Now, with House Bill 5777 becoming law, Cullerton said the process for moving forward with a desired consolidation or dissolution of government is shorter.

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May 1, 2019 Remainder of Term

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- Meadows, Ruth, 56, Belvidere, December 26
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Illinois Steady Neighboring States Spike in Farm Bankruptcies

By Cole Lauterbach | Illinois News Network

The number of farm operations filing for bankruptcy in Illinois is holding steady despite spikes in neighboring states.

When a farmer files for bankruptcy, it's done under Chapter 12 of the tax code. A report by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis said 84 farm operations nearby states had filed for chapter 12 bankruptcy protection over the 12 months ending in June 2018 – more than twice the level seen in June 2014.

"The trend is both simple and complex," the report said. "For example, current numbers are not unprecedented, even in the recent past, having reached 70 bankruptcies in 2010. However, current price levels and the trajectory of the current trends suggest that this trend has not yet seen a peak."

Researcher Robert Dinterman with Ohio State University said that Illinois seems to be resisting the trend of growing bankruptcies, despite low-profit margins and tightening credit lines.

"Illinois is averaging about ten bankruptcy

filings per year since 2005," he said. "In 2018, Illinois had seen eleven and in the previous year it was ten and eleven in the previous year."

One common trait, Dinterman said, of Chapter 12 filings nationwide are monetary ties in low-value real estate, which he said would explain the location of filings in Illinois.

"You're going to see them in Southern Illinois and you're also going to see some in northern Illinois to the western edge of the state," he said.

He warned that delinquencies on bank loans, a common precursor to bankruptcies, are up in Illinois and most other states.

Illinois Longer Waiting Period for Guns, New Order of Protection in 2019

By Benjamin Yount | Illinois News Network

Among Illinois' 250 or so new laws for 2019 are a pair of hotly debated new gun laws.

A shooting at a Waffle House in Tennessee in April drove one of Illinois' new gun laws for the new year.

Travis Reinking is from Tazewell County, he had a history of mental illness, but got his guns back, and went and killed four people.

Illinois lawmakers wasted little time in using his case to craft a new law that allows for a temporary order of protection to take away someone's guns.


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Guns

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Gov. Bruce Rauner signed the law in July. "There has to be a judge, there has to be proof of the issue. It can't just be an accusation, there has to be real proof of danger," Rauner said at the time. "There is a two-week period to show proof. Then there is a six-month period."

The other gun law that saw plenty of debate and headlines is a new law for 2019 that will require people to wait three days to buy any gun.

It used to be one day for rifles, and three days for pistols.

But opponents, like state Rep. Allen Skillicorn, said the new law will only apply to legal gun buyers. And he said they already go through rigorous background checks.

"Is there any logic to make people who've had repeated, every single night, background checks to make them wait another three days?" Skillicorn asked during debate at the statehouse.

The two new gun laws are among nearly 250 new laws that Illinois will see in the new year.

Op-Ed: Illinois Looks for Leadership, but Familiar Faces Remain

By Austin Berg | Illinois News Network

It's easy to criticize longevity in politics. "Career politician" is a pejorative for a reason. But there's a big difference between persistent public service and a political machine.

Unfortunately, the latter has won out in the Illinois General Assembly.

Senate President John Cullerton and House Speaker Mike Madigan have controlled their chambers for nearly 10 and 35 years, respectively. No other state has a duo who comes close to their total leadership tenure. The two Chicagoans have been members of the General Assembly for a combined 88 years.

So perhaps it's understandable that Illinoisans complain about longstanding "Democrat rule" in the state legislature. But the real problem might be more about personnel than partisanship.

A mere six men have served as Illinois speaker of the House or Senate president since 1983, four Democrats and two Republicans. That means fresh ideas have been in woefully short supply, with political priorities focused on preserving power rather than balancing a given budget, for example.

It would be tough to argue calcified leadership has done the state any favors. A look at Illinois' social services, finances, economic growth and high total tax burden is depressing. Still, Senate Democrats behind closed doors this week pledged their vote for Cullerton for president in 2019 and GOP members reaffirmed support for their minority leaders. Madigan likely will round up House Democrats the week after Thanksgiving to ask for the same.

Why has this structure persisted?

For one, those leadership posts have become far too powerful.

In 1993, Republicans captured the Illinois Senate for the first time in 18 years. Partially to build a firewall against the Madigan-controlled House, they pioneered a few techniques to consolidate control in the hands of Senate President James "Pate" Philip. One was to overly empower the Rules Committee to the point where it could reliably suffocate pesky bills at the direction of leadership, no matter how popular they were.

Some of those rules then bled into the House, where Madigan has been happy to exploit and refine them in the more than 20 years since. He has remained

the Teflon Don of Springfield for so many years in part due to his destruction of democracy in what now could only tenuously be called a legislative chamber.

Through the House rules, Madigan controls a preposterous number of lucrative committee chairmanships, who votes in various committees, when a bill will be called for a vote, and what bills even make it to a vote in the first place.

Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker made a call on the campaign trail for term limits for legislative leaders. Unlike reforming the legislative rules, that doesn't necessarily solve the power problem. But it's something.

Will Pritzker actually push for such a measure with Madigan in office? Not if he wants any of his legislative agenda to reach the governor's desk. Therein lies the problem.

Notably, U.S. congressman and longtime Madigan ally Dan Lipinski said he would not back Nancy Pelosi for speaker of the House until she agrees to changes in the legislative rules to empower rank-and-file lawmakers.

Every House Democrat in Springfield should be screaming for the same.

Term Limits Popular, But Illinois State Lawmakers Blunt Reforms

IllinoisPolicy.org

Since 2014 alone, voters in 11 suburban Cook County communities approved term limits on elected leaders. A bill in the Illinois General Assembly seeks to curb those reforms.

Local term limits are growing in popularity, but Illinois state lawmakers may use their lame-duck session to resurrect a bill that would weaken the reforms achieved by voters.

House Bill 5698 aims to restrict the reach of local term limits by exempting incumbent officeholders from them. State representatives passed the bill in November 2018, but it failed to find sufficient support in the Senate. The upper chamber may revisit the proposal Jan. 7 or 8 during lame-duck session, according to the Daily Southtown.

All local term limit referendums would be "prospective," as opposed to retroactive, under HB 5698. That means those holding offices on or before the date a term limit law takes effect would be exempted from it and allowed to continue seeking re-election.

The bill itself would apply retroactively: Local term limit referendums passed on or after Nov. 8, 2016, would be effectively overturned for elected leaders who'd held office at the time of passage.

The bill needed a three-fifths majority of 36 votes to pass, but only drew 28 "yeas" and had

nearly as many senators failing to record a vote as had senators voting against it.

Sweeping the suburbs

Efforts to curtail local government term limits with HB 5698 come at a time when voters are enthusiastic about the reforms.

The Southtown reports 11 communities in Cook County alone

passed term limit referendums within the past four years, with nine in the south and southwestern suburbs. Half of the suburban referendums surpassed 80 percent voter approval, while none saw less than 63 percent.

"If it gets on the ballot, chances are it's going to pass," Max Solomon, an attorney and former Democratic candidate for state Senate, told the Southtown. Solomon led a successful campaign in 2017 to enact term limits in the Cook County village of Hazel Crest. "People want term limits on their local officials," he said, but the difficulty of landing a referendum on the ballot remains a significant barrier.

HB 5698 would create a new barrier for voters, in addition to ballot access issues. Incumbents have many advantages over challengers, including fundraising leverage and name recognition. Freeing incumbent politicians from the constraints of term limits would allow failed or corrupt leaders to continue holding office well into the future.

In the south Chicago suburb of Harvey, Eric Kellogg has been mayor since 2003. Rampant political corruption in Kellogg's administration has subjected its residents to worsening governmental dysfunction and economic hardship. The mayor is currently barred from seeking another term, thanks to voters' support for a term limit referendum led by Harvey Ald. Chris Clark.

That could change. If HB 5698 were to become law, Kellogg would be free to continue imposing his failed administration on ailing Harvey.

If Springfield wishes to begin 2019 with a renewed commitment to the interests of voters, lawmakers should keep HB 5698 off the table.

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--In Our Opinion--
2018's Biggest Stories

The cloudburst and subsequent double rainbow at the Boone County Fair last summer were impressive, but we suspect many of the fairgoers that saw it have already forgotten. So we are defining "biggest stories" based upon those events that we think are going to have the biggest effect on Boone County in 2030.

We thought the major local events in the past year seemed to follow five general themes:

A. Jobs, Commuting and Travel.

Without question, we thought the story with the biggest single long-term impact on Boone County was the announcement of an \$8.5 billion expansion of O'Hare Airport. This expansion is to be completed in 2025 and yield 60,000 new jobs. The terminals will be rebuilt, remodeled and restructured to resemble the hub airport models found in London and Tokyo. Many Boone Countians already work in various aspects of the aviation industry.

This project is in addition to the completion of six parallel runways, a new parking garage/ rental-car/ remote transport terminal, and the Illinois Tollway's construction of new western airport access routes.

The airport, which is one of only five in the world with nonstop access to all six continents, will have a mind-boggling 225 gates, all less than one hour from Boone County.

A referendum to study bringing passenger rail to the community passed by nearly 70 percent in Boone County and an amazing 80 percent vote in Winnebago County. Clearly, people in our community are not satisfied with their current transportation options and are seeking better. This margin of victory was greater than that amassed for any politician that was contested on the ballot.

In 2018, Amtrak charged \$12 for travel from Mendota to Chicago. In Rockford, a private livery service charged \$22 for travel to Chicago. The distances are comparable. (No wonder Rockfordians are itching for change.)

B. Preparedness of our workforce.

The second biggest story was finding out that only a quarter of our third graders can read at grade level. Despite the importance of literacy to personal financial success, the community seemed generally not fazed by this revelation.

Libraries are one of the principal tools for teaching children to read. The Ida Public Library pointed out that their building is hopelessly inadequate to meet the reading, literacy and other services that 21st Century libraries should offer. While their expansion proposals were pretty timid, even those were apparently a stretch for City Hall.

The City of Belvidere, despite raising both motor fuel and general sales taxes, actually cut funding to the Ida Public Library. The rest of the county believed that they didn't need no "lieberry," which, purportedly, has been made obsolete by the Internet. After all, you don't need to be able to read very well to look at pictures of the grandbabies and acrobatic cats on the Facebook!

We heard local officials tell us over and over that "not everybody needs to go to college," yet study after study concludes that Americans need a minimum of 14 years of education to be proficient in the jobs of the 2019 world. That includes reading.

C. Belvidere vs. Boone County.

The third big story was an attempt by a gravel pit to be annexed into Belvidere to avoid regulation by the Boone County Board. This annexation would allow the operators to build an asphalt

plant adjacent to existing homes. The plan, a "no brainer" in the words of an enthusiastic Belvidere Mayor Mike Chamberlain, was designed to leave the neighboring homes outside the city, and effectively give these long-time residents no say in the matter.

While in the past, a planning department served both Boone County and Belvidere, that function has now been separated. Using the resources of its in-house planner, Boone County came up with a dead-in-the-water, draft comprehensive plan, littered with spelling errors and other mistakes.

The county, having since lost this planner who prepared the document, announced that it was going to try to revise the deficient plan without professional help. Desperately trying to salvage this new comprehensive plan, at a public forum on the matter, Boone County Board members told the assembled, somewhat aggravated taxpayers that the county "has no control over Belvidere" or apparently the county's villages.

When asked if the county could work together with the city and coordinate its planning efforts (including jointly hiring a new planner) we were told by a board member that "we're not there yet."

Boone County has tried multiple times to enact an additional half-cent general sales tax by referendum and failed by a substantial majority, including by voters in Belvidere. But that didn't stop Mayor Chamberlain and the Belvidere City Council from instituting such an increase by their own decree. They also increased the gasoline tax for good measure.

Nice to see our elected officials working together for the common good. *Kumbaya.*

D. Diversifying our economic base.

The fourth big story was the unexpected death of Fiat Chrysler Chairman Sergio Marchionne. Marchionne, you will recall, was the decision maker who awarded exclusive worldwide production of the Jeep Cherokee to the Belvidere Assembly Plant. Had this decision not been made, the plant would be shuttered, and there would be approximately 10,000 fewer jobs in Boone County.

Boone County has been increasingly economically reliant on FCA US LLC and concerns of overdependence have been raised not only by this newspaper, but also Moody's, who has lowered the county's bond rating. This means higher interest rates and greater costs to local taxpayers.

While the Jeep Cherokee is currently a popular vehicle, and we hope it will stay so for some time, we wonder what the next vehicle will be for Belvidere, or if there is one. Sergio Marchionne himself publicly wondered about the viability of an independent Fiat Chrysler, and even approached GM Chairman Mary Barra about a possible merger.

We sincerely wish Fiat Chrysler and its employees the best and hope that auto making in Boone County will be profitable and successful for many years to come.

Despite local efforts, we have not seen any large employers attracted to the county, nor do we expect to see any new companies that will significantly diversify our industrial base, despite the generous amounts of corporate welfare Boone County has dished out in tax breaks and other incentives.

In another development, this area suddenly has become a hotbox of applications for solar farm permits. This is in anticipation of a state "lottery" for incentives (read: more corporate welfare) for building these farms. County officials have been more concerned with establishing unnecessary

setbacks for these installations than requiring them to be screened from public view. Few of these solar farms will be built, but without being screened from view, those built will likely become eyesores. The costs associated with screening a solar farm relative to the amount of profit the array generates is de minimis.

E. Growth on Riverside Drive just beyond Boone County.

The fifth big story is the completion of MercyHealth's Javon Bea Hospital. Obviously, this new \$500 million facility raises the bar for health care in Rockford, and makes high-quality emergency care that much closer to Boone County.

This autumn, Costco began construction of a warehouse across Riverside Drive from the new hospital. As the popular chain has been absent from the Rockford area, it will bring more choice and competition between the discount grocers clustered along Perryville Road.

A primary concern in Boone County will be access to this area. This newspaper has pointed out that, of the three routes to this area from the east, Orth Road is a country lane. Riverside Drive is a narrow, winding road that is already dangerous. Spring Creek Road is already heavily traveled. With more traffic and without traffic improvements, it is inevitable that accidents are going to occur.

While the mission of a hospital is to save lives and improve physical health, it strikes us as unfortunate that it will probably take fatalities before the powers that be are going to get serious about improving these roads.

We'll let our readers decide if this was a year of progress in Boone County.

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Opinion:

Fixing Illinois? Pritzker needs a New Chicago Way

By Austin Berg | Illinois News Network

“We are one Illinois.” This was a refrain from Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker during campaign season. It’s a nice sentiment. The state is short on pride and solidarity.

But now that campaign season is over, how can Pritzker actually bring Illinois together?

Take Chicago.

In parts of Illinois, Chicago bears the brunt of the blame for all the state’s problems. The blame game arises from many factors: cultural, political, economic, racial and historical. Sometimes the criticism is warranted. Other times, 2.7 million Illinoisans near Lake Michigan are just convenient scapegoats.

Either way, Illinois does not thrive when its largest city fails.

Chicagoans know well the problems they face. Chicago’s homicide rate is the highest among major cities. Its municipal debt per capita is the highest, too. When it comes to the city’s schools, parent and teacher unrest often boils over.

But oftentimes, Chicagoans are left powerless to bring about the structural change necessary to fix these problems.

That’s where the rest of the state comes in.

In a new book for the Southern Illinois University Press, my co-author and I spoke with dozens of civic leaders across the 15 most populous cities in the U.S., trying to figure out what Chicago can learn from its peers. A number of eye-popping comparisons jumped out immediately.

The biggest one, and maybe the simplest, is this:

Chicago is the largest U.S. city without a true city charter. In other words, the city lacks a constitution. Charters and charter revision are the normal way that big cities form and reform their government.

Since the Illinois Constitution lays out rules for local governments, creating a new city charter for Chicago probably will require some assistance from state lawmakers in the form of a constitutional amendment.

In other words, the 80 percent of Illinoisans who live outside Chicago city limits could help empower the 20 percent who do to finally turn their city around. One Illinois.

But why is a city charter so important?

In its absence, Chicago has become home to the last true strongman political system in the U.S. The mayor is the strongman. He or she holds all the cards. Checks and balances, the hallmark of American government, aren’t in the deck.

What follows is rash decision-making, enormous deficits, a rubber-stamp City Council, and other problems affecting both average Chicagoans as well as families throughout the state.

Forming a city charter commission, and giving Chicagoans a vote on that charter, could bring enormous change to Chicago and Illinois.

The New York City charter revision in 1989 provides just one example of what’s possible. Among other items, charter revision reformed the powers and size of the city council, the process for budget-making and banned elected officials from serving as party leaders. In 1999, Los Angeles voters passed a new city charter that changed the powers and duties of the mayor, city council, controller and city attorney, among other reforms.

Chicago needs all of that and more.

Fixing Chicago’s outdated governance would benefit the entire state. Pritzker should use his new job – and the megaphone that comes with it – to help make that a reality.

Austin Berg is a writer for the Illinois Policy Institute and the co-author of “The New Chicago Way: Lessons from Other Big Cities.”

Illinois’ Hemp Rules: No Pot, at Least \$1,100 to Grow

By Benjamin Yount | Illinois News Network

The number one rule for Illinois’ soon-to-be industrial hemp program is that farmers cannot grow marijuana.

The state’s Department of Agriculture has released draft rules for the hemp program. Lawmakers still have to approve them.

Medicinal Plant Bureau Chief Jeff Cox says the rules set out the process for farmers to get a license, get their seeds, grow their crop, and have it tested.

“It’s important for Illinois farmers to understand that it is a regulated crop,” Cox said. “Farmers cannot just go out and buy hemp seed and start planting tomorrow. They do have to be licensed.”

Each license will cost about \$1,100, \$100 to apply and \$1,000 for the license itself.

“It is our plan to have an online application and payment system,” Cox said. “People will be able to go online, fill out everything that they need to, scan in any documents that they need to, and pay with a credit card online. That way we can get these things reviewed that much quicker.”

Cox said the state will be testing all hemp to make sure it has less than 0.3 percent THC concentration. THC is what gets people high from marijuana.

Any hemp that tests above 0.3 percent THC will be seized and destroyed.

Lawmakers will have to approve the rules later this spring.

Northwestern Looks at How Nicotine Can Combat Memory Loss

By Greg Bishop | Illinois News Network

It’s that time of year when many people resolve to give up nicotine for good, but researchers in Illinois want participants for a study looking at how a dose of nicotine could help some people with memory health.

Dr. Paul A. Newhouse, director of the Center for Cognitive Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, leads the Memory Improvement Through Nicotine Dosing, or MIND, study. While most people associate nicotine with smoking, he’s been doing research for 25 years on how the drug affects the brain. Some of that research, he said, focuses on how nicotine can combat memory loss.

“If we separate nicotine from the tobacco plant and don’t inhale it, we can use that as a medicine,” Newhouse said. “If given in the proper dose in the proper manner, we think using nicotine as a natural plant product may stimulate the brain in just the right way to enhance memory and attention.”

Northwestern University in Evanston is one of 30 institutions taking part in the study.

Nonsmokers interested in taking part in the study can visit the website MINDStudy.org. Participants won’t get paid, but may be eligible for travel assistance.

Up to 20 percent of people older than 65 have Mild Cognitive Impairment, or MCI. It’s most common in seniors as a precursor to Alzheimer’s disease, according to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Nicotine has been used since the 1920s for a variety of other conditions and in studies, Newhouse said. It was one of the first treatments for Parkinson’s, but was too difficult to use for patients, he added. Newhouse also said it’s been studied in stomach and bowel conditions, and examined for neurological conditions.

In his research of nicotine’s effect on the brain, he’s seen some promising signs.

“We now know that the places where nicotine binds to different brain tissues, those areas are lost in Alzheimer’s disease,” Newhouse said. “We want to take advantage of that in not waiting until someone has developed Alzheimer’s disease, but rather stimulate those areas when patients are just experiencing the early phases of memory loss.”

Researchers are looking for nonsmokers who would be administered nicotine patches and given a variety of memory-type tests.

Information is available online at MINDStudy.org or by calling 1-866-MIND-150.

Consolidation *Continued from page 1*

“Now right after the first audit, instead of having to wait five months, its two months for people to go over the audit, figure out what needs to be done, figure out if there are any bumps in the road through consolidation of local units, whether they’re going to go to the county or to whoever else and now it’s only a two-month process,” Cullerton said.

He said it has taken small changes to chip away at the layers of local government.

“In Springfield, if you do things incrementally people will go along with it,” Cullerton said. “If you try one big sweeping change people sort of pull back and they don’t want to do anything about it.”

While Cullerton’s measure is for the entire state, other measures are more targeted at specific units of government, such as one allowing for the elimination of the election commission in DuPage County or drainage and sanitary districts in Lake County.

There’s also a measure to expedite dissolution of mosquito abatement districts.

State Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, said more work needs to be done, but a lot of it may come down to the local residents.

“I’ve been an advocate for school consolidation and that’s a tough thing because the hardest thing to kill is a school mascot, and people do not want to consolidate,” Butler said.

Illinois has more than 850 school districts. In Sangamon County, Butler said there are 18 school districts for a county of 200,000 people. He said the community and taxpayers could benefit from consolidations. While it may cost jobs on an administrative level, he doesn’t think there’d be many teacher positions eliminated.

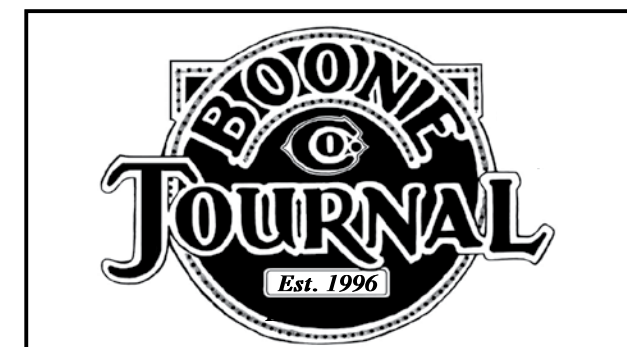
“But at the end of the day, the pressures on our budgets from local government entities all the way up through to the state of Illinois is so tough right now and we’ve got to find ways to save money,” Butler said.

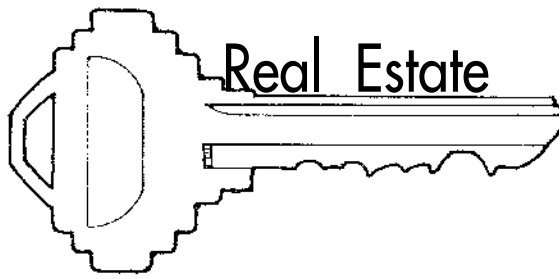
Butler was able to help get a measure passed last year to do away with the position of Sangamon County Township Collector by 2022, but said there’s more work to be done to give local voters more say in how to consolidate.

In Springfield, there’s a battle between Sangamon County officials and some Springfield city officials about how to dissolve Capital Township. Butler favors folding it into the county.

“The legislation that we passed a couple of years ago does allow for a township to go into a city if it’s coterminous,” Butler said. “I’d like to see that expanded to have it go into a county or a city.”

Sangamon County voters approved a nonbinding question in November to merge the township with the county but some city officials are pushing for the township to fold into the city’s operations, which have the same boundaries. City alderman last week moved a resolution forward to place the merger question on the April ballot for city voters to have their say.





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

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v.-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF CYNTHIA L. WESSEL, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA L. WESSEL, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF CYNTHIA L. WESSEL, DECEASED, DONALD WESSEL, ZACHARY WESSEL, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, BELVIDERE PRAIRIE PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Defendant
17 CH 121

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 30, 2019, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4110 HEARTHSTONE LN., BELVIDERE, IL 61008
Property Index No. 05-28-381-012.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$172,626.25.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 626100378.

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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Fax #: (217) 422-1754
Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Attorney File No. 626100378
Case Number: 17 CH 121
TJSC#: 38-7776

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

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF ITS AGENCY, RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSORY AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Plaintiff,
vs.
RICKY WOLFE AKA RICKY L. WOLFE; SHEILA GOBLE AKA SHEILA J. GOBLE; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,
18 c 50171

NOTICE OF SALE
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Commonly known as 150 Red Oak, Poplar Grove, IL 61065.
P.I.N. 03-24-254-001.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Ashley K. Rasmussen at Plaintiff's Attorney, Potes-tivo & Associates, P.C., 223 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 263-0003. 106940-36
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LEGAL NOTICES

Foreclosures

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

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v.-
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LOT SEVENTY SIX (76) AS DESIGNATED UPON BELVIDERE PRAIRIE PLACE FINAL PLAT NO. 3, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN AND A RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 17 IN BELVIDERE PRAIRIE PLACE FINAL PLAT NO. 1, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 22, 2005 IN ENVELOPE 313-A AS DOCUMENT NO. 05R01892; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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Property Index No. 05-28-381-012.
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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.

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State of Illinois
In the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit
County of Boone
Durand State Bank,
Plaintiff,
-vs- Case No. 2018-CH-122

Timothy Palka, Debra Palka, Castle Bank, N.A.,) Palka Trucking, Inc.,
Department of Treasury -) Internal Revenue Service, Illinois Department
of) Revenue, Guaranty Bank, Unknown Owners, and Non-Record
Claimants,
Defendants.

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is given to you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, defendants in the above action which has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County against you and other defendants requesting a Mortgage Foreclosure made by Durand State Bank, against Debra Palka and Timothy Palka on the following described real estate:

Part of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 11, Township 45 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point of the West line of said Section 11, a distance of 1332.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section 11; thence North 30°00' East a distance of 340.00 feet; thence South 00°00'00" East parallel with the West line of said Section 11, a distance of 420.00 feet; thence South 89°30'00" West a distance of 340.00 feet to the West line of said Section 11; thence North 00°00'00" East along the West line of said Section 11 a distance of 420.00 feet to the place of beginning; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

Commonly known as: 16721 Ramsay Road
Caledonia, Illinois 61011

Summons was issued out of the court against you as provided by

law, and the action is still pending.

Consequently, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, defendants in the above case, file your answer to the Complaint in the action or otherwise make your appearance in the Circuit Court of Boone County, located in Belvidere, Illinois on or before January 29, 2019, default may be entered against each of you at any time after that day and a judgment may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Prepared by:
George P. Hampilos - ARDC # 6210622
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF ITS AGENCY, RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSORY AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Plaintiff,
vs.
RICKY WOLFE AKA RICKY L. WOLFE; SHEILA GOBLE AKA SHEILA J. GOBLE; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,
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LOT 155 AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NUMBER 5 OF SHERMAN OAKS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED IN PLAT INDEX FILE 297B AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2004R06535 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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P.I.N. 03-24-254-001.

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Public Notices

Public Notification of Proposed Program - Rehab and Roof-Only Projects

December 17, 2018: HomeStart is publishing notice of a proposed program, using funding from the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund. To see the full Public Notification, click here.

Name of Program: Single Family Rehab Program (SFR), Round 2, with Roof Only Option (SFR-R)

Applicant: NW HomeStart, Inc.
Address: 803 N. Church St., Rockford, IL 61103
Project Number: STF-51519
Project Area: Boone and Winnebago County (excluding Rockford)
Funds Requested: \$819,000.00

Program Goals: Program will assist low-income and very low-income homeowners repair their homes and remove health and safety hazards by replacing costly maintenance items. Eligible homeowners will receive up to \$45,000 in assistance. The roof only option may not exceed \$16,500 per household.

If you have any comments regarding this proposed program, please submit a written statement to the Community Affairs Department of the Illinois Housing Development Authority within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please refer to the name of the proposed program in your written statement. Statements will be accepted via e-mail to TFSFRinfo@ihda.org. Please note that the project details are those submitted in the project grant application and are subject to modification and approval at the discretion of the Authority.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY

IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Ana Jaquelin Miranda
No. 18-MR-142

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is given you, the public, that on February 26, 2019, I will file a Petition For Change of Name in this Court asking the Court to change my present name of Ana Jaquelin Miranda to the name of Ana Jaquelin Nava.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY

Zureima Ramirez, Plaintiff
vs No. 18-F-62
Tomas Ramirez Lopez, Defendant.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Tomas Ramirez Lopez, Defendant, that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for Petition to Establish Parentage, Sole Allocation of Parental Responsibilities 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, Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, Illinois, on or before the 30th day of January, 2019, A Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Linda J. Anderson Circuit Clerk
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

North Boone CUSD 200 **6248 North Boone School Road** **(815) 765-3322** **8 am to 4 pm**
 School District/Joint Agreement Name Address Telephone Office Hours

Also by **January 15, annually** the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018**, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2018

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	6,896,016	1,018,745	2,926,420	850,571	642,810	444,700	66,373	202,473	47,936
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	7,227,810	425,000	0	811,728	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	1,065,423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		15,189,249	1,443,745	2,926,420	1,662,299	642,810	444,700	66,373	202,473	47,936
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		14,107,842	1,507,309	3,330,033	1,044,813	635,525	373,804		95,631	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2017		10,614,226	1,184,339	14,842,458	928,337	260,419	934,978	775,197	75,793	18,762
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2018		11,695,633	1,120,775	14,438,845	1,545,823	267,704	1,005,874	841,570	182,635	66,698

Gross Payment For Certificated Personnel

Salary Range: **Less Than \$25,000**

- Anderson, Rhonda
- Baden, Andrew J
- Barnette, Donna C
- Beard, Amy J
- Behling, Amy
- Belec, Ashley C
- Bell, Kimberly
- Boswell, Lisa M
- Bottcher, Brian J
- Carlson, Garrett
- Cheek, Julia A
- Chomko, Kaylea M
- Clark, Paul C
- Commons, Roxane
- Constant, Laura J
- Crocker, Megan E
- Davis, Kimberley A
- Dornink, Jamie L
- Franseen, Kristi A
- Franz, Kathryn J
- French, Sarah E
- Gleasant, Trudi M
- Grady, Paula
- Grove, Jill V
- Hoffman, Dawn M
- Howard, James A
- Juhlin, Katherine M
- Kaur, Jaspreet
- Kurczewski, Katelyn M
- Lamb, Jacqueline A
- Lenzen, Carrie
- Loner, Douglas E
- Lupker, Kevin
- Maffei, Kelly
- Magyar, Ashley B
- Mahan, Kellie K
- Maina, Lucinda
- Mccormack, Dale L
- Mcdonald, Rhonda R
- Miller, Michael C
- Morrison, Charles O
- Mueller, Sarah E
- Nevsimal, Ricky
- Olsen, Ronald L
- Printz, Renee
- Rago, Ian J
- Randall, William F
- Roberts, Susan M
- Rudy, Kathryn
- Santiago, Allegra C
- Schak, Kaitlyn M
- Schuring, Timothy F
- Schwartz, Kathy
- Smafield, Ann
- Spahr, Nancy J
- Stinde, William M
- Szeluga, Craig
- Taylor, Judith A
- Vangeisen, Jennifer L
- Velez, Amy E
- Walker, Robert E
- Wells, Julie A
- Whitney, Kristin M
- Wlodzimierski, Therese
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- Bobadilla-Gomez, Maria R
- Boyce, Lauren
- Brunk, Jessica M
- Carlson, Samantha J
- Chromczak, Georgianne
- Dreyer, Retha R
- Grant, Laura M
- Huseman, Dane C
- Kohut, Jordan L
- Nitz, Daniel
- Putnam, Keirsten K
- Rolander, Dawn E
- Schmidt, Leslie L
- Streed, Sarah L
- \$40,000 - \$59,999**
- Ahrens, Elaine A
- Augustine, Nicholas
- Blackmer, Elizabeth
- Booth, Alexis J
- Bowman, Kassandra D
- Boyer, Ashley S
- Brandt, Jami L
- Brinkmeier, Matthew
- Conkling, Joshua
- Corn, Jeffrey S
- Dinsmore, Deon

- Doering, Katharine A
- Doetch, Beth
- Dunbar, Tammy M
- Eaton, Shannon
- Engelman, Natalie
- Finley, Shane
- Ford, Melissa
- Franzen, Melissa
- Gerl, Kristalyn
- Giesecke, Rebecca
- Gleizes, Mathilde V
- Grace, Christy D
- Greenfield, Randal
- Harbecke, Brandon B
- Hart, Jalaine C
- Hilton, Ashlee N
- Jole, Krystal
- Kastning, Cynthia J
- Kelley, Ryan J
- Keppel, Lindsey M
- Kiehl, Susan K
- Laing, Megan
- Lammersfeld, Johnny
- Lerch, Linnea
- Lovgren, Tyler J
- Mcfadden, Zena K
- Mclee, Jason D
- Mcwilliams, Emily
- Miller, Kristen
- Mortimer, Amanda L
- Mouri, Emily
- Muck, Suzette M
- Nilson, Megan L
- Pagan, Carrie L
- Parker, Sarah J
- Phimmachack, Jenny L
- Pienta, Joseph
- Podraza, Kathleen
- Pride, Heidi L
- Protz, Matthew
- Rogers, Jodie L
- Schabacker, Tracy M
- Seipts, Dawn
- Shank, Christopher
- Smith, Jessica L
- Solomon, Kyle R
- Stanek, Ashley D
- Sterud, Hollie D
- Stinde, Janet K
- Surratt, Heidi A
- Ullrich, Robert
- Velisek, Leah A
- Weiffenbach, Carol
- Weiser, Terri J
- Williams, Richard E
- Willis, Codelyn M
- Winebaugh, Julie
- Wykes, Emily D
- \$60,000 - \$89,999**
- Babcock, Christine
- Brady, Shawn M
- Brody, Lynn C
- Bussie, Denise L
- Deyoung, Kenneth G
- Doetch, Ashley
- Doetch, Tami
- Douglas, Stephanie L
- Excell, Catherine E
- Friesema, Kelly B
- Geiger, Jason M
- Gregory-Elms, Emily R
- Grover, Wanda
- Guthrie, Amy
- Hanaman, Kelly M
- Harkness, Shannon L
- Hayden, Kristin M
- Kamholz, Brenda K
- Kleckler, Sandra K
- Korpan, Sarah R
- Licausi, Lauren T
- Lilja, Martha L
- Louis, Allison J
- Maten, Cindy
- Moon, Sandra
- Moran, Eileen K
- Otoole, Tammy
- Parris, Susan
- Pearce, Jamison R
- Peterson, Cheryl L
- Roen, Renee M
- Saveley, Elizabeth A
- Scribner, Lisa K
- Siggelkov, David C

- Stachowiak, Kendra L
- Stroup, Laura K
- Sullivan, Aaron D
- Taylor, Karin
- Townsend, Kellie A
- Walsh, Heather
- Wesbecher, Michael R
- Winebrenner, Michael D
- Wineland, Lori A

- Zimber, Lisa M
- \$90,000 and over**
- Geyman, Melissa
- Greenlee, Michael J
- Hubert, Jacob R
- Klett, Matthew T
- Krawczyk, Kim M
- Purvis, Dale

- Webb, Melissa
- Welzen, Nancy L
- Wethington, Edward J
- Whiting, Brett C
- Whiting, Melissa A
- Wolski, Maria
- Yarc, Mathew
- Zumdahl, David S
- \$25,000 - \$39,999**
- Alvarez, Stacey
- Bongiovanni, Cheryl J
- Brosnan, Julie
- Cline, Sally R
- Ellingson, Janet
- Embry, Jodie L
- Guthrie, Steven H
- Hill, Sandra L
- Jenson, Laura L
- Johnson, Michele M
- Kammerer, Jeff D
- Lee, Ofelia
- Mckibben, Christine
- Meier, Russell
- Mendez, Francisco
- Mulholland, Linda
- Nino, Maria E
- Peterson, Kaylee R
- Piskie, Mary

- Plath, Jeannine M
- Prince, Kathy
- Rush, Janice
- Schwarz, Zachery
- Williams, Randall E
- \$40,000 - \$59,999**
- Burmeister, Janice
- Cline, David
- Gustafson, Kathleen M
- Holsker, Kelly L
- Jarquín, Alla
- Johnson, Craig
- Moore, Patricia A
- O'malley, George
- Razim, William J
- Richards, Robert
- Rodakowski, Sue L
- Sager, Barbara A
- Saunders, Julia R
- Straw, Brad
- Timmerman, Ronald S
- Whitt, James P
- Zellner, Brenda
- \$60,000 and over**
- Krygier, Sarah C
- Novak, James S
- Porter, Randall L
- Rudolph, Gerald

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- Alvarez, Jairo
- Anderson, Barbara
- Antis, Debra
- Antonsen, Julie
- Arata, Jill A
- Armbrust, Melissa A
- Atayde, Sarah
- Baden, Austin E
- Baden, Tyler J
- Baker, Robin
- Berglund, Carol I
- Blazer, Carisa
- Boehmke, Robert J
- Bohl, Diane
- Brooks, Vicki M
- Brown, Mindy J
- Brunschon, Robert L
- Buntin, Coleen D
- Burke, Bernard J
- Burns, Elizabeth
- Cabrera, Tommy D
- Caldwell, Karyn J
- Christensen, Bobby
- Christensen, Lisa M
- Chudoba, Laurie L
- Cichon, Pasquina
- Conner, Courtney K
- Cooke, Connie D
- Corson, Tina
- Crocker, Toni
- Crull, Kimberly
- Cunningham, Jamie S
- Dahl, Allison
- Derrickson, Matthew R
- Dhimer, Lauren K
- Dobbins, Stella M
- Doetch, Lennie D
- Donley, Linda W
- Eichholz, Melissa A
- Esparza, Gerardo D
- Estes, Kaela S
- Ferguson, Michael F
- Figuerola, Jamie M
- Fleming, Sarah T
- Fleming, Tim A
- Foiles, James L
- Ford, Glenda A
- Ford, Robert A
- Ford, Tyrone B
- Freeman, Patrick W
- Funk, Laura K
- Garman, Kristi M
- Doetch, Ashley
- Geishert, Beth L
- Giesecke, Cheryl A
- Goodman, Jacquelyn M
- Grider, Chad
- Grimm, Terry
- Havlovic, Michele L
- Henning, Susan M
- Hernandez, Bianca L
- Hoffman, Ashleigh
- Hollis, Laurie
- Hribik, Tom
- Huff, Janis L
- Huffman, Maggie J
- Hyzer, Edward
- Istad, Sara
- Izzo, Shawn J
- Jeffers, Dennis F
- Johnson, Craig E
- Johnson, Rick J
- Johnston, Tara C
- Jones, Julie K
- Joyce, Daniel P
- Kasprak, Jodi
- Kehoe, Theresa M
- Kilgore, Bobby
- Kosch, Courtney R
- Krause, Jennifer C
- Kuzia, Kathleen

- Leake, Anne M
- Lee, David W
- Lee, Deborah L
- Lee, James P
- Lee, Jodi L
- Lee, Rita E
- Lee, Tennille L
- Lewandowski, Amanda M
- Lewis, Penny J
- Lindberg, Cheryl
- Livdahl, Amber L
- Luth, Brett S
- Malone, Ashly N
- Mamer-Cox, Jason L
- Mamer-Cox, Tiffany R
- Marcus, Tracy
- Mcahren, Christine M
- Mcfarlin, Rebecca
- Mcginness, Monica A
- Mcneely, Kirstin A
- Meggers, Nancy L
- Meyer, Eugene
- Miller, Susan M
- Mitchell, Tammy
- Morelock, Carrie C
- Muehl, Jennifer L
- Munro, Wendy
- Nachampassack, Melissa
- Nelson, Vicki L
- Nino, Christina
- Nolen, James P
- Nolen, Traci R
- Orr, Marlene C
- Orsborn, Michael A
- Osterberg, Kelly
- Paul, Celeste K
- Perri, Dominic
- Peters, Gene
- Petersen, Nancy F
- Peterson, Donna A
- Pchetteplace, Kim A
- Pritchard, Debra L
- Rabe, Alice K
- Rabe, Candy E
- Radke, Marilyn S
- Randall, Lauren G
- Reitz, Jennifer A
- Richards, Laura
- Rivera, Evelyn
- Rogers, Taylor
- Rosenbalm, Robin L
- Ruiz-Hernandez, Nayely
- Rutiaga, Evangelina
- Sachs, Margaret A
- Sagliier, Jannette S
- Schaumburg, Elizabeth
- Schober-Worley, Theresa
- Schuster, Jeri L
- Scott, Connie L
- Secor, Julie
- Shook, Bridgette M
- Slack, Michael B
- Smith, Amanda L
- Smith, Sandra
- Sorensen, Brittany L
- Sowers, Andrea
- Spana, Elaine
- Spence, Wendy
- Sremaniak, Donna P
- St. Germain, Rita
- Stanski, Sonia A
- Steffen, Susann M
- Stickels, Toni
- Swope, Paulette M
- Synove, Christina
- Thomas, Donna A
- Tillou, Christine A
- Timm, Sherry M
- Von Bosse, Carol
- Vonderheide, Sharon
- Wagner, Christina C
- Walter, Kimberly E

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A-Fire Extinguisher Sales	3010.6
Abby Pest Elimination Llc	6290
Agile Sports Technologies Dba Hudl	3200
All Pro Truck & Trailer Repair Llc	11057.76
Allstate Benefits	42650.98
Allendale Association 5	7970.32
Alpha Baking Company	10316.24
Amalgamated Bank Of Chicago	56100
Amazon.com	28218.25
American Funds Service	30412.28
Ameriprise Financial	11275
Aramark Uniform Services	7952.9
Athletico Management, Llc	21050
Batteries Plus	9541.6
Behavioral Perspective Inc	33781.25
Bel Rock Asphalt Paving Inc	29925.45
Belvidere Park District	4982
Belvidere School District #100	43602.09
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	1722236.12
Blue Ribbon Electrical Inc	3484.04
Bluerange Technology Corp.	2673.4
Boone County Shopper	3619.64
Borderlan, Inc	4582.24
Bound To Stay Bound Books, Inc	16267.4
Brainpop Llc	5402.47
Brecht's Database Solutions, Inc	6959.6
Brenda Buchanan	24070.48
Bureau Of Edu & Research	3741
Camelot Schools Llc-Dekalb, The	105200.58
Capital One Public Funding	11835
Capron Elementary	2615.57
Cardmember Service	55926.78
Carmichael Construction Inc	82677.26
Cashman Stahler Group Inc	23490.84
Cdw Government	10204
Centerpoint Energy Services, Inc.	114437.53
Central Products Llc	8776
Chalk.com Education Inc.	2520
Pr Etc, Inc.	4512.5
Chicago Area Building Specialties	5221.92
Great Lakes Coca-Cola Distribution	8651.16
College Entrance Examination Board	2729
Collins Sanitary	8015
Communication Without Limits, Inc	2500
Computer Dynamics Of Nw Il	2880
Connor Co	8204.53
Conserv Fs	6475.97
Conserv Fs	16153.22
Corvus Industries Ltd	10689
Cotg	26460
Cpi	4816.5
Creative Fence	5423
Culligan Of Belvidere	14958.38
Current Technologies Corp	29061.97
Dax Kirchoff Decorating	2880
Dearborn Life	5162.5
Decision Systems Co	32581.8
Dell Marketing L.p.	3052.25
Delta Dental Of Il - Risk	109360.66
Discovery Education, Inc	3200
Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago	27537.81
Eera Group Inc	15000

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Eftps.com	1632429.49	Menards - Machesney Park	2573.38	Rush Power Systems, Llc	2726.13
Ems Linq Inc.	3490	Metlife	6000	Rush Truck Center	14573.73
Entre Computer Solutions	4445.79	Mid American Energy Services, Llc	288065.79	S&H Nursery	4260
Equitable, Equi-Vest	15360	Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc	212710.84	Scholastic Inc	7946.61
Expertpay.com	5200	Mnw Telecom	94846.61	School Specialty Inc	3296.75
Explore Learning Llc	3295	Moreno And Sons Inc	6800	Schoolmart	3795
First Northern Credit Union	4200	Myon Llc	4999.83	Schoology, Inc.	5000
Flinn Scientific	3167.71	N2y Inc	3703.91	Schuring & Schuring Inc	39105.63
Follett School Solutions	11536.72	Nbess	34638.07	Sherwin-Williams Belvidere Store 32	4955.89
Forecast 5 Analytics, Inc	11000	Nes Pearson Inc	9957.67	Shi International Corp	14846.16
Frank Cooney Co	6795	Noredink	12250	Siepert & Co., Llp	18283.15
Frontier	27984.71	North Boone Cusd Flexible Spending	18397.3	Simplex Grinnell	7877.81
Frontline Technologies Group, Llc	8346.45	North Boone Cusd Imprest	18348.33	Smoothwall, Inc	10320
Geostar Mechanical Inc	71654.93	North Boone Cusd Imprest Fund	4640	Sound Incorporated	13077.5
Goldstar Learning, Inc.	7785.25	North Boone Education Association	86579.82	Stalker Sports Floors	3525
Gopher Sports	2983.56	Northwest Evaluation Assc.	10550	Sterling Commercial Roofing, Inc	8181.5
Michael Greenlee	3859.93	Northwestern Illinois Association	44149.73	Sunbelt Staffing	25298.25
Heinemann	7701.25	Nutoys Leisure Products, Inc	12809	Superior Automotive	4199.67
High Standard Icemakers	2827	Office Depot	35027.52	Susan Kiehl	2700.91
Hinshaw & Culbertson	3129	Optrics Inc.	2621.05	Teacher Retirement System	171273.79
Horace Mann Insurance Co.	3031	Pdc Laboratories, Inc	2711.25	Teachers Retirement System Of The S	767308.42
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Iasb	6203	Performance Food Service - Chicago	174711.48	The Center/Irc	3815
Illinois Dept Of Emplmt Security	23530.76	Petrochoice Llc	104770.99	Tobii Dynavox	3622
Illinois Dept. Of Revenue	445172.66	Physicians Immediate Care	3417	Tractor Town	7532.53
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Insight Public Sector, Inc	30131.5	Pomp's Tire Service	8998.04	Tyler Technologies, Inc	3144.96
Internal Revenue Service	6878.33	Powerschool Group, Llc	12671.36	United Laboratories	15818.4
Ip Communications	39586	Prairie State Insurance Cooperative	184701	United Power & Battery	6492.88
Ironwood Environmental Inc	4250	Priest Farms	24140	United States Postal Service	3000
Jack's Tire Sales & Service	3108.44	Pro Com Systems	3012.5	Used But Nice Office Furniture Inc	3050
Jakes Electric Llc	2575.45	Pro-Source Dist Inc	72504.77	Village Of Capron	4798.76
Johnson Controls Inc	15717.15	Pro-Vision, Inc.	3346.5	Village Of Poplar Grove	6829.32
Journeyed.com	3193	Putnam Retirement Plan Services	6800	Voco Vision	18530
Klein Thorpe And Jenkins	27168.23	Quill Corporation	2807.06	W.w. Norton & Company Inc	5090
Lawncare By Walter, Inc	3381.38	Rebel Athletic Inc	3023.48	Walter Lawson's Children Home	36918.36
Learning A-Z	4647.21	Ramp	8033.3	West Interactive Services Corp	4322.5
Linell Monson-Lasswell, Ed.d.	4350	Regional Office Of Education	27805	Winnebago County Special Education	12378.69
M.spinello & Sons Locks	18769	Renaissance Learning, Inc.	5345	Wisconsin Dept. Of Revenue	19519.15
Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc	74087.28	Riddell/All American Sports Corp	14222.61	Woodstock Cusd 200	39097.63
Mcdermid Roofing	191385	Rk Dixon	4807.88	Xerox Corp	2711.09
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