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## If Walls Could Talk

*Maybe We Would Know What the Shortline Means*

By David Larson

Perhaps you have had pizza and a beer or two at the Firebox and wondered about the history of the building. The walls certainly evidence a past that piques curiosity. This week's photo tells at least one of the stories behind those walls. Over the years, we have heard that Buchanan Street in Belvidere was a place where livery stables operated and blacksmiths worked. It was a section of town with a specific purpose, that short block between Whitney Boulevard and South State Street.

Last week, a story was published about the Luhman & Thies Feed and Flour store, speculating that it supplied the Buchanan Street stables. A culture without automobiles is hard to imagine. Like gas stations and auto-repair shops today, people depended on the "Shortline", Buchanan Street, to support their need for transportation.

Buchanan Street has long been called "The Shortline," but no one seems to know why. What does it mean? It was a place where someone could get a cold beer and a shot or two. Perhaps the answer is somewhere in that direction. Come-to-town farmers with a snoot-full were known to harness up to a horse and play a game of tug-of-war with the horse in the street. (I suppose better than beating each other up.) Perhaps the name has nothing to do with blacksmithing and everything to do with the tavern culture.

This picture is of the Firebox Building at number 12 Buchanan Street, as can be seen on the swinging doors. In the doorway stands Henry Wylde and his father, Larry Wylde. It looks to be a fine building. Doors wide enough for a wagon, a buggy in for repairs, or a horse for shoeing. The photo is a family photo of the Wylde.

Frank Burt "Larry" Wylde was generally known as Larry. He was born in 1884 and died in 1952. It is hard to date the photo, but considering Larry's appearance, it appears to be from the late 1920s. This would make Larry around 45. His son, Henry, appears to be in his twenties. Workhorses were still common in the 1920s in Boone County, but not much afterward. Larry had a brother who went by the name "Frank." He had a rather large farm outside Genoa, but sold it and moved to California. In California, he reinvented himself as an artist, whose paintings still survive and occasionally are sold at auction. The second Frank married a Belvidere girl, Gladys Taylor. The two of them were very well-known in Belvidere, as evidenced by frequent mentions of their names as attendees of various social events.

Again, we can only speculate on the culture of blacksmithing and boarding horses. Perhaps stock was held in the parking and alley area including today's City Hall. It was hard, dirty work, as automobile repair is today. Working the iron of a horseshoe required a coal feed, forced air, hot fire, and generated a lot of smoke. Farriers are not common today, but back then it was a common profession. To know how to fit a shoe, trim the hoof, and attach the shoe to the hoof of a horse took training and experience. It also required knowing how to get the cooperation of a horse to hold still, stand on three feet, and not kick the farrier.



On the right, there is a door that leads to the second story. That doorway remains today. A sign on the door reads "Salvation Army the Poor Man's Church Open Every Night at 8 O'clock." The perception of a poor man's church is interesting. It reflects a need to make that distinction in order to fulfill its mission. The Salvation Army has been in Belvidere ever since and remains today. Its work to help the downtrodden has few equals. Upon reflection, it is just one more element that adds to the color of what has become known as "The Shortline."

## State Senator Facing Federal Tax Evasion Charge Resigns

*Democrat Terry Link has held the post since 1997*

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

State Sen. Terry Link, who was charged last month in federal court with tax evasion, resigned his seat last week.

Link, a Democrat from Indian Creek, had been a key player in passing gaming legislation in Illinois, including a massive 2019 expansion bill that provided for sports wagering, added land-based casinos and a Chicago casino.

Link had served in the Senate representing the 30th District since 1997. He also served as chair of the Lake County Democratic Party, resigning from that post last month amid backlash from some within the party.

The timing of Link's resignation from the Senate means there is not enough time to hold a special election to fill his seat. The deadline for that was Friday, Sept. 11, according to a spokesman for the Illinois State Board of Elections. Link submitted his resignation to the secretary of the Senate late Thursday afternoon and his resignation did not take effect until Saturday morning.

That means a committee of Democratic Party officials from the 30th District will name a

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## Former State Sen. Link Pleads Guilty to Tax Evasion

*Agrees to cooperate with federal investigators*

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Former state Sen. Terry Link pleaded guilty in federal court Wednesday to a felony charge of tax evasion.

Link, a Democrat from Indian Creek who resigned his seat last week, admitted in a plea agreement that he willfully underreported his income on his federal and state tax returns from 2012 through 2016.

Specifically, the plea agreement noted that in 2016, Link reported income of \$264,450 when, in fact, he had total income of at least \$358,309. The difference included \$73,159 in money from his campaign account that he used for personal purposes.

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# Community News

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

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

**State's Blood Supply "Critically Low"; Blood Centers In Dire Need For Organizations To Host Blood Drives**- 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](http://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.

**Community Building Complex Committee Regular Board Meeting:** Thursday September 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Building Board Room.

## Obituaries

- Covelli, Frank, 82, Cherry Valley, June 25
- Fox, Mary, 90, Poplar Grove, September 12
- Gates, H. William, Belvidere, September 10
- Larson, William, 92, Belvidere, February 24
- Lyskawka, Steven, 95, Cherry Valley, Sept. 10
- Rogula, Linda, 57, Belvidere, September 13
- Wolf, Ethel, 91, Belvidere, August 31

**C-SPAN'S 17th Annual Studentcam Video Competition:** Mediacom and C-SPAN announce the start of this year's annual student documentary competition and encourage middle school and high school students to participate in the video documentary competition known as "StudentCam." Students are asked to create a short video documentary and submit it online between November 1, 2020 and January 20, 2021.

This year, the new topic for 2021 submissions is "Explore the issue you most want the president and new Congress to address in 2021." Students are asked to analyze the current and/or historical significance of their chosen issue and include differing points of view. Participants present their views by creating a short video documentary, five to six minutes in length. Students can work in teams or individually to create their videos.

Cash prizes of up to \$100,000 in total will be awarded to winning documentaries. Winners will be announced in March 2021 and the top-rated videos will be televised on C-SPAN in April 2021. Complete competition details and entry forms are available on the C-SPAN StudentCam website <http://www.studentcam.org>.

**Habitat for Humanity Boone County Pasta Dinner Drive Thru** on Saturday, September 19th the public is cordially invited to attend the Habitat for Humanity Boone County Pasta Dinner Drive Thru. The drive thru will be held from 5:00-7:00 pm at the First Methodist Church, 610 Bonus Avenue, in Belvidere. Tickets are \$10 and all meals will be delivered curbside. There is an online auction at [www.32auctions.com/HFHBC2020](http://www.32auctions.com/HFHBC2020). You can also sponsor a home: Bronze sponsorship \$99 to \$199, Silver sponsorship \$200 to \$349, Platinum sponsorship \$350 and up.

For more information please contact: Beth Carson 815-979-0473 or Kim Mickey 815-980-6247. Please make checks payable to Habitat for Humanity of Boone County. To donate please go to [www.boone-il-habitat.org/donate/](http://www.boone-il-habitat.org/donate/) or call (815) 980-6247 for more information.

**Rock Valley College To Host A Series of Virtual Events In Honor Of Hispanic Heritage Month:**

These events focus on community building through the exploration of important social issues, cultural identities, and family-friendly activities. Virtual events will include keynote speakers, showcasing Latinx cuisine from local


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## Mary Elizabeth Fox

Mary Elizabeth Fox 1930—2020  
Mary Elizabeth Wilcox Fox, 90, passed away at her home surrounded by her loving family on September 12, 2020. Mary was born on April 27, 1930 to Mary and Clarence Wilcox. She was the eighth of 10 children.



Mary married her sweetheart, Dale Fox on November 7, 1954. A lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and graduate of Marengo High School, Mary participated in school musicals, church and community choral groups. She took voice lessons and was a popular soloist for weddings and other celebrations. A hard worker all her life, she retired from GT&E in 1984. Proud of her family, siblings and in-laws, Mary was a wonderful mother to her three children. Each benefitted from her drive to see them complete a college degree. Mary was known for her creativity, skill and excellence as a musician, vocalist, baker, cook and quilter. Many souls are warmed by her beautiful quilts. She had a gift for taking small everyday things and piecing them together to create beauty, love and warmth. Mary is survived by her dear husband of almost 66 Years, Dale Fox; children, Pat (Tony) Fabrisi, Nancy (Jon) Fox Whitlock and Terry (Katy) Fox; grandchildren, David (Lara) Fabrisi, Stephen (Leigha) Fabrisi and Kylie Fox as well as many beloved nieces, nephews and friends. Predeceased by parents, Clarence and Mary Wilcox; siblings, Dave (Margaret) Wilcox, Mike (Louise) Wilcox, Elwood (Mary) Wilcox, Dorothy (Pete) Peters, Al (Chris) Wilcox, Mart (Bonnie) Wilcox, Betty (Erv) Steffen, Walt (Rose) Wilcox and Nancy (Ray) Moore. Mary was proud of her Wilcox family and was a great wife, mother, grandmother and aunt who is much loved. Many thanks are due to Dr. Clayton Malaker for providing outstanding care, kindness and compassion. Additional thanks to Northern Illinois Hospice for their expert support. The memorial service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at Anderson Funeral and Cremation Services, 218 W. Hurlbut Ave., Belvidere, IL, 61008 with Rev. Jim Bell officiating. The visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. till 1:45 p.m. prior to service. In accordance with state guidelines, only 50 people will be allowed in the funeral home during the visitation and memorial service, face masks are required. Cremation rites have been accorded. To view a live stream of the service please visit Mary's obituary page at [www.AndersonFCS.com](http://www.AndersonFCS.com) In lieu of flowers, honor Mary's love of music through a donation to your favorite music organization or music education program. To light a candle or share a condolence please visit [www.AndersonFCS.com](http://www.AndersonFCS.com)



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**Tax Evasion**

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successor who will serve out the remainder of Link’s current term, which expires in January 2023.

“I look forward to welcoming and working with a new senator from Lake County. We’ve got a lot of work to do for the people of Illinois,” Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, said in a statement Friday.

Link was charged in a criminal information document on Aug. 13 with one count of tax evasion for allegedly understating his income on his 2016 federal tax return.

It has also been widely reported that Link was the unnamed state senator, identified in court documents only as “Confidential Informant 1,” who wore a wire for federal authorities who were investigating former state Rep. Luis Arroyo. Link has strongly denied that he was the confidential informant.

Arroyo is charged with bribery for allegedly offering to pay the senator cash in exchange for his support of gaming legislation that would have benefitted one of Arroyo’s lobbying clients.

Link is now the third state senator in Illinois to be charged with a federal crime in the past 13 months.

Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, was charged in August 2019 with embezzlement for allegedly being on a ghost payroll for a Chicago-area labor union while serving as chairman of the Senate Labor Committee. He has pleaded not guilty and remains in the Senate.

And in January, former Sen. Martin Sandoval, D-Chicago, was formally charged with bribery for allegedly accepting money from officials within a red-light camera company while he was serving as chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee. He has pleaded guilty, resigned his seat and is reportedly cooperating with federal authorities in an ongoing investigation.

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**Link**

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As part of the plea agreement, Link agreed to pay restitution of \$71,133 to the IRS, and \$11,527 to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Federal sentencing guidelines provide a maximum sentence for tax evasion of up to three years in prison and a \$100,000 fine. However, based on Link’s lack of criminal history and other factors, his sentence would more likely be in the range of 10-16 months, according to the plea agreement.

Link will not face immediate sentencing, however, because he also agreed to cooperate with continuing federal investigations, according to the agreement.

If link continues to “provide full and truthful cooperation,” according to the agreement, prosecutors could recommend a sentence of probation.

It has been widely reported that Link was the unnamed state senator mentioned in a federal indictment last year who wore a wire during a conversation with former Rep. Luis Arroyo, D-Chicago, who was later charged with attempting to bribe the senator to support gaming legislation that would have benefitted one of Arroyo’s lobbying clients. Link has denied being that confidential informant.

**Madigan Probe Paused Pending U.S. Attorney’s Guidance**

*Democratic and Republican leaders differ on what they’ve been told so far*

*by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois*

The Democratic chairman and ranking Republican on a special legislative committee investigating House Speaker Michael Madigan both said Tuesday that they are awaiting further guidance from federal prosecutors about how far they can go in questioning witnesses and calling for documents.

The Special Investigating Committee held its first meeting last week, during which members voted unanimously not to take any substantive action that could interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation. They also authorized Chairman Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside, and Rep. Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, to contact the U.S. Attorney’s office for guidance on how to avoid interference.

Also during that meeting, Republicans unveiled a list of potential witnesses they would like to give testimony and produce various documents.

Madigan was implicated in July in an alleged bribery scheme involving Commonwealth Edison, the state’s largest electric utility, when officials from the company entered what’s known as a “deferred prosecution agreement.” In that agreement, company officials admitted that, over a period of years,

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*A guide from the County Clerk’s Office*

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5. Are Absentee Voting and Vote by Mail the same thing? Essentially YES, both are casting a vote by mail. In Illinois, absentee voting was available if you were going to be “absent” on Election Day. A voter used to have to provide a reason for being absent. Illinois legislators took away the requirement to be “absent”, allowing any voter any reason to vote by mail.
6. Do I have to mail my voted ballot back to the County Clerk’s office? No, you may also walk it into the office. If you want someone else to deliver it for you, both you and the person who is delivering your ballot must sign the affidavit giving them permission.
7. What is the deadline for requesting a ballot by mail? October 29, 2020 at noon is the deadline for requesting a vote by mail ballot to be mailed to a voter. HOWEVER, please use good judgement and do not wait until the last minute. It is wise to request and mail your voted ballot back as soon as possible.
8. When do I have to have my voted ballot back to the County Clerk’s office to be counted? It must be postmarked no later than Election Day. Do not wait until 5PM on Election Day to be postmarked in time.
9. Can I still early vote or vote at my polling location? YES!! Early voting is in the Boone County Clerk’s office beginning September 24, 2020. Please wear a mask and be prepared to stand in line. You can get information about your polling location at <https://boonecountyilclerk.com>
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**Community Building Complex Finance, Rules & Regulations and Building & Grounds Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 11:45 a.m. at The Steam Plant Restaurant.

Note: There will not be a November committee meeting unless deemed necessary as the date approaches.

**Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to Host 16th Annual Thin Mint Sprint** as First-Ever Virtual Race: Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) will host the organization’s 16th Annual Thin Mint Sprint virtually from September 1–30! Adults and school-age children can choose from a 2-Mile Walk, 2-Mile Competitive Race, or 8K Race. Participants will choose their ideal course and complete their race or walk anytime in September 2020. A virtual leader board will track runner time through the end of the race! Online registration is open at [www.runsignup.com/gsnitms](http://www.runsignup.com/gsnitms).

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	January 1, 2025	(5) Year Term
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	July 20, 2023	(3) Year Term
	July 20, 2023	(3) Year Term
<i>Regional Planning Commission</i>		
	December 31, 2020	Remainder of Term
	December 31, 2021	Remainder of Term

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and/or resume expressing your interest and qualifications along with your contact information to Boone County Board Chairman Karl Johnson, Administration Campus, 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 102, Belvidere, IL 61008. Please respond by September 11, 2020 to assure being considered.

**Flora Grange’s Curbside Pickup Grilled Pork Chop Dinner** is Sunday, September 20th, 11:00am to 1:00pm at Flora Grange Hall, 2105 Stone Quarry Rd, 3 miles south of Chrysler (Appleton Rd). This is a fundraiser to help support the Boone County Fair and fairgrounds since the fair and many other activities at the fairgrounds had to be cancelled this year because of COVID-19.

For \$13 a plate you receive TWO – 5B’s Grilled Pork Chops, baked beans, coleslaw, applesauce and a dinner roll. Must preorder by 5:00pm, Thursday, September 17th. To order call 815-543-2721 or 815-222-6173 or go to our Facebook Page ‘Flora Grange #1762’. Click on the easy to use link there to place your order online.

Cash or check only when you pick up. The dinners will be brought to you in your car. Help support the Boone County Fair.

**Madigan**

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they handed out jobs and contracts to close Madigan associates in an effort to curry his favor for legislation that benefitted the company.

Madigan has not been charged and has denied any wrongdoing. But Republicans in the Illinois House have invoked a House rule to commence a committee to explore punitive actions against the long-serving speaker, up to and including expulsion from the House.

House Republicans have accused Madigan of a of non-criminal charge under House rules –

“conduct unbecoming to a legislator or which constitutes a breach of public trust,” which is elaborated as “engaging in a bribery scheme, an extortion scheme, conspiracy to violate federal and state laws, among other misconduct and misuse of office.”

The six-member investigative

committee is evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans, but a majority vote is required to approve such a charge, which means at least one Democrat would have to vote with Republicans in order to send the charge to a separate disciplinary committee.

In separate emails Tuesday, both Welch and Demmer confirmed that they had spoken by phone with John Lausch Jr., the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and that Lausch had given them clearance to call witnesses.

But that’s where their interpretations of the conversation start to differ.

“We were advised that the US Attorney’s Office does not object to the work of the Committee, nor do they object to the calling of any of the names on our initial witness list, including Speaker Madigan,” Demmer said in a statement. “We appreciate their attention to this very serious matter, and we look forward to the committee meeting next week to continue its work on behalf of the people of Illinois.”

Welch, by contrast, gave a very different summary of the conversation.

“The US Attorney made it clear we could seek testimony from whoever we choose; however, they requested we refrain from seeking any materials or testimony related to the (deferred prosecution agreement) that is still confidential or anything in the possession of the federal government,” Welch said. “In other words, we can call witnesses, but we can’t really ask them any questions.”

The deferred prosecution agreement actually mentions very few specific names. Even Madigan is described only as “Public Official A,” although it also describes that person as the Speaker of the House and the longest-serving member of the House. Other people are identified with such descriptors as “Individual A,” “Associate 1,” “Associate 2” and “CEO-1.”

But in a subpoena served on Madigan’s office in July, several individuals are identified by name, including a number of former ComEd lobbyists and former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore. Many of them also appear on the Republicans’ proposed witness list.

The competing interests between federal prosecutors and the legislative committee has the potential to set up a rare kind of conflict between the federal and state government, pitting the authority of the Justice Department

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to prosecute federal crimes against the authority of a state legislative body to enforce its own rules and police its own membership.

Both Welch and Demmer said they are now waiting for Lausch to provide them with a written summary of the conversation, something they expect to receive as early as this week.

## Republicans Outline Charge Against Madigan, Seek Witnesses and Documents

*Investigative committee to seek guidance from U.S. Attorney*

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Republicans in the Illinois House on Thursday unveiled a single charge they hope to bring against Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan, accusing him of "conduct unbecoming to a legislator or which constitutes a breach of public trust."

House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, introduced that charge during the first day of hearings of a Special Investigative Committee that is looking into Madigan's role in a bribery and extortion scheme involving utility giant Commonwealth Edison.

"As was stated earlier, this is a unique proceeding. It has only been invoked once and that was back in 2012," Durkin said, referring to hearings that led to the expulsion of former Rep. Derrick Smith, who was then under federal indictment for accepting a \$7,000 bribe from a confidential informant in exchange for legislative favors.

But unlike the Smith case, Madigan so far has not been charged with any crime and he has

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## Senate Committee Focuses on Criminal Sentencing Reforms

*Second hearing prompted by the ILBC's legislative agenda to address racism*

by Raymon Troncoso Capitol News Illinois

The second state Senate committee hearing spurred by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus' recently unveiled legislative agenda focused on criminal justice reforms Tuesday.

The joint hearing of the Senate Criminal Law and Public Safety committees addressed truth-in-sentencing laws that mandate violent offenders serve more of their sentence; mandatory minimums that restrict judicial discretion and require longer sentences for crimes; three-strike enhancements to sentences that give repeat offenders more jail time for minor crimes; and resentencing convicted persons after one of their infractions is decriminalized.

The meeting was subject matter only, meaning it was just for informational purposes and no legislative remedies were proposed or voted upon. Co-chair of the hearing, state Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago, called the disparities in the criminal justice system a crisis and invited his fellow lawmakers to "think boldly" when considering solutions.

"Decades of unsuccessful sentencing laws have done nothing to reduce gun violence and are rooted in a history of racist 'tough-on-crime' safety policies," Peters said. "There is nothing prideful or righteous about clinging to failure. If we truly do want to win real safety and justice in our communities, then we must commit to real, tangible change."

Witnesses from the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council, the Illinois Public Defender Association, the John Howard Association, and retired Judge Donald Bernardi advocated for moving away from potentially excessive punitive measures such as mandatory minimums. Instead, they favor prison alternatives or sentences that involve reduced prison time in return for participation in rehabilitative or counsel-related programs.

The advocates argued that public safety is enhanced when offenders have the chance to rehabilitate and are provided resources to reenter and contribute to their community. The longer a person is in the prison system, the more difficult that becomes, advocates said.

"It's a bit anecdotal, but in discussions I've had with judges ... we have often discussed the inability to go below a minimum," Bernardi said during his testimony. "Judges would comment 'I wish I could have given him probation.' I mean that's something I actually have heard quite a bit. I have never heard a judge complain 'I wish I could have given the guy more time.'"

Keith Grant, president of the Public Defender Association, said it is more effective to be "smart on crime" rather than "tough on crime" in order to enhance public safety.

"We need to stop merely punishing the offense and commit to rehabilitating the defender," he said.

According to Grant, many defendants in criminal cases will take a plea deal rather than fight charges when they are otherwise faced with long sentences due to mandatory minimums and truth in sentencing, which increase the length of sentences and the amount time served despite good behavior.

Grant said gun enhancements and mandatory minimums add decades to a person's charge, even if they were unarmed and did not commit the crime but were

an associate to the person who committed a gun crime.

"These clients are all uniformly young, male and Black," he said.

Grant and other witnesses, including some lawmakers, noted that Black Illinoisans make up roughly 15 percent of the population but are approximately 55 percent of the prison population.

Witnesses from the Illinois State's Attorneys Association agreed with making drug sentencing more equitable. They also advocated for more government-provided resources to underserved communities in terms of education, housing, economic assistance and counseling to reduce crime. The group also said providing more resources to inmates such as work release and work study programs could assist in the rehabilitation effort.

The state's attorneys, however, pushed back on calls to do away with mandatory minimums and truth-in-sentencing laws.

"What our concern is as prosecutors, is we are doing our jobs to protect the public from the wolves, not the sheep," Justin Hood, president of the association, said during his testimony.

He also emphasized that prosecutors do not

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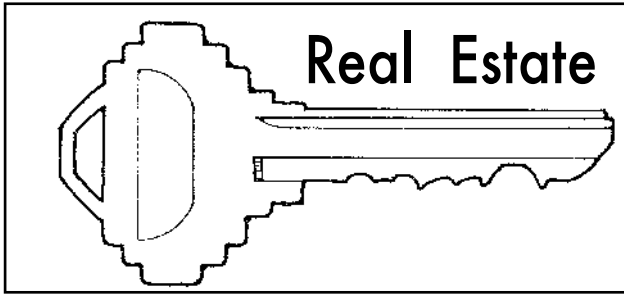
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MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff,  
-v-  
20 CH 20  
LEON PATNAUDE A/K/A LEON E. PATNAUDE, MICHELLE PATNAUDE, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS Defendant  
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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CIM TRUST 2018-NR1 MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2018-NR1 Plaintiff,  
-v-  
2019CH151

RUTH ANN VAN FLEET A/K/A RUTH ANN A VAN FLEET et al Defendant

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LOANCARE, LLC; Plaintiff,  
vs.  
19 CH 144

RICHARD AKERMAN AKA RICHARD A. AKERMAN; SHEILA A. AKERMAN AKA SHEILA A. SIEBLER AKA SHEILA A. ROUSH; GOLDMAN SACHS MORTGAGE COMPANY; SPRINGCASTLE FINANCE FUNDING TRUST, THROUGH ITS TRUSTEE WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,  
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street., Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP FOURTY-FOUR (44) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF STATE ROAD BETWEEN BELVIDERE AND ROCKFORD, SOUTH 58 DEGREES EAST 1363.4 FEET FROM THE POINT IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH CENTERLINE OF SAID SECTION, 22, LAST SAID POINT BEING 42.2 FEET NORTH OF THE EAST AND WEST CENTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE WITH SAID CENTER ROAD LINE 198 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID CENTER ROAD LINE 82.5 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 198 FEET TO A POINT CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 82.5 FEET TO PLACE OF BEGINNING; EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING: THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE THREE EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH QUARTER (1/4) SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 22 AND THE CENTER LINE OF FEDERAL AID ROUTE 6 (STATE AID ROUTE 6, ALSO KNOWN AS U.S. ROUTE 20) LYING ACROSS THE EAST HALF (1/2) OF SAID SECTION AS SAID CENTERLINE IS EXTENDED NORTHWESTERLY TO THE INTERSECTION WITH SAID QUARTER SECTION LINE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EXTENSION OF SAID CENTER LINE AND ALONG SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 1280.9 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A CONTINUATION OF THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE FOR A DISTANCE OF 82.5 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID F.A. ROUTE 6 FOR A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE

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Commonly known as 2150 North State Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

P.I.N. 05-22-401-011.

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.

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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street,, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP FOURTY-FOUR (44) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF STATE ROAD BETWEEN BELVIDERE AND ROCKFORD, SOUTH 58 DEGREES EAST 1363.4 FEET FROM THE POINT IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH CENTERLINE OF SAID SECTION, 22, LAST SAID POINT BEING 42.2 FEET NORTH OF THE EAST AND WEST CENTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE WITH SAID CENTER ROAD LINE 198 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID CENTER ROAD LINE 82.5 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 198 FEET TO A POINT CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 82.5 FEET TO PLACE OF BEGINNING; EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING: THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE THREE EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH QUARTER (1/4) SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 22 AND THE CENTER LINE OF FEDERAL AID ROUTE 6 (STATE AID ROUTE 6, ALSO KNOWN AS U.S. ROUTE 20) LYING ACROSS THE EAST HALF (1/2) OF SAID SECTION AS SAID CENTERLINE IS EXTENDED NORTHWESTERLY TO THE INTERSECTION WITH SAID QUARTER SECTION LINE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EXTENSION OF SAID CENTER LINE AND ALONG SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 1280.9 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A CONTINUATION OF THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE FOR A DISTANCE OF 82.5 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID F.A. ROUTE 6 FOR A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE

WHICH IS 60 FEET EQUIDISTANT FROM AND PARALLEL TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID F.A. ROUTE 6 FOR A DISTANCE OF 82.5 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF F. WARD PROPERTY; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID PROPERTY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALSO KNOWN AT LOT 9 AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT OF SURVEY OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 44, RANGE 3; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BELVIDERE.

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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.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. F19080181

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## Public Notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING OF SUIT

Notice is hereby given by the City of Loves Park to Petry Trust 1989 and all those with an interest in the properties located at 12509, 12513, 12611, 12518, 12615, 12616, 12714, 12718 Battery Park Dr., 1114, 1118 Benbrook Dr., 12545, 12549, 12616, 12620, 12628, 12632, 12636, 12640, 12647 New York St., 12613, 12618, 12621, 12622, 12625, 12626, 12629, 12630, 12634, 12637, 12641 Scarsdale Ln., 1009, 1010, 1013, 1014, 1017, 1018, 1021, 1022, 1107, 1111, 1115

Forest Garden Dr., 12441 Fire Island Dr., 12309, 12313, 12317, 12321, 12322, 12325, 12326, 12329, 12330, 12333, 12337, 12341, 12342, 12407, 12408, 12412, 12415, 12419, 12420 Lakeview Dr., 906, 910, 1004, 1008 Stuyvesant Dr., 1006, 1010, 1014, 1021, 1025, 1029 Coney Island Dr., all located in the City of Loves Park, Boone County, Illinois, that the properties have been found to be in a dangerous and unsafe condition and the City of Loves Park will be seeking an Order of the Court requesting fines be imposed for the failure of the owner to comply with local property maintenance ordinances, directing Defendant to immediately abate the nuisance by mowing the listed properties as well as enjoining Defendant from future violations by Ordering that the properties continue to be maintained pursuant to Municipal Code of the City of Loves Park. This matter has been initiated in the Court of Boone County (Case Number: 2020 OV 94). The next Court appearance for this matter will be on October 2, 2020 at 9:45 am before the Honorable Judge John Young or any other judge appearing in his stead, in Courtroom 2 of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois. Your failure to appear or to answer to the Complaint may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief sought in the Complaint. For further information contact Attorney Gregory Cox, Galluzzo Law Group, LLC at (815) 265-6464.  
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### Public Notice

Early Voting for the November 3, 2020 General Primary Election will begin on Thursday, September 24, 2020 and end November 2, 2020. Early Voting for Boone County residents will be conducted at the Boone County Clerk's Office, 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 5:00PM, except holidays. The office will also be open on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM

For more information about Early Voting please contact the Boone County Clerk's Office at 815-544-3103. Please be prepared to wear a mask/face covering and possibly to stand in line.

Julie A. Stapler  
Boone County Clerk & Recorder  
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### Change in Certificate of Ownership

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 1, 2020 a certificate was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, concerning the business known as Riverwood Condominium Association located at 519 E. Lincoln Avenue Belvidere, Illinois 61008 which certificate sets forth the following changes in the operation thereof: Withdrawal of owner Lori Ziehm and Addition of owners David J Schmidt & Kristi A. Schmidt

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) September 1, A.D. 2020  
Julie Stapler, County Clerk  
Published in Boone County Journal September 4, 11, 18

## 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 Food Truck in said County and State under the name of Hernandez Food Truck at the following post office address: 4517 Harris Dr. Poplar Grove, IL 61065 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: Armanda Sanchez Gonzales 4517 Harris Dr. Poplar Grove, IL 61065 Ph: 815-721-0826

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this August 17, 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 lawn service business in said County and State under the name of A&W Seasonal Home Care at the following post office address: 305 Liverpool Drive SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 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: William Peyatt, 305 Liverpool Drive SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065; phone #815-618-0613.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 15th of September, A.D. 2020  
Julie Stapler, County Clerk  
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A Public Notice is an important tool in assuring an informed citizenry; a conduit of information from the government to the public. Notices are mandated by legislatures to make sure there is a public window into the activities of governments, officers of the court and others holding a public trust. Among the most common types of public notices are: hearings, government budgets, notices of contract bids, foreclosures, probate notices, adoptions, and dissolution of marriages, name changes and assumed business names. There are four key elements to a public notice:

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look at the race or gender of the individual when deciding criminal charges, but instead focus on the crime itself and the defendant's criminal history.

"I understand it looks bad with race going along with some of the more serious crimes," Hood said later in the hearing when answering a question from committee chairman, state Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago. "A lot of us are just really trying to protect the people and the public and give our victims the best support we can."

While acknowledging it wasn't an apples-to-apples comparison due to the size of the U.S., witnesses from the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council and the John Howard Association said Illinois and the U.S. in general could take a note from the German prison system. German inmates are held in more communal spaces and have lower rates of recidivism. Despite that, the prisons are still highly secure without compromising public safety, the advocates said.

"As we move forward towards reform measures, it's important for all of us to hear all sides of an issue," Sims said to close the hearing. "Balance. How we are balancing the needs of public safety versus the respect of victims versus the respect of the individuals who have committed crimes and/or are alleged to have committed crimes."

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strenuously denied engaging in any wrongdoing, a fact that Democrats on the six-member panel pointed out repeatedly.

"This case is unique to previous special investigating committees, in that the member that is subject of the petition has not been accused by federal prosecutors of any criminal activity," committee Chairman Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, said at the outset of the hearing.

Madigan was implicated in the scheme when officials at ComEd entered a deferred prosecution agreement in July with the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Northern District in Chicago. In that agreement, the company admitted that over a period of years, it awarded lobbying jobs and contracts to close associates of Madigan in an effort to win his favor for legislation that benefited the company.

Although Madigan has not been charged with a crime, U.S. Attorney John Lausch has said there is an ongoing investigation into the matter and his office has issued a subpoena to Madigan's office for documents and records of communication related to efforts to secure jobs at ComEd or its parent company Exelon for several named individuals.

"So the charge is based on criminal activity, criminal activity that has not been charged," Rep. Natalie Manley, D-Joliet, said about the charge being considered by the committee.

But Ron Safer, an attorney and former federal prosecutors who is working with the House Republicans, said the deferred prosecution agreement contains evidence that is stronger than a criminal charge.

"The deferred prosecution agreement contains actual evidence, actual admissions by Commonwealth Edison, agreed to by the United States of America," he said. "That is quite different and more substantial than a mere charge."

Safer also noted that the committee's job is not to determine whether Madigan committed a crime, but rather whether he engaged in conduct unbecoming to a legislator of which constitutes a breach of public trust.

Welch noted the same thing in his opening remarks.

"This is a political process, not a legal proceeding. We are not a court of law," he said. "As such, this committee is not bound by traditional rules of evidence. However, we are bound to adhere to the rules of decorum."

In addition to the formal charge, Republicans also said they are seeking "voluntary" witnesses to testify and produce documents. Those include Madigan himself and several people mentioned in the U.S. Attorney's subpoena.

Among those are Michael McClain, a ComEd lobbyist who has been a close confidant of Madigan, as well as Fidel Marquez, a former high-ranking ComEd official who was charged last week with conspiracy to commit bribery, and former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore.

The committee adjourned without setting a date for its next meeting. Welch said that he and the ranking Republican member, Rep. Tom Demmer, of Dixon, first need to consult with the U.S. Attorney's office in order to avoid interfering with the ongoing federal investigation.

"Before we take any substantive action, we must consult with the US Attorney for the Northern District," Welch said. "This committee must avoid taking any action that can be an interference with an ongoing federal investigation or investigations."

Durkin noted that was the same process used in the case of former Rep. Smith in 2012 as well as the impeachment proceedings against former Gov. Rod Blagojevich in 2009.

## State 'Reviewing Questions' before Setting Marijuana Dispensary License Lottery Date

*Just 21 applicants qualified for first 75 licenses*

*by Raymon Troncoso Capitol News Illinois*

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation announced Tuesday that it continues to "review questions" and has still not set a date for a lottery to distribute 75 marijuana dispensary licenses.

After IDFPR announced earlier this month that just 21 applicants qualified for the first 75 social equity licenses, lawmakers and stakeholders immediately raised concerns with Gov. JB Pritzker, asking his administration to temporarily stop the process.

The licenses were originally supposed to be distributed in May, but the process was delayed amid the COVID-19 pandemic. On Sept. 3, an IDFPR spokesperson said the lottery would be scheduled in "late September." But IDFPR said Tuesday there is still no scheduled lottery date.

"The final date for the lottery for adult-use cannabis licenses had not been set as of today," an IDFPR spokesperson wrote in an email. "As we continue to review questions that have been raised, our goal is to provide time to ensure that the process is fair and equitable. A date for the lottery will be announced by IDFPR."

In a letter sent to Pritzker on Sept. 4, the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus listed five requests they wanted resolved before the licenses are awarded. The members of that caucus want to see a detailed rubric of how applicants were graded, the publication of some application information on the IDFPR website, and information on how KPMG – a firm that provides professional services such as auditing – received a \$4.2 million no-bid contract from the state to score dispensary applicants. The ILBC also asked for the ethnic and racial makeup of KPMG's board and the team behind scoring applicants.

Two rejected applicants are also suing the state to stop the licenses from being awarded, alleging the 21 winners received perfect scores due to political connections, and that at least one had hired a manager tied to KPMG.

"KPMG stands by our work to objectively score applications based on criteria set by the

state. We brought a diverse and experienced team together to do this work quickly and accurately, and are proud of our team's performance," A KPMG spokesperson said in an email.

"The team scoring the applications would have no knowledge of the names or affiliations of applicants. A separate team scored certain aspects of the application, such as social equity. We built a diverse, national team, comprised of employees from many offices."

## Statewide COVID-19 Positivity Rate Declines Over Weekend

*Death total since pandemic began passes 8,300*

*By JERRY NOWICKI Capitol News Illinois*

The COVID-19 test positivity rate fell to 3.6 percent statewide Monday, decreasing in two regions that have faced increased economic restrictions due to high rates.

The positivity rate decreased three-tenths of a percentage point since Friday as the state reported an average of 46,471 test results and 1,652 new cases each day between Saturday and Monday. That made for a three-day positivity rate of about 3.6 percent.

The seven-day rolling positivity rate average is as low as it's been since July 25, while Region 7 and Region 4 of the state's reopening plan each saw decreases to their positivity rate as of Friday, Sept. 11.

Region 7, which includes Will and Kankakee counties, saw the seven-day average positivity rate decrease to 7.2 percent, which is still above the 6.5 percent threshold that will allow the rollback of some economic restrictions. Currently, the region is closed to indoor dining and bar services at restaurants and bars.

Region 4, which includes the Metro East area on the Missouri border near St. Louis, saw its rolling positivity rate decrease to 9.4 percent, marking three straight days of decreases.

Other regions ranged from 2.4 percent in eastern Illinois to 6.7 in Region 9, which includes McHenry and Lake counties in northern Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Public Health reported 41 deaths from Saturday to Monday, pushing the total casualty count to 8,314 since the pandemic first reached Illinois. There have been 262,744 confirmed cases among nearly 4.7 million tests completed.

The recovery rate for those 42 days removed from a positive diagnosis is 96 percent, according to IDPH.

At the end of Sunday, there were 1,431 persons hospitalized with COVID-19 in Illinois, including 334 in intensive care units and 131 on ventilators. The numbers remain slightly above their pandemic lows and are significant decreases from Friday.

Also on Monday, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority announced the release of more than \$8 million to 11 organizations that are involved in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

The funding came from the U.S. Bureau of Justice as part of a federal coronavirus supplemental program. Community-level data on positive COVID-19 cases, unemployment, housing, and reentry was considered in funding decisions, according to a news release.

The largest grant totaled \$1.4 million and went to The Network, which advocates against domestic violence. Other grants went to the Children's Advocacy Center of Illinois, the Cook County Sheriff's Office for reentry housing, the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault and others.

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority is a state agency created in 1983 to improve the administration of criminal justice.