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The Jail House *A Gentleman's History*

By David Larson

The origin of the Boone County jail is murky. It is believed it existed in several places before this structure in the photo was built in 1898.

Prior to building the first jail in Boone County, a murder occurred in 1851 on a farm along the road to Beloit. Rufus Guile shot his stepfather, Leonard Vanalstine, with a double-barrel shotgun.

The Boone County Sheriff rode out to the farm once the news had reached him and found that a neighbor had captured and restrained the stepson. Guile was committed to the Kane County Jail for trial. Boone County formed a coroner's jury of twelve men. The verdict of the jury mentions that the strained relationship was well known.

The conflict between the two was over the title to 160 acres of land. Guile held a land office deed and Vanalstine held possession, paid taxes, and rendered some service. The prior fall, the barn was burnt. Guile had been arrested for arson, but discharged. In the past spring, Guile was beaten severely by Vanalstine.

On the day of the murder, Guile had been drinking and was being given a ride in a wagon on its way into Belvidere. As the wagon passed Vanalstine's house, Guile was overheard saying to the driver that the land belonged to him. Vanalstine, overheard the comment and said, "I hear what you say – if you don't stop your talk, I'll give you another thrashing like I gave you last spring."

Guile jumped out of the wagon and Vanalstine ordered him off the property. Guile fired a shot from one barrel of his shotgun into Vanalstine's side and then fired the second barrel into Vanalstine's head.

On October 11, 1853, a legal notice appeared in *The Belvidere Standard and Boone County Advertiser* putting out for bid the construction of a Court House with a jail. The bid came in at \$4,300. In 1853, this was quite a large sum of money for a still-rural county composed of villages. The railroad had passed through Belvidere two years earlier, and the local economy was booming. A proper building could be built from construction materials delivered by rail.

In today's dollars, that amount would be near 6.3 million. This was a big decision for the county to make. The building was completed in 1855, and jail cells were put in the basement. Thus, the first permanent Boone County jail was established. From the story above, we assume there was a pressing need for incarceration facilities. The basement had three jail cells and was used until the jail in the photo was built in 1998. The ceiling of the courthouse basement jail was lined with a sheet of iron. The floor was a pinewood plank. Three cells were 9 feet by 6 feet with a 12-foot tall ceiling. A double layer of two-inch planks divided the cells. The doors of the cells were made of wood, with a barred window. At the top of the stairs leading to the basement jail was a double door: one of wood and one of bars, both having locks.

The only light into the jail was from a window in the corridor. The window had a solid iron shutter and the window had iron bars. A tall, picket fence was put around the window and visitors could have a conversation through the window. The jail had no running water or bathing facilities. The



Boone County Jail and Sheriff's Residence 1998 - 1974

privy was a horrible mess, and in 1874, the goal was to dig a sewer. In 1871, a pair of burglars by the names Bayliss and Edwards escaped from the Boone County Jail. In November of that year, they wrote back to the Boone County Sheriff, J. Reynolds.

Dear Sir,

Entertaining the idea that you would be pleased to hear from us, barring the unceremonious manner in which we took our departure, my conscience suggests the writing of this note. My act may not be in accordance with propriety, but however; it is a point that I will waive. As you are aware yourself, John and myself endeavored to the utmost to bring our case to a final issue before the last term of your Circuit Court, which we failed in accomplishing. The jury having failed

to agree in our case, we felt it incumbent upon us to take another change of venue, which we did in the way of a "New Departure" when we left your town. We left, not because we loved you less, but liberty more. Sheriff, you will always have my best wishes, for the kindness, consideration and humanity that your acts denote in your daily routine towards prisoners in your charge. I have seen and mingled with a great many Sheriffs, but your equal I have yet to see. Your actions are blended with manhood and honor, and it is the highest tribute that I can pay to a man; that is, too good to be a Sheriff which you are by belief. Give my respects to Judge Parks and Mr. Coon for their kind proffers. Remember me to Mr. Kellum; also give my regards to your wife, little

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Boone County Sheriff Sgt. Kevin Smyth speaks during K-9 Loki's funeral Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, in front of the Boone County Public Safety Building in Belvidere.

ed will go to MORE (Marengo OutReach Enterprises). During these challenging times all local food banks have a high demand for the help they provide. Both facilities work with Northern Illinois Food Bank to provide additional supplies.

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Sincerely, The Medicare Team

Winter Parking Regulations for The Village of Cherry Valley: Winter parking regulations will be in effect for the Village of Cherry Valley, Starting December 29, 2020 at 3 P.M.

Boone County Community Foundation Adds Two Scholarships: The Boone County Community Foundation (BCCF) is honored to announce two additional scholarship opportunities to graduating seniors. The Dave Graham Memorial Education Scholarship is a newly established scholarship. Dave Graham was a history teacher, librarian, and golf coach in District 100. As a lifelong learner and proponent of the value of education, Dave's legacy is to help future educators fulfill their dreams. Any graduating senior from North Boone, Belvidere North, or Belvidere High Schools who is pursuing their degree in education may apply. Two scholarships of \$2,500.00 will be awarded.

The second scholarship is an existing scholarship that has been entrusted to the Foundation to manage, oversee, and allocate awards. The NBFDP #3 Fireman's Association Jake Schoepski Memorial Scholarship honors and remembers Jake Schoepski who was a dedicated firefighter for 48 years and served as trustee for 25 years. This scholarship awards \$500.00 to graduating seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in firefighting, EMS, medical, police or other first responder type profession. One recipient will be selected from North Boone and one from Belvidere North High Schools.

For a full list of eligibility criteria please visit the scholarship page on the Foundation's website at <https://boonecountycommunityfoundation.org/scholarships/> Students apply through their high school guidance office.

Lincoln Presidential Library Joins with State Board of Education for Art Contest.

Contest Showcases Young Illinois Artists: Illinois children can showcase their artistic talents and consider the importance of art in our lives, thanks to a statewide art contest sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the Illinois State Board of Education.

The theme of the contest is "Art Surrounds Us." Illinois students from kindergarten through high school can let their imaginations run wild to create original works of art reflecting what the theme means to them.

Judging will occur across four levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. In each level a winner and three runners-up will be selected, and one piece will be selected as "Best in Show."

Artwork may be submitted now through Feb. 12. The winners will be announced in conjunction with Illinois Arts Education Week.

Submissions must be 11 inches by 14 inches and two dimensional. They cannot feature copyrighted characters or images. More details are available at bit.ly/ALPLM-ArtContest.

Bill Allows Victims to Collect Pretrial Interest on Civil Damages

Legislation needs only governor's signature to become law

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing "Lame Duck Look Back" series in which Capitol News Illinois is following up on the major bills that passed both chambers of the General Assembly in the Jan. 8-13 lame duck session.

The Illinois General Assembly last week pushed through legislation to allow victims in all personal injury and wrongful death cases to collect interest on money they were awarded by a court starting from the moment the alleged injury or death took place.

House Bill 3360 is meant to deter companies or individuals who are sued from intentionally stalling or delaying cases that would be successful at trial, according to the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association — a major lobbying force behind the bill.

The bill sets prejudgment interest at 9 percent, the same rate used in Illinois for post judgment interest, which is collected in cases after the court issues a judgment award. The only prejudgment interest, under current Illinois law, is a 5 percent interest that applies to damages in specific cases that do not include personal injury or wrongful death cases.

Under HB 3360, prejudgment interest would not apply to municipalities facing personal injury or wrongful death lawsuits. The interest would begin to accrue once the company or individual being sued "has notice of the injury from the time of the incident itself or a written notice," the bill states.

This means that the interest in these cases could begin to accrue before the injured party files a lawsuit in court.

Opponents — including members of the Illinois Defense Counsel — argued the measure unfairly targets defendants, or those being sued, and criticized how the bill was passed quickly by both chambers with limited time for meaningful debate.

It passed with only Democratic support in each chamber. It needs only a signature from Gov. JB Pritzker to become law.

IDC, an organization serving the interests of defense lawyers, also lambasted the bill for allowing prejudgment interest to apply to noneconomic damages, such as pain and

suffering, and future damages, such as future lost wages or medical expenses.

A group of IDC members wrote a letter to Pritzker last week, encouraging him to veto the bill.

Trial Lawyers Association President Larry Rogers Jr., an attorney who represents injured plaintiffs at Chicago-based Power Rogers LLP, said the bill intends to discourage litigation and encourage resolution.

"When defendants know they committed a wrong that resulted in harm, they are incentivized to come to the table early, with a plan, as opposed to being incentivized to

drag litigation out," he said in a phone interview.

Sen. Jason Barickman, R-Bloomington, a lawyer who practices at a Champaign firm, argued during the floor debate that this bill could incentivize personal injury victims to decline settlement offers, and instead prolong cases due to the potential of collecting greater interest on the judgment amount.

"Isn't there a shift in incentives to the plaintiffs to reject those settlement offers, unless there's something done here to de-incentivize the plaintiff from simply proceeding with litigation, letting the interest accrue, and then obtaining a judgment that is in line with the settlement offer that may have been made years previous?" Barickman asked during floor debate.

Rogers said, in his experience, plaintiffs are interested in having their wrongs addressed without yearslong delays.

"Plaintiffs who have lost loved ones, lost breadwinners or have been unable to work due to being dismembered have every incentive to try to resolve their claims quickly and timely so that they can move on with their lives," Rogers said.

Still, IDC members and some business groups — like the Technology and Manufacturers Association — maintain the measure would harm businesses that are already struggling because of the pandemic.

"It will have significant impacts on the ability to evaluate and to consider the larger impacts of litigation on companies and individuals," said IDC President Nicole Milos. "Since so many Illinois businesses and so many Illinois residents are having to go through these significant financial challenges, now is not the time to impose yet another penalty upon them."

Milos wrote a letter to Pritzker Tuesday urging him to veto the bill as well.

Although Rogers said the bill would only apply to verdicts, not to settlements reached out of court, Milos said settlements would be affected by this bill.

"When entering into a settlement negotiation, both sides review and evaluate the claim for what the verdict potential is, including in that the win-loss ratio and the value. And in this instance, that prejudgment interest will be included in that value calculation," she said.

Milos said the bill is also unfair because some delays in these cases are due to the fact that courts cannot hold trials during the pandemic.

"Once this is signed, I have no expectation that the courts are going to magically open and COVID will magically go away. So that prejudgment interest will begin incurring when neither party can take their case to trial. I cannot find the fairness in implementing what amounts

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Lame Duck

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agenda.

House Democrats fell 10 votes short of passing a bill, endorsed by Gov. JB Pritzker, that would have eliminated certain tax deductions for Illinois business owners that were created under the federal CARES Act. Pritzker has argued this change by the legislature is needed to prevent revenues from shrinking by more than \$500 million during the current fiscal year, thus enlarging the state's \$3.9 billion budget deficit.

Specifically, the bill would end the CARES Act amendments that expanded income deductions business owners can claim as net operating losses, carryback losses or excess business losses.

In a Jan. 8 news release, Pritzker encouraged the General Assembly to "decouple" Illinois' tax law from the federal tax amendments under the CARES Act, an action that would have kept the state tax code consistent with previous years.

Pritzker claimed those changes would have preserved \$500 million in state tax revenue from noncorporate taxpayers and owners of pass-through entities, such as limited liability companies and partnerships.

During House floor debate in the early hours of Jan. 13, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle described the bill as preserving up to \$1 billion in state revenue.

Democratic Rep. Michael Zalewski, the bill's sponsor, said the proposed changes would impact about 440,000 taxpayers statewide.

Zalewski, of Riverside, tried to appeal to his caucus, but 10 House Democrats voted present while another eight did not vote on the bill, including former House Speaker Michael Madigan, of Chicago, and the newly elected Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, of Hillside.

At least a dozen Republicans condemned the proposal as a last minute "tax hike" on small business owners already crushed by the pandemic.

During the House floor debate, Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, said the bill amounts to the tax increase that Republican lawmakers anticipated would come up during the lame duck session.

"This is the textbook definition of a late night, no one is watching, lame duck, back door tax increase. This is exactly what people hate," he said.

Zalewski characterized the proposal as an effort to prevent loss of revenue, rather than an effort to raise new revenue.

House Republicans were also critical that the Pritzker administration and the Illinois Department of Revenue did not notify taxpayers or the legislature sooner of the state's plans to decouple from the federal changes that were made in March.

During a news conference on Friday, Pritzker said he expects the legislature will bring the proposal back in the 102nd General Assembly.

"Although it didn't happen in the short lame duck session, I have a commitment from the leaders that it will be brought up in the regular session," Pritzker said on Friday in response to a question about the failed decoupling bill. "I'm anticipating that it will get brought up soon in the new session of the General Assembly."

Remote Voting, More

The remote voting bill, which passed the Senate unanimously, would have permitted the House and Senate to convene remotely and cast votes during a public health emergency where "in-person participation poses a significant risk to the health and safety," of lawmakers, their staff or the public.

It would have required both chambers to create rules for remote participation in session and committees, and it would have applied to the boards of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability and Legislative Audit Commission.

The Senate changed its rules during the brief

May session to allow for remote hearings but the House failed to pass similar changes. Two lawmakers voted remotely in the lame duck session.

Both chambers released tentative calendars last week showing they are scheduled to meet in-person several days each month through May.

Since the pandemic hit Illinois in March of 2020, members of the House met briefly the following May and earlier this month at the Bank of Springfield Center, while the Senate continued at the Capitol for those brief sessions.

Multiple people that attended last week's lame duck session – including the chief of staff to the House speaker's office – have tested positive for COVID-19. The governor said last week he would not prioritize lawmakers in the next phase of vaccination.

The vote-by-mail bill, which passed the Senate by a vote of 40-18, would have made permanent some changes that were implemented in response to the pandemic for the 2020 general election. This would have included the use of drop-box sites to collect ballots without postage and curbside voting during early voting or on Election Day.

It also would have required the State Board of Elections to provide guidance, rather than rules, for securing collection sites. Neither bill was taken up for a vote by the full House on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, House Bill 122, which would have added another round of 75 marijuana dispensary licenses among other actions, passed the Senate but did not receive a vote in the House as well.

Senate Bill 558, which was a wide-ranging bill consisting of several health care reforms backed by the Black Caucus, passed the House but did not receive a vote in the Senate.

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Civil Damages

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to a draconian sanction in an effort to move a system that is being absolutely contained because of a pandemic that no one controls," she said.

"I hope that (Pritzker) appreciates the punitive measures that this imposes upon businesses," she added. "And I would hope that the governor recognizes that this does not accomplish the goal that it set out to address."

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COVID-19 Update: New Guidance On Indoor Dining, Vaccination Plan, New Virus Strain, Sports

Indoor dining allowed in Tier 1; Vaccine Phase 1B starting Jan. 25

by Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker announced revisions to his COVID-19 mitigation tiers Friday that would allow earlier indoor dining, but no regions have thus far met the requirements.

He also announced that the whole state would move to Phase 1B of vaccination efforts as of Jan. 25, while some counties might already individually have entered that phase. As well, a new, more contagious strain of the coronavirus has been confirmed to be spreading in Illinois.

Per the revisions, indoor dining will be allowed in Phase 1 of the mitigation plan with the lesser of 25 people or 25 percent capacity allowed. An establishment must serve food to be able to offer indoor service, reservations will be required, tables will be limited to four people each, and the establishments must be closed between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

None of the 11 mitigation regions are in that phase, however, and only three were moved from Tier 3 to Tier 2 Friday, according to the governor. They include Region 1 in northern Illinois, Region 2 in north-central Illinois and Region 5 in southern Illinois.

Those regions met the state requirements to move out of Tier 3, which all regions have been in since Nov. 20. The requirements include having a test positivity rate below 12 percent for three consecutive days, 20 percent available ICU and hospital beds for three days, and a sustained decrease in the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19 for seven out of 10 days.

"Some examples of loosened mitigations in Tier 2 include the return of group fitness classes, the return of lower-risk youth and recreational sports and the reopening of cultural institutions like museums at 25 percent capacity with social distancing," Gov. Pritzker said at a Friday briefing that took place virtually.

Pritzker said if current trends hold, most regions will be out of Tier 3 in the coming days.

The announcement came as the rolling seven-day average COVID-19 case positivity rate continued to decline statewide for the seventh straight day, dropping to 6.5 percent.

Hospitalizations continued on a steady decline as well, with 3,446 people hospitalized for COVID-19 at the end of Thursday, including 712 in intensive care unit beds and 386 on ventilators.

To move into Tier 1, a region must have a test positivity rate below 8 percent for three consecutive days and meet the same hospitalization

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requirements that allowed it to move into Tier 2.

To move from Tier 1 to basic Phase 4 mitigations, a region must have a positivity rate below 6.5 percent for three days while meeting the same requirements for hospital bed availability.

Vaccine Plan

Illinois has received 995,000 doses of Pfizer-BiNtech and Moderna vaccines for COVID-19 and administered 447,348, although administrators have three days from when the vaccine is administered to when they must report it to the state.

Pritzker noted the state “anticipates substantially completing Phase 1A next week and moving into Phase 1B of the Vaccine Plan on Jan. 25.”

Phase 1A includes long-term care residents and frontline health care workers. Phase 1B includes non-health care essential workers, residents over the age of 65 and inmates.

“While shipments from the federal government remain limited, the state is building out wide-reaching capacity to prepare for additional shipments and ensure those eligible in Phase 1B can receive their vaccine as quickly and equitably as possible,” the governor’s office said.

There is no timeline for Phase 1C at this time. It would include people aged 16 to 64 years old with high-risk medical conditions and other essential workers, according to the state’s plan which continues to evolve.

Pritzker said starting next week “and increasing over the coming several weeks,” the state will “be bringing online hundreds of vaccination sites across the state.

Those include retail pharmacy chain locations; Illinois National Guard mobile teams; state-run mass vaccination locations in northern; central and southern Illinois, hospitals and urgent care locations; and, in time, doctor’s offices and large employers who can host their own workplace clinics.

“By implementing a wide variety of locations, some appointment-based and some walk up, all across the state, Illinois is driving forward with an equitable accessible framework for administering vaccines,” Pritzker said.

He said the plan is an effort to deliver and administer vaccines as quickly as they are received from manufacturers.

“The plan coordinates our 97 local health departments statewide who operate clinics already and will open up more as vaccine supply grows,” Pritzker said, noting individual counties are accelerating entry into Phase 1B as well.

Two National Guard teams will expand vaccination clinics in Cook County starting Tuesday, with “nearly two dozen more National Guard teams ready to come online across the state in the weeks ahead as vaccination supply increases.”

Beginning Jan. 25, Pritzker said, the state will launch the Illinois COVID-19 vaccination administration plan website, “giving everyone the ability to find a nearby vaccination site and information about how to make an appointment.”

“All of this however, can only extend so far, but our weekly shipments remain still relatively small,” he said.

New Variant

While Pritzker highlighted progress, he noted masking, hand washing and avoiding large gatherings will still be important as the virus evolves. A new variant first discovered in the U.K. has been identified in Chicago. Vaccines are expected to still be effective against the new variant.

“Clearly some progress has been made to combat this virus across our regions,” Pritzker said. “But I want to stress that it’s incredibly important for Illinoisans to not let their guard down. We have now formally identified the first Illinois case of the more contagious British variant. And on top of that there are new variants

from Japan, South Africa, Nigeria and Brazil, that we also know a little bit about.”

According to a news release, the new U.K. strain was first identified in the U.S. two weeks ago in Colorado and has since been identified in several other states.

“Evidence suggests that this variant can spread more easily than most currently-circulating strains of COVID-19, but there is no evidence that the new strain affects the sensitivity of diagnostic tests or that it causes more severe illness or increased risk of death,” according to the news release. “In addition, data suggest current vaccines will be effective and safe in providing protection against the variant.”

Organized Sports

Pritzker’s office noted organized sports can resume in Tier 2 under the guidance initially offered by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

That means sports classified as “low risk,” such as baseball, track, cross country, gymnastics and swimming, will be allowed to participate in competitive intra-conference play in regions in Tier 2 or better.

Medium-risk sports including soccer and volleyball can participate in team scrimmages in those tiers, while high risk sports such as basketball, football, hockey and wrestling can participate in no-contact training.

Positivity Rate

The state’s COVID-19 seven-day average case positivity rate dropped to 5.7 percent Tuesday, the lowest it has been since Oct. 23.

The positivity rate peaked at 13.2 percent on a rolling average as of Nov. 13, and the entire state entered strict Tier 3 mitigations on Nov. 20. Since then the positivity rate has been on a continual downward trend except for the two weeks following Christmas day when it rose from just under 7 percent to over 8.5 percent before beginning to fall again.

Hospitalizations for the disease continued on a gradual downward arc as well, decreasing for the eighth week in a row as of Sunday night after peaking the week ending Nov. 22.

There were 3,335 people reported hospitalized for COVID-19 in Illinois as of Monday night, while there were 3,473 people hospitalized on average each night for the seven days prior. That marked a 7 percent decrease from the week prior and a 43 percent drop from its peak the week ending Nov. 22.

Intensive care unit beds have followed similar trends with 713 of them in use by COVID-19 patients Monday night and 728 in use on average each night for the seven days prior. That marked a 5.9 percent decrease from the week prior and a 40 percent decrease from the week ending Nov. 29, when there were 1,209 in use on average.

COVID-19 patients occupied 395 ventilators as of Monday night, or slightly more than the 389 that were in use on average the seven days prior. That number marked an 8 percent decrease from the week prior and a 44 percent decrease from the Nov. 29 peak.

Approximately 32 percent of staffable hospital beds and 29 percent of staffable ICU beds remained unused statewide. That surge capacity had dropped to the high teens for ICU beds and low 20s for hospital beds in December.

Deaths Slowing

Deaths related to COVID-19 have significantly dropped this week as well, although those numbers fluctuate daily and are lagging indicators of disease spread. The Illinois Department of Public Health reported another 33 deaths Tuesday after reporting 50 Monday and 29 Sunday.

The state had reported single-day death counts exceeding 100 for 17 of the past 30 days, and has not reported a death count this low in a three-day period since the end of October.

The progress on all of the key metrics has spurred the state to slowly begin removing

mitigation measures that prohibited several indoor activities since Nov. 20 or earlier, depending on the region and the activity.

There was no tier movement reported by the state Tuesday, however, with Regions 3 and 5 remaining in [Phase 4-level](#) mitigations that allow for indoor dining and bar service; Regions 1, 2 and 6 in [Tier 1](#) mitigations which allow for indoor dining and drinking as long as food is served; and Regions 8, 9, 10 and 11 all in [Tier 2](#) which does not allow indoor dining but allows other establishments to open slightly more broadly.

Only Region 4 in the Metro East near St. Louis and Region 7 in Will and Kankakee Counties remain under the strictest [Tier 3](#) mitigations, with Region 4 potentially one day away from moving back to Tier 2.

Vaccine Update

The state has now reported over 1 million cases of the disease and 18,291 deaths since the pandemic first reached Illinois, with more than 14.8 million test results reported.

As of Tuesday night, Illinois had received over 1 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, with 508,732 having been administered, although administrators have three days to report a vaccination once it has been conducted.

Of the doses received, 781,350 were delivered to providers and 304,600 doses have been allocated to the federal government’s Pharmacy Partnership Program for long-term care facilities. Of the doses administered, 69,976 have been part of the partnership program.

On average over the past week, the state administered 22,134 doses each day.

Gov. JB Pritzker’s office also announced the locations for four state-supported vaccination sites in Cook County Tuesday which will begin vaccinating individuals immediately.

They are in the municipalities of North Riverside, Robbins, Cicero and Ford Heights and will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for health care workers who are part of Phase 1A before opening to those eligible for Phase 1B on January 25. More information is available at <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/>.

“Standing up these sites is a pivotal first step of a plan that coordinates our 97 local health departments statewide – who operate clinics already and will open up more as vaccine supply grows,” Pritzker said in a news release.

Phase 1B will begin statewide on Jan. 25 with sites giving vaccinations to those eligible by appointment only, according to the governor’s office. All residents over the age of 65 and frontline essential workers can receive the vaccine as part of Phase 1B.

IDPH will also partner with large pharmacies to launch new sites in communities across Illinois, according to the governors office. The sites announced Tuesday are being stood up through support from the Illinois National Guard.

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No. 2020-P-73

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of Jarrett M. Powell on November 8, 2020. Letters of Office were issued to Martin Powell, Public Guardian and Administrator who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles G. Popp, P.C., 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before August 30, 2021, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk--Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the estate legal representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office--Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to his/her attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of:

No. 20-JA-30

ENZO CAMACHO, minor

ISRAEL CAMACHO/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on December 3, 2020, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Enzo Camacho, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30P.M. Central Daylight time on 02/11/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: January 11, 2021

LINDA J. ANDERSON, Circuit Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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Application of JUM Group LLC, 171 S. Appleton Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 on behalf of the owner, JI Corporation, 171 S. Appleton Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 for a special use to permit indoor commercial entertainment. Specifically, video gaming at 600 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C) (3)(B)(2) Indoor Commercial Entertainment and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures) in the NB, Neighborhood Business District on 0.31 acres. The subject property is legally described as:

A part of Lot 36 of County Clerk's Survey of part of the West half of Section 25 and of part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 44 North Range 3 east of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the Northerly line of Logan Avenue with the Easterly line of Warren Avenue; thence Northerly along the Easterly line of Warren Avenue, 97 feet to an iron stake; thence South 74 degrees 54 minutes East, 128.20 feet to an iron pin; thence South at an angle of 105 degrees 06 minutes measured counterclockwise from the last described course, 99 feet to an iron pin set in the Northerly line of Logan Avenue thence Northwesterly along the Northerly line of Logan Avenue, 138.74 feet to the place of beginning, in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois. PIN: 05-36-127-001

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

Carl Gnewuch, Chairman,
Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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Application of property owner, Vasant Patel, 7197 Golden Eagle Drive, Loves Park, IL 61111 for a special use to permit indoor commercial entertainment. Specifically, video gaming at 2038 North State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C) (5)(B)(2) Indoor Commercial Entertainment and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures) in the GB, General Business District on 0.78 acres. The subject property is legally described as:

Parcel 1

Lot 21 and Lot 22 in Harold V. Davis Subdivision of a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, as platted and recorded in the Recorder's office of Boone County, Illinois, February 7, 1956, in Book 4 of Plats, on pages 13 and 14, in Boone County, Illinois; Also a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeasterly corner of Lot 22 of Harold V. Davis Subdivision, as platted and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois, and running thence Southerly along the East line of Lot 22 aforesaid, extended a distance of 165 feet; running thence Westerly and parallel with the Southerly line of Lot 22 aforesaid, 165 feet to a point; thence Northerly and parallel with the East line of Lot 22 extended Southerly 165 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 21 in said Subdivision, and running thence Easterly 165 feet to the Place of Beginning, in Boone County, Illinois. Excepting therefrom property deeded to Bruce W. Hoffman and Beverly F. Hoffman in Warranty Deed recorded January 7, 1991, as Document No. 91-63 described as follows: Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian and part of Lot 22 as designated upon the Plat of Harold V. Davis Subdivision, the Plat of which is recorded in Book 4 of Plats on pages 13 and 14 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the most Southerly corner of said Lot 22; thence South 32 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the Easterly line of said Lot 22 extended a distance of 165.00 feet; thence North 58 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with the Southerly line of said Lot 22, a distance of 82.12 feet; thence North 32 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with the Easterly line of said Lot 22 a distance of 303.00 feet to the Southerly line of premises conveyed by Everett F. Johnson and wife to the State of Illinois by Instrument dated October 23, 1957 and recorded in Book 2 of Roads on page 198 in said Recorder's Office ; thence South 58 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along the Southerly line of said premises so conveyed by Johnson as aforesaid, 82.12 feet to the Easterly line of said Lot 22; thence South 32 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the Easterly line of said Lot 22, a distance of 138.00 feet to the Place of Beginning. Situated in the City of Belvidere, County of Boone and State of Illinois.

PARCEL II

Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, and part of Lots 20 and 21 as designated upon the Plat of Harold V. Davis Subdivision, the Plat of which is recorded in Book 4 of Plats on page 13 and 14 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the most Southerly corner of Lot 22 as designated upon said Plat of Harold V. Davis Subdivision; thence South 32 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the Easterly line of said Lot 22 extended, a distance of 165.00 feet; thence North 58 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with the Southerly line of said Lot 22 a distance of 122.60 feet to the Point of Beginning for the following described parcel: Thence North 32 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with the Easterly line of said Lot 22, a distance of 303.0 feet to the Southerly line of premises conveyed by Everett F. Johnson and wife to the State of Illinois by Instrument dated October 23, 1957 and recorded in Book 2 of Roads on page 197 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; thence North 58 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the Southerly line of said premises so conveyed by Everett F. Johnson to the State of Illinois as aforesaid, 80.0 feet; thence South 32 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 303.00 feet; thence South 58 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 80.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, situated in Boone County, Illinois; Excepting therefrom the following described parcel: Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the Westerly line of Lot 19 , designated upon the Plat of Harold V. Davis Subdivision, with the Southerly line of premises conveyed by Everett F. Johnson and wife to the State of Illinois by Instrument dated October 23, 1957 and recorded in Book 2 of Roads on page 197 in said Recorder's Office; thence South 32 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the Westerly line of said Lot 19 as aforesaid and along the Easterly right-of-way for High Line Street as designated upon the Plat of First Addition to Harold V. Davis Subdivision, the Plat of which is recorded in Book 5 of Plats on pages 24 and 25 in said Recorder's Office, 240.00 feet; thence South 58 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with the Southerly line of said premises so conveyed by Johnson to the State of Illinois as aforesaid, 125.00 feet to the point of Beginning for the following described tract; thence continuing along said parallel line, South 58 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 35.00 feet; thence South 32 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with the Easterly right-of-way line for High Line Street as aforesaid 63.00 feet; thence North 58 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with the Southerly line of said premises so conveyed by Johnson to the State of Illinois as aforesaid, 35.00 feet; thence North 32 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with the Easterly right-of-way line for High Line Street as aforesaid 63.00 feet to the point of Beginning; situated in the City of Belvidere, County of Boone and State of Illinois. PIN: 05-22-476-026

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

Carl Gnewuch, Chairman,
Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Application of Mario Pompeo, 4014 Tatum Road, Rockford, IL 61114 on behalf of the owners Ed and Judy Winter, 1409 Walts Way, Belvidere, IL 61008 for a special use to permit indoor commercial entertainment. Specifically, video gaming at 1474 North State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C) (5)(B)(2) Indoor Commercial Entertainment and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures) in the GB, General Business District on 1.28 acres. The subject property is legally described as:

Part Lot 9 of Assessor's Survey of Northwest Quarter of Section 26 and Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 44 North, Range 3, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat recorded December 2, 1870 of Book 33 of Deeds page 633 described as follows: Beginning at a point in the center line of the State Road, 20.80 chains, South 58 degrees East from the intersection of the center line of said Road with the line between Section 22 and 23, all in Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian; thence South 32 degrees West 5.02 chains to an iron stake; thence Southeasterly and parallel with the centerline of said State Road, 6.21 1/2 chains to a stake; thence North 32 degrees East, 5.02 chains to a point in the centerline of said State Road; thence North 58 degrees West, along the centerline of said Road, 6.22 chains to the place of beginning in Boone County, Illinois, (excepting, however, that part of said premises as conveyed to Union National Bank and Trust Company of Joliet, Illinois, as Trustee, by Deed Dated December 11, 1964, filed December 11, 1964 and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois, as Document No. 2304) (Also excepting therefrom a strip of land 10.5 feet of even width along the entire East side thereof) in Boone County, Illinois PIN: 05-26-126-001

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

Carl Gnewuch, Chairman,
Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission
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ORDINANCE NUMBER: 21-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO SELL SURPLUS VILLAGE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois ("Village") is the owner of the real property commonly known as 100 East Street, Poplar Grove, IL with PIN 04-19-153-011 ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to declare the below described portion of the Property to be surplus ("Surplus Property"):

A PORTION OF LOT 1 IN EDENFRUIT, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2001R02233 ON MARCH 14TH, 2001 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, THENCE N 00° 07' 47" E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 43.95 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE, S 89° 24' 04" E, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 97.71 FEET; THENCE S 00° 07' 47" W, PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE, 43.95 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE N 89° 24' 04" W ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 97.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE, BOONE COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS.;

WHEREAS, the Surplus Property is not being utilized by the Village and is not anticipated to be needed for use by the Village in the future; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the Surplus Property will remedy a building encroachment onto the Property that has been in existence for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to declare the Surplus Property to be surplus real estate and desires to sell the Surplus Property pursuant to the provisions of 65 ILCS 5/11-76-2; and

WHEREAS, Village staff is directed to publish notice of the Village's proposal to sell the Surplus Property and which notice shall at a minimum adhere to the following:

A. Such notice shall be published once each week for 3 successive weeks in a daily or weekly paper published in the Village, or if there is none, then in some paper published in Boone County; and

B. The first publication shall not be less than 30 days before the day provided in the notice for the opening of bids for the Surplus Property; and

C. Such notice shall contain an accurate description of the Surplus Property, state the purpose for which the Surplus Property is used, at which regularly scheduled Village Board meeting the bids will be considered and opened and shall advertise for bids therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Village may accept the high bid or any other bid determined to be in the best interest of the Village by a vote of 3/4 of the corporate authorities then holding office; or by a majority vote of those holding office, they may reject any and all bids; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined it is in the best interest of the Village and its citizens to sell the above-listed property as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

2. The Village hereby declares the Surplus Property to be surplus property.

3. The Village hereby authorizes the sale of the Surplus Property as set forth herein.

4. Village staff is directed to prepare and publish a notice of the Village's proposal to accept bids for the purchase and sale of the Surplus Property as set forth herein.

PASSED UPON MOTION BY Miller

SECONDED BY Wehrle

BY ROLL CALL VOTE THIS 20 DAY OF January, 2021

AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING "AYE": Allgood, Goings, Miller, Quimby, Wehrle

VOTING "NAY"

ABSENT, Wethington

APPROVED January 20, 2021

ATTEST:

CLERK: Karri Anderberg PRESIDENT: Owen Costanza

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Application of JUM Group LLC, 171 S. Appleton Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 on behalf of the owner, JI Corporation, 171 S. Appleton Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 for a special use to permit indoor commercial entertainment. Specifically, video gaming at 171 South Appleton Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C)(5)(B)(2) Indoor Commercial Entertainment and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures) in the GB, General Business District on 0.34 acres. The subject property is legally described as:

PARCEL 1

Part of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 34, in Township 44 North Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the East line of said Section distant 206.44 feet due North of the intersection of said East line of said Section with the center line of Newburg Road running Northwesterly and Southeasterly through said 40 acre tract; thence due South, along said East line of said Section, 206.44 feet to the center line of said Newburg Road; thence North 58 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the center line of said Road, 222.73 feet; thence North 29 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East 143.04 feet; thence South 72 degrees 59 minutes 11 seconds East, 124.51 feet to the point of Beginning, containing 28,200 square feet or 0.6474 of an acre. Subject to the rights of the public and the State of Illinois in and to those portions thereof taken, used or dedicated for public road purposes. Said parcel, exclusive of said parts used for road purposes, contains 15,809 square feet or 0.3629 of an acre.

PARCEL 2

Part of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 34, in Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the East line of said Section 34 distance 275.61 feet due North of its intersection with the center line of Newburg Road; thence due South, along said East line, 69.17 feet; thence North 72 degrees 59 minutes 11 seconds West, 124.51 feet; thence North 74 degrees 37 minutes 27 seconds East 123.48 feet to the point of Beginning, in the Township of Belvidere, County of Boone and State of Illinois. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described tract: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34 with the Center line of Newburg Road, said point being 610.00 feet North of the intersection of the East Line of said Northeast Quarter with the North Right-of-Way Line of the Chicago and Northwestern Transportation Company; thence North 58 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 222.73 feet along the Center Line of Newburg Road; thence North 29 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East, 33.04 feet; thence South 58 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 52.99 feet; thence South 66 degrees 54 minutes 28 seconds East, 50.90 feet; thence North 61 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East, 32.66 feet; thence North 12 degrees 39 minutes 06 seconds East, 51.53 feet; thence North 4 degrees 33 minutes 51 seconds East, 101.99 feet; thence North 74 degrees 37 minutes 27 seconds East, 34.23 feet to the East line of said Northeast Quarter to the Point of Beginning, containing in all 17,376 square feet (0.399acre), more or less, of which 14,356 square feet (0.330 acre), more or less, has previously been used for highway purposes. PIN: 05-34-200-024

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Carl Gnewuch, Chairman,
Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission
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Application of Birju Trivedi, 4849 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Ste 408, Chicago, IL 60630 on behalf of the property owner, GPM Midwest LLC, 8565 Magellan Parkway, Ste 400, Richmond, VA 23227 for a special use to permit indoor commercial entertainment. Specifically, video gaming at 2001 North State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C)(5)(B)(2) Indoor Commercial Entertainment and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures) in the GB, General Business District on 1.44 acres. The subject property is legally described as:

PARCEL 1

Lots One (1), Two (2) and Three (3) in "Von Ach's Subdivision", a subdivision in the southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 22, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Boone County, Illinois, as platted and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, State of Illinois, situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois. PIN: 05-22-426-053

PARCEL 2

Part of the southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at the northeast corner of Lot 1 as designated upon Von Ach's Subdivision, being a subdivision in the southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, the plat of which is recorded in Book 4, Page 31 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; THENCE South 32 degrees 59 minutes 22 seconds West, along the easterly line of said Lot 1, a distance of 159.95 feet to the northerly right-of-way line of North State Street (Bus. US 20), as dedicated per Book 2 of Roads on Page 192; THENCE South 57 degrees 47 minutes 52 seconds East, along said northerly right-of-way line, a distance of 200.84 feet to the intersection of said northerly right-of-way line, with the easterly line of premises conveyed from Sylvia J. Hendrickson to the Belvidere National Bank and Trust Company per Warranty Deed in Trust, recorded November 23, 1994 as Document No. 94-8457 in said Recorder's Office; THENCE North 31 degrees 58 minutes 14 seconds East, along said easterly line so conveyed, a distance of 160.01 feet to the northerly line of said premises so conveyed; THENCE North 57 degrees 49 minutes 11 seconds West, along said northerly line and said northerly line extended northwesterly, a distance of 198.00 feet to the point of BEGINNING. All being situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois. PIN: 05-22-426-064

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Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission
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Beginning at a point in the West line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 44 North, Range 4, east of the Third Principal Meridian, 264 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Quarter Section; thence East and parallel with the South Quarter Section line, 277.5 feet to an iron stake; thence North and parallel with said West Quarter Section line, 192.5 feet to an iron stake; thence West and parallel with said South Quarter Section line, 277.5 feet to a point in the West line of said Northwest Quarter Section; thence South along last said West line 192.5 feet to the place of beginning. Situated in the Town of Bonus, in the County of Boone in the State of Illinois. ALSO: Beginning at a point in the West line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 44 North Range 4, East of the Third Principal Meridian, 456.5 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Quarter Section, said point of beginning being the Northwest corner of the tract of land now owned by the grantees herein; thence East and parallel with the South Quarter Section line and along the North line of said Tract of land now owned by said grantees herein, 277.5 feet to the Northeast corner of said Tract of land; thence North and parallel with said West Quarter Section line, 40 feet to a point; thence West and parallel with the South Quarter Section line, 277.5 feet to a point in the West line of said Northwest Quarter Section; thence South along last said West line 40 feet to the place of beginning; the same being a strip of land 40 feet of even width, along the North line of said Tract of land, now owned by the grantees herein. Situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois. PIN: 06-31-100-007

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

Carl Gnewuch, Chairman,
Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL
COURT
BOONE COUNTY

SUSAN HELEN HITT, Plaintiff
-VS- CASE # 2020D-110
RICHARD ALLEN HITT, Defendant
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Notice is given to you, RICHARD ALLEN HITT, Defendant that this cause has
Been commenced against you in this Court asking for DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE and other relief.
Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Boone County, Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere Illinois, 61008 on or before the 16th day of March, 2021 a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.
Dated: 01-19-2021 Linda J. Anderson Clerk of the Circuit Court
17th Judicial Circuit Boone County, Illinois
Published in Boone County Journal 1/22, 29, 2/5

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 auto and truck repair business in said County and State under the name of Snap's Auto and Truck Repair at the following post office address: 6276 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Keith W. Beers, 815 Prospect Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #779-200-2894.
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 31st day of December, A.D. 2020
Julie Stapler, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journal January 8, 15, 22

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF BOONE
This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a contracting engineering service design business in said County and State under the name of
A 2 Z Contract Engineering at the following post office address: 1104 Barberrry Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Antonio Achim, 1104 Barberrry Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008; Antoniu Achim, 1104 Barberrry Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #224-678-8349
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 12th day of January, A.D. 2021
Julie Stapler, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journal January 15, 22, 29

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF BOONE
This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a Amazon retailer arbitrage business in said County and State under the name of AOK Enterprise at the following post office address: 215 South State Street Apt B, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Anne Karr, 215 South State Street Apt. B, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #915-721-1676.
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 15th day of January, A.D. 2021
Julie Stapler, County Clerk
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Jail

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Jimmy and Reed. I presume Jimmy, many a time when asked, responded this: "They are gone."

Respectfully Yours,

Frank Bayliss

Dear Sir,

I fully concur in what Bayliss writes, except one thing, and that is, respects to Kellum. None of it for me! A man that will illegally convict a man is no friend of mine. Nor is he fit to hold the office he does; nor is he as good as a respectable burglar. Lawyers, like the (expletive) gun, are mighty unsartin.

Yours Truly,

Jack E. Edwards

When the Boone County Court House site on North Main Street was chosen, it was done by putting a stake in the ground with the comment "let's start from here."

In 1898, the building in the photo this week was built, and the Court House jail closed. The new building was both a residence for the sheriff and a cellblock on the rear of the building. It had 11 cells. In later years, a radio room was added to the north side. In 1974, the building was removed, and the present complex was constructed. The jail was expanded later because of population growth. When the former County Clerk's and Recorder's office were built, three more cells were constructed in that basement of that building, but were rarely used. These two buildings today are the 19th Century bookends of the North Main Street Courthouse Complex.

In 1907, an attorney who was also Mayor of Belvidere was jailed for contempt. In arguing a case, mayor/attorney William Pierce was held in contempt by Judge Marean for repeating his objection to the line of questioning of opposing counsel Biester. The fine was \$5.00, which Pierce paid on the spot. When Pierce persisted in his objections a second time, he was again cited and again fined. Pierce argued that he should not have to pay twice, and the Judge ordered Sheriff Hawkey to put Mayor Pierce in jail.

According to the newspaper, "Mr. Pierce said that he was simply protecting his client when he objected to attorney Biester's line of questioning. 'Earlier in the case, I started out on the same line of questions - that of asking about the chattel mortgage - when Mr. Biester began on the same line to which he had objected in my questions. I had a legal right to object and did so vigorously.'

Sheriff Hawkey dryly remarked that if the mayor remained as his guest for supper, he would prove to him that he sets a good table in his place.

Ten years later, as the United States entered World War I, 35 prisoners were brought to Boone County from Rockford, which more than filled the jail. These individuals were members of the I.W.W., an industrial labor union, who objected to the war.

One morning, a parade of 136 men, with their families marched to the Winnebago County Jail. They had come to turn themselves in because they refused to register for the draft. Unable to hold all of them, some were sent to Boone County and some were sent to Freeport. When it came time to move the extras, the men were afraid to leave the safety of the jail and resisted. According to the *Belvidere Daily Republican*, the men were beaten with clubs until they cooperated. The law at that time was if one man failed to register he was looking at one year in jail. If two or more conspired to not register the sentence was five years. And if charges were elevated to treason, the penalty could be raised to death.

The names of those committed to the Boone County Jail all had Swedish surnames.



Lame Duck Look Back: Education Bill to Revamp Social Studies Classes

Bill also puts heavier emphasis on computer science and computer literacy

by Peter Hancock *Capitol News Illinois*

Social studies classes in Illinois public schools are about to get a major overhaul, with more emphasis on Black history and the contributions of other underrepresented groups to American culture.

In addition, within the next few years, all school districts in the state will be required to offer computer science courses and more instruction in computer literacy.

Those are just two of the major provisions of a 218-page education equity bill, House Bill 2170, that passed during the recent lame duck session of the General Assembly with the backing of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus.

Jennifer Kirmes, executive director of teaching and learning at the Illinois State Board of Education, said in an interview that the agency has been working toward updating the state's social studies standards for months.

"Over the summer, we convened a working group of educators and advocates and gave that group the task of reviewing the existing Illinois social science learning standards, in particular through the lenses of equity and social justice, and to ensure that the standards aligned with the statutory mandates to teach about the contributions of underrepresented groups like African Americans and LGBTQ Americans," Kirmes said. "So really, what's in the bill codifies work that we started several months ago, and are still undertaking now."

Specifically, the bill calls on ISBE to adopt new standards by July 1 "that are inclusive and reflective of all individuals in this country."

It also calls for establishing an "Inclusive American History Commission" to help the board develop the new standards. That 22-member commission will be charged with reviewing educational resources that teachers can use that "reflect the racial and ethnic diversity" of Illinois and the United States, providing guidance for educators on how to ensure that their class content is not biased in favor of certain cultures and providing guidance on how to identify resources for "non-dominant cultural narratives."

The bill also calls on every elementary and high school to develop a curriculum that includes one unit of studying pre-enslavement Black history. That unit will cover the period from 3,000 BCE to 1619, when the first enslaved Africans were brought to America. Black history units will also have to include the study of the reasons why Black people came to be enslaved and the study of the American civil rights movement.

Social studies programs in the United States have been criticized for years for putting too much emphasis on the white European origins of the original 13 colonies and the development of a predominantly white culture while paying only scant attention to the history of slavery or the contributions of people from other, non-European cultures.

"I cannot speak to what is happening in every district across Illinois and I think it's hard to make any kind of sweeping statement about all of history education in Illinois," Kirmes said. "Our position is that we want it to be well supported and well executed in every community."

Kirmes said ISBE expects to have a draft of the new standards available for public comment in March. The final standards will then be

presented to the board for approval early in the summer.

In addition to revising social studies standards, the bill also tries to ensure greater access throughout the state to computer literacy programs and computer science education.

It calls on all districts to provide "developmentally appropriate opportunities" to gain computer literacy skills beginning in elementary school. Also, starting in the 2022-23 academic year, students entering ninth grade will be required to take at least one course that provides "intensive instruction" in computer literacy. That could be a course that also meets other graduation requirements such as math or social studies.

Beginning in the 2023-24 academic year, all districts that operate high schools will be required to offer at least one course in computer science, which is defined as "the study of computers and algorithms, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their implementation, and their impact on society." It does not include the study of everyday uses of computers and applications such as keyboarding or accessing the internet.

ISBE does not currently have educational standards for computer science, Kirmes said, so those will have to be developed from scratch.

She said ISBE has already convened a group to begin drafting computer science standards and the agency expects those to be adopted this summer as well.

Other provisions of the bill call for changing the state's high school graduation requirements so they are more closely aligned with college admission requirements at the University of Illinois. Starting in the 2024-25 academic year, students entering ninth grade will have to complete two years of laboratory science. And beginning in the 2028-29 school year, they will be required to complete two years of a foreign language.

In the area of higher education, the bill changes the funding formula for the AIM HIGH student aid program. Instead of splitting the cost of those grants evenly between universities and the state, schools where 49 percent or more of their undergraduate student body are eligible for federal Pell grants will only have to match 20 percent of their state allocation while schools where fewer than 49 percent of students qualify for Pell grants will have to match 60 percent of the state allocation.

The bill was sponsored by Sen. Kimberly

Lightford, D-Maywood, in the Senate and Rep. Carol Ammons, D-Urbana, in the House. It needs only a signature from Gov. JB Pritzker to become law.

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