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Maxwell Street Day in Belvidere

By David Larson

Maxwell Street was a Sunday flea market in Chicago, beginning in about 1912 and expanded to 9 square blocks. Merchants would take over the street and sidewalk, hawking clothing and many other wares. Just about anything and everything could be found, and every price was negotiable. That was the draw: It had the lure that purchases could be had for pennies on the dollar. At the Market, there was no Black, Brown, White, or Yellow. The only color was Green. The street was lively with action, and included musicians that animated the hustle.

In the 1930s and 1940s, when many black musicians came to Chicago from the segregated South, they brought with them a music. The opportunity for them to play to larger crowds on Maxwell Street moved them to electrified instruments, thus the Chicago blues sound was born. The first economically secure class willing to help them was the mostly Eastern European Jewish merchants of the area around Maxwell Street, who by that time were able to rent or own store buildings. These merchants encouraged blues players to set up near their storefronts and provided them with electric extension cords to run the new high-tech instruments. Shoppers lured by the chance to hear blues music could be grabbed and hauled into the store where they were sold a suit of clothes, shoes, etc. One of the regular performers was the self-styled Maxwell Street Jimmy Davis, who played in the area for over 40 years. It has been said that Maxwell Street's success was adopted by corporations who created their own version as discount stores importing cheaper goods, like Kmart. Perhaps the use of "blue light special" was an attempt to copy that Chicago music scene without having to pay musicians by Kmart.

It was the Maxwell Street Market where Studebaker John—a Chicago Blues artist, who occasionally performs in Rockford—says he had his first exposure to the pure blues that inspired him for life. "It was primal and raw" unlike the fusion of rock or jazz with blues, which is more common these days.

The construction of the Dan Ryan Expressway and the University of Illinois at Chicago when built brought about the decline of the marketplace. Today, it is a much more upscale street, frequented by students and hipsters.

In Belvidere, "Maxwell Street Day" was a once-a-year, special event. It allowed merchants to liquidate stale inventory at below-cost prices to gain back of some of their dead capital to reinvest.

Pat Donohoo, when he owned O'Brien and Dobbins Drug Store, was the last local merchant to do a Maxwell Day sidewalk sale in Belvidere.

This 1951 photograph recalls the post-WWII world before being changed by the 1960s. Fritz Meinheit, the photographer, hands down recorded life in Boone County through his Midcentury lens. Meinheit had no equal among the other, less prolific photographers of that time. Meinheit made a living much like Susan Moran does today, recording events in Boone County with a camera.

The population in Belvidere in 1951 was about a third of what it is today. The blockbuster sales events of the chains or closeout sales of online merchants cannot reproduce the primal social experience that we witness in this picture.



Photo by Fritz Meinheit. 500 Blk. S. State St. looking north. On the right is Bob Lear's Jewelry store. The Rexall sign on the left is Law's Drug Store. Looks like a sidewalk sale. Photo 1951

Marengo Awarded \$28 Million to Fix, Extend Water and Sewer System

by Charles Herbst

As part of the Capital Improvement Program, the Illinois General Assembly has allotted \$28 Million to fund water and sewer infrastructure improvements throughout Marengo. The city's sewer and wastewater treatment system is dated and badly in need of repair.

The grant will also pay for extending water and sewer lines to the new Interstate 90 and Route 23 interchange. The interchange is scheduled for completion in late October. Marengo has annexed considerable acreage in the area, which is located about five miles south of Downtown Marengo.

Marengo Mayor John Koziol stated that he was "ecstatic to be included in the capital bill approved by the General Assembly." Koziol believes that improved water and sewer access will help Marengo bring industrial development to the area.

The legislation must still be signed by Governor Pritzker, which is expected shortly. The Governor must also approve final disbursement of funding.

The line of continuous urbanization in Southern McHenry County is now several miles west of Illinois 47 and has nearly reached the US 20/Interstate 90 interchange in Hampshire. Marengo is in the path of this growth and can be expected to be included as part of the urban area in coming years.

Josh Blakemore, Marengo City Administrator, described the efforts of the city in obtaining the appropriation: The city presented a fully-developed plan and brochures describing the project, and the need for the improvements. The city employs a lobbyist to present its case to the General Assembly and state government agencies. Mayor Koziol and Blakemore have also traveled to Springfield to meet with both Republican and Democratic Members of the legislature. A personal meeting was held with Greg Harris, (D, Chicago), the bill sponsor, to explain the proposal.

Marengo is represented in the Illinois House by Steven Reick. The State Senator is Craig Wilcox. Both men are Republicans. Reick voted for the appropriations bill, although Wilcox voted against the measure.

Belvidere is facing a \$42 million bill for a stormwater retention and drainage system. When asked if the city had made application

to have this matter included in the capital bill as well, Belvidere Mayor Mike Chamberlain noted that the Belvidere plan had not been fully developed as yet and that inclusion would have been "premature."

Although both Boone County Representatives, Joe Sosnowski and Jeff Keicher, and Senator Dave Syverson voted in favor of the legislation, the capital improvement bill did not contain any specific projects for Boone County.

The bill is 364 pages long and contains a long list of projects. The bill is not indexed or searchable, and the appropriations appear to be in random order, making casual inspection difficult. Included were \$848 million to reconstruct Interstate 80 through Joliet, \$100 million to extend Metra trains to Kendall County, \$204 million for improvements to downstate public transit, \$81 million for traction power and other improvements to the Blue Line in Chicago, and \$275 million to establish Amtrak service between Downtown Rockford and Chicago.

Other interesting items included \$250 thousand to the Oak Park Art League for construction assistance with their building, \$31,251 for new seating at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, \$500 thousand for capital improvements for Quad Cities PBS Station WQPT (Rockford and Belvidere have no over-the-air PBS station), \$150 thousand to the Maywood Public Library to dig a trench, \$50 thousand for renovations at Rockford's Tinker Swiss Cottage, \$200 thousand for sidewalks in Loves Park, \$1.4 million to build a fiber optic ring in Decatur and connect the public schools to it, \$35 thousand to plant trees in Chicago's 38th Ward, and \$300 thousand for the Rockford Art Museum.

Mendoza: Illinois Must 'Remain Grounded' Amid Big Budget Steps

Comptroller credits governor for 'six or seven years' worth of work' in one legislative session.

by Jerry Nowicki
Capitol News Illinois

With a fiscal year 2020 operating budget in place and a historic legislative session in the rearview mirror, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza is "cautiously optimistic" about the state's new direction.

"I think this was truly the most monumentally historic session that I have witnessed in my lifetime. And I've been around the Springfield legislature now for 20 years," Mendoza said.

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South Texas Border and Detained Minor Children

by Rene Hernandez

On May 30th I traveled to Harlingen, Texas to work pro bono with PROBAR, Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project.

Although there were direct flights, I flew to Houston and rented a car. I wanted to see the south Texas area for myself. It is about a five-hour drive to Harlingen. After two hours of rain, I finally settled in on State Route 77. Notably, I observed a large police presence for several stretches of the highway. I was stopped by a battle dressed police officer in a large black SUV allegedly because of my license plate. Once they ran a background check on me and the rental car, I was free to leave with a warning ticket. This was my first encounter with the police.

I noticed multiple stop stations along Route 77. These are metal structures similar to tollbooths that direct traffic into the stop area to be questioned. They were on both sides of the highway. Once in Harlingen, I checked into my hotel and prepared to meet with the other five Pro Bono Attorneys at 8:00 am. The attorneys came from Colorado, California, Texas and Illinois. All of us had a desire to help these unaccompanied minors currently held in custody. In essence, we wanted to be part of the solution. All of us spoke Spanish and are licensed attorneys. Each gave up their weekend pro bono to work with PROBAR. Once we were taken to the PROBAR facility, we were given a tour and an initial orientation as to how to conduct ourselves with the minor children and how to process the paperwork. Everything was digital so all the data was recorded electronically to a main server.

Once we completed the instruction stage, they started bringing in the children. They were all from Central America and every one

of them were male and under 18 years of age. The predominant age group was 17 years of age. The children came from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. The boys were being held by a nonprofit known BCFS Harlingen. The facility was holding 575 minor boys. There are thousands of others being held, but this was the facility we were working with.

The trip to the United States varied from child to child but each either took a car or bus to get to their country's border, worked for several weeks in Mexico, and then took more buses to get to the US-Mexico border. All of them hoped to find work or attend school and to live with

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Church and Madigan

by Scott Reeder

After being elected to the Illinois Legislature in 1936, Richard J. Daley would do the same thing every morning in Springfield.

The future mayor of Chicago would kneel and a priest would intone:

Corpus Domini Nostri Iesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam, Amen,"

And then the Host would be placed on his tongue.

The late newspaperman Mike Royko remarked it was only in church the future Chicago mayor and powerbroker knelt for anyone.

Daley's devotion was indicative of the power of the church in those days and the shared religious heritage of many Chicagoans.

House Speaker Mike Madigan was mentored by Daley.

Like Daley, when Madigan first came to work in Springfield he was a devout Catholic.

In a 2004 interview, I posed this question to the Speaker:

Reeder: "You are a product of Chicago Catholic schools, you went to Notre Dame and a Catholic law school, how has that shaped your political outlook, your personal ethics?"

Madigan: "It taught me a lot of personal discipline -- thank God. In my experience in Catholic schools and the Catholic community was an experience of ethical conduct, caring for those who are needy, open-mindedness and a strong sense of responsibility, a strong drive for following the rules. That was part of the Catholic environment where I was raised. So, whatever I took from all of that, I bring to this. The Catholic Church and the Catholic environment have their critics all over the world and a lot of the critics say a lot of things that are true. But in my personal experience I think it gave me the

intellectual resolve that has helped me in what I have done."

His Catholicism has defined his life and career in other ways. For example, when Madigan's infant son, Andrew was baptized in 1986 he asked a young lawmaker named John Cullerton to be the boy's godfather.

It's a familiar and political alliance that has lasted decades.

Cullerton, who is now Senate president and a father of five, is a graduate of St. Francis High School in Wheaton, as well as Loyola University and Loyola Law School. Catholicism has played a major role in his life, as well.

But both men recently caught the ire of a bishop.

Last week, Thomas Paprocki, the bishop of Springfield's Catholic Diocese, decreed Madigan and Cullerton, "are not to be admitted to Holy Communion in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois because they have obstinately persisted in promoting the abominable crime and very grave sin of abortion as evidenced by the influence they exerted in their leadership roles and their repeated votes and obdurate public support for abortion rights over an extended period of time."

Once upon a time, a pronouncement like this from a bishop would have politicians shaking in their wingtips.

I can't imagine Madigan's mentor, Daley, defying a prince of the church. But today the influence of the church has waned in the political arena.

In fact, Madigan and Cullerton's response to the bishop might be best summed up as: "Oh, whatever."

Cullerton's spokesman John Patterson said he is unaware whether his boss ever has attended church in Springfield.

In a deposition released earlier this year, Madigan said he doesn't attend church. He said "once upon a time" he regularly attended services at St. Adrian and that "for a time" he "would be a regular attendee at St. Nicholas of Tolentine" but he does not belong to a church or parish.

So, Paprocki's action was symbolic.

But even symbolism stirs controversy --as it did in my home.

I'm Protestant, my wife is Catholic. We both are active in our respective churches and view most elective abortions as sin.

But our initial reactions to the bishop's decree were quite different. My wife, Joan, praised it as an example of the church taking a stand against an evil. She said Paprocki was courageous in his actions and deserving of praise.

I couldn't help but note Jesus Christ served Communion to a man who had betrayed him and one he knew would deny him. If those aren't "abominable crimes and very grave sins" what are?


Neither my wife nor I reached agreement on the bishop's actions. But that shouldn't come as a surprise. Even among bishops there is disagreement. Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich said the two leaders are welcome to take communion in his diocese.

The disagreement left me remembering a purported favorite saying of Daley: "Politics is everywhere -- even in the church."

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--In Our Opinion--

Treating Belvidere Fairly

Like Marengo Mayor John Koziol, we are very happy to see the Illinois General Assembly fund improvements to Marengo's water and sewer systems.

For years, Marengo has had aspirations of being something more than an isolated, sleepy little place with few opportunities. Increasing local employment has been a primary concern of both the current and past administration. Marengo's leaders have worked hard to develop the community, and particularly the areas to the south of the city.

Marengo's sewage disposal system has long since been a stumbling block for the community. So has inconvenient access to Interstate 90. Both of these impediments are about to go away.

It couldn't come at a better time. Chicago's suburbs are slowly creeping toward Marengo and, within a few years, will overtake both Marengo and Riley Township. Having a sound infrastructure will go a long way toward building a suburban community with a strong quality of life.

The Capital Improvement Bill passed by the General Assembly is a 364-page wish-book full of goodies for all parts of Illinois. But none of those goodies are headed to Boone County. Yet we can think of several important projects that Boone County needs.

Most importantly, we look at the stormwater flooding situation in Belvidere. We take Belvidere Mayor Mike Chamberlain at his word that the project wasn't ready for inclusion in the

Capital Improvement Bill.

After both Illinois and Belvidere have passed several significant recent tax increases, and \$28 million has been given in state aid to Marengo to improve public works, it is expecting too much for Belvidेरians to bear the cost of stormwater remediation locally. Any notion of creating a stormwater control district and asking local residents to pay the cost is unfair and preposterous.

Belvidere should receive the same kind of treatment that Marengo has received. With a \$42 million dollar price tag on the project, it seems only appropriate that the lion's share---if not all of the cost---should be covered by state and federal funding.

Boone County's state representatives and state senator voted to give Marengo this grant. We think, in the end, it will help the state, and be money well spent. But we also think it's time for our state legislators to bring home the bacon. Boone County ranks last among the 96 downstate counties in the amount of dollars sent to state government and returned to our county.

What is fair is fair. When the time comes, we expect our representatives to secure funding for the Belvidere stormwater project. We also expect them to look out for the economic welfare of Boone Countians.

As the saying goes, if you own a cat, and have mice, you get rid of the cat. Similarly, if our representatives can not secure fair treatment for us, it's time to replace them.

Mendoza

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Mendoza, a Chicago Democrat who took office in the middle of an unprecedented 736-day state budget impasse, said there was not much in Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker's agenda she disagreed with this year. This led her to play a less vocal role than she did during the tumultuous governorship of Republican Bruce Rauner.

"I don't want to be seen as 'oh, she's being so nice to the governor,' but the reality of it is (Pritzker) deserves the accolades," Mendoza said. "That was a huge lift and he did it in his first term, which far exceeded the expectations that I would have had for a brand new governor, and he managed to bring Democrats and Republicans together in a way that Governor Rauner couldn't even bring his own members together outside of bringing them together through fear."

Specifically, she emphasized the importance of the \$40.1 billion operating budget, a \$45 billion capital plan, and new revenues which will result from marijuana legalization and gambling expansion.

Despite these steps, Mendoza said it's important to "remain grounded" and focused on paying down Illinois' outsized bill backlog, which sits between \$6 billion and \$7 billion.

"We have \$6.6 billion worth of bills that have not been paid yet, which means that we still owe that money; those are real liabilities that have been incurred," she said. "But this is by far, by far, the closest thing that we've seen to a balanced budget in probably over a decade."

Mendoza said she was encouraged by \$1.2 billion in bonding authorization included in the budget which she said would combine with federal matching funds to pay down \$1.5 billion in health care bills which are incurring late payment interest rates of 9 to 12 percent.

For taxpayers, this means a savings in the "hundreds of millions," she said.

"If we can take that \$1.2 billion to market and get a 3.5 percent or a 4 percent, 4.5 percent rate, we're still shaving off a ton of points for what we're paying, which ultimately saves us money in the long run," she said.

The same strategy, she said, allowed her to shrink a \$16.7 billion backlog she inherited after her election in 2016 to the \$6-plus billion it is today. That action entailed the state borrowing \$6 billion to address the backlog which included \$1.1 billion in late payment interest penalties accrued in Rauner's first two years as governor.

"It's going to save us between \$4 billion and \$6 billion over the 12 years once we're done paying that debt service," she said. "So it was a massive win for the state of Illinois."

Building on that effort, the \$1.2 billion in new bonding will help bring the backlog into the \$5 billion range, Mendoza said, but she will not be comfortable as comptroller until the number is closer to \$2 billion or \$3 billion.

"Having a rainy day fund is where I'd like to get us to," she said.

Still, Mendoza said, Illinois is "not out of the woods."

"Of course we need more revenue and I think that's why the fair tax is so important," she said.

She spoke in favor of Pritzker's plan for a graduated income tax, noting she would advocate for some of the estimated \$3.5 billion in added revenue from the proposal to be used to pay down the bill backlog and pension obligations.

She also said government forecasters might have acted too quickly when they bumped revenue projections for fiscal year 2020 up by \$800 million in response to strong April revenues.

"I think it's way too early to make that projection," she said.

She added that the state could see decreased revenues for the rest of the year when taxpayers adjust their withholdings to account for tax changes at the federal level.

Still, she said, the budget marks a major leap forward in a state that has needed to take one for a long time.

"They did like six or seven years' worth of work in one session," she said. "It's pretty spectacular."

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Children

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family members here in the United States. Many were threatened with harm or death if they did not work for the local gangs in their town; that usually meant selling drugs for them. Some were just threatened because they were not gang members. The journey to the border was long and remarkable because almost all of them made the journey by themselves or with one other person. There were some who traveled with a caravan, but I did not personally interview any of them. Every one of the minors I interviewed wanted to be here because they hoped for an opportunity to make life for themselves. While lately, the U.S. has not been inviting to immigrants, each of these immigrants still hoped for a future here to live, work, and grow.

Our job was to process the children to find out if they had any standing to assert asylum or make a petition before the immigration court. Some were eligible, but most were not. On Sunday, I interviewed one boy who claimed his father is a U.S. Citizen and has been living in U.S. for the last twelve years, that caused us to Red Flag him because under the law he is a U.S. Citizen and he should be released from custody immediately. As for the others, they will be held until a hearing date can be scheduled and even then, they will most likely be repatriated with some family member if possible. The process required us to find out all the reasons why they came to the United States. To find out if the boys were abused by their parents or anyone else, if they suffered from any political persecution, and their family contacts. Did they live with their parents or someone else? Did their parents support them? How involved were the parents in in their lives? All of which is helpful in making an application decision.

The process is long because of the sheer numbers. In Harlingen, because they ran out of room of adult detainees, if the minors turned 18 while in custody, they were being released on their own recognizance and given a bus ticket. No money or food- just a bus ticket. If PROBAR has notice of these individuals, they will find the boys and provide them with some money and a

backpack with food and necessities.

One of the notable problems down there is the inability of the nonprofits to keep track of the minors in their custody. On Sunday we processed 24 children in the morning and were to process 24 more in the afternoon. That was not possible because the organization, BCFS Harlingen, could not track down which minors they had and were bringing. This struck me as incredibly incompetent as the federal government pays them well for each child in their custody. There is also a 1 to 5 ratio for children to guards. The processing was cut short, but overall, we were able to process 104 children over the weekend.

On my way back to Houston., I was stopped again on Route 77, this time the "check point" was activated and everyone was forced to go through the checkpoint. There were dogs and multiple Police Officers going to every car and asking if you are a citizen. I was upset by this process as checkpoints require an official notice and they must inquire about a specific thing, here in Illinois it is usually seatbelts or insurance. There was no pretense, it was a citizenship question only to which I answered, "Of course what about you?" The officer responded, "I don't know where you're from." Over the last ten years I have been stopped for speeding one time. In Texas within a weekend I was stopped twice.

The trip itself was my attempt to help those who could not help themselves. After observing firsthand the tragedy of our immigration system, I can only hope our Congress and Executive will do something. This is not a partisan issue it is a human rights problem that we must address head on. For our country was built on the backs of immigrants as our Statue of Liberty reminds us "Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" Every one of the children I interviewed were poor, tired and yearning to breathe free in this country because our nation is a nation of hope, a beacon of light in a world of dark places.

Committee of the Whole Approves Infrastructure Measures

By David Larson

Belvidere City Council Committee of the Whole moved forward with two items of interest Monday evening.

The first is an element of the city's ongoing effort to improve storm water control. In this case a ditch along South Appleton Road will be modified with a concrete structure. The Army Corp of Engineers require that in doing so the city be sensitive to wetland impact for the permitting process.

In effect, if wetlands are found in the ditch, which it appears so, the removal will require the relocation of the same elsewhere. Alderman Clayton Stevens reported to the council, "...I walked the route and the only reason those wetlands are there is because of the water flowing there." The hiring of a professional was approved.

The second action was a reaction to a survey of Logan Avenue between Prospect Street and Helen Street in preparation for the Logan Avenue project. The Logan Avenue project is a major reconstruction of the avenue and was the primary reasoning used to justify a sales tax increase recently.

It appears that the 66-foot right-of-way is short in some places and purchase of small slivers of property of less than three feet will be required to meet the 66-foot standard. According city Director of Public Works Brent Anderson the right-of-way is necessary for ComEd and the planned improvements. Council approved this step.

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Illinois Lurches Left In 2019 Legislative Session

by Peter Hancock, Jerry Nowicki, Rebecca Anzel And Grant Morgan
Capitol News Illinois

After four years of fiscal austerity and the pro-business, anti-union agenda of former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, Illinois lawmakers took a sharp turn to the left during the just-completed legislative session, passing a budget with more than \$1 billion in new spending and a host of new, more liberal social policies.

Those social policies include raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025, legalizing recreational marijuana and sports gambling and declaring access to reproductive health services, including abortion, a “fundamental right.”

“This one has been unlike any I’ve ever served in,” Rep. Michael Zalewski, a Democrat from Riverside, said during an interview in the final days of the session. “Both in action and the substance of the issues, and the importance of the issues, this has been the craziest session I’ve ever been a part of.”

Although many of the initiatives enacted this session were debated for years in Illinois, most observers credit first-year Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker for pushing them through. But Pritzker also had help from Democratic supermajorities in both chambers of the General Assembly – majorities that resulted from a “wave” in the 2018 election that changed the course of Illinois politics.

Christopher Mooney, who teaches state politics at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said the Land of Lincoln was always something of an outlier among Midwestern states. They are traditionally known for being moderate-to-conservative in their policies and slow in making big, sweeping changes.

“We’re not Iowa. We’re not Wisconsin. We’re not Michigan,” he said in a phone interview. “We have a different kind of economy. And we have Chicago as basically a third of the state, and if you count the metro area, it’s basically two-thirds of the state.”

Rauner’s election in 2012, Mooney said, was largely the result of the unpopularity of his predecessor, former Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn. He added that much of Rauner’s true conservative character was not revealed to voters until after he took office in 2013.

Because of that, Mooney said, the election of Pritzker and a supermajority of Democrats in 2018 and the sharp turn to the left that followed can really be seen as a kind of course correction for Illinois rather than a long-term reversal.

“After four years with a Republican governor, and under the crazy fiscal situation that we had, and the sort of self-inflicted wounds, problems don’t stop in situations like that,” Mooney said. “It’s like, if you have a bad infection on your foot. If you break your leg, you’ve got to fix that quick because it hurts. But that doesn’t stop the infection from growing.”

For Republicans in the General Assembly, though, the 2019 session was anything but a cause for celebration.

“The last four years under Gov. Rauner, we were able to stop some things because we had more seats,” said Rep. Tony McCombie, a Republican from Savanna. “And they had to have conversations with Republicans, and that’s the most important thing. I believe that that really upset them, that they lost a little bit of control, and they really are showing us and reminding us who they are, what their agenda is, and they’re really giving it to us.”

McCombie is heading up the House Republicans’ 2020 election strategy.

Following is a summary of the major legislation that passed during the 2019 spring session:

Budget

The rookie governor achieved bipartisan support for his first operating budget, accomplishing in six months what it took Rauner nearly two years to achieve. The budget spends just over \$40 billion, increases K-12 education funding by \$375 million, raises higher education funding by 5 percent and

adds \$567 million to human service agencies decimated by Rauner’s cuts. The bill also makes the state’s full \$8.4 billion statutorily-mandated pension payment, and increases funding for the beleaguered Department of Children and Family Services budget by \$100 million.

Graduated Income Tax

Pritzker’s marquee campaign proposal — changing Illinois’ constitution to allow the General Assembly to tax higher income earners at higher amounts — will be on the 2020 November election ballot. The governor also signed a rate structure proposal that would take effect upon the amendment’s approval by voters. That structure would bring in an estimated \$3.5 billion while lowering taxes on those earning less than \$250,000 and raising the rates on those making more than that amount. Sixty percent of those voting on the question or the majority of those voting in the election must support the change for it to become law.

Capital Plan

Cranes will soon be in the air and construction crews on the roads after approval of the state’s first capital infrastructure plan in over a decade. The plan will invest \$45 billion in Illinois’ crumbling infrastructure, with \$33.2 billion to transportation, \$3.5 billion to education infrastructure, \$4.3 billion to state facilities, \$1.2 billion for environment and conservation, \$420 million for broadband deployment, \$465 million for health care and human services, and \$1.9 billion for economic and community development. The plan is funded by a variety of new taxes and fees detailed below.

Gas Tax, Fees

Beginning July 1, the state’s gas tax will double to 38 cents and the diesel fuel tax will get bumped 5 cents to 45.5 cents total. The measure also shifts 1 percent of Illinois’ sales tax on motor fuel to the road fund every year beginning July 1, 2021. For cars and passenger trucks, registration fees will go from \$101 to \$151 beginning Jan. 1, 2020, while electric vehicles will be charged a \$248 registration annual fee, up from \$35 every two years. Other title fees will go from \$95 to \$150 under the plan, while motor home registrations will cost \$250. Other registration fees for certain buses, trucks and trailers will increase by \$100.

Sports Gambling and Casino Expansion

Just about all gambling options will be expanded in the state and new ones added under a sweeping proposal to make Illinois the gambling capital of the Midwest. The bill adds six casinos, expands video gambling and allows sports betting. The state’s casinos, horse race tracks, and professional sports arenas — such as United Center and Wrigley Field — would be eligible to buy a sports betting license. Sports betting will also be allowed online or through mobile applications.

Gambling expansion is expected to produce \$660 million in its first year due to licensing fees and taxes.

Other New Taxes

The gambling expansion also included several new taxes, such as a \$1 per-pack cigarette tax increase, bringing the total tax to \$2.98. This will produce an estimated \$159 million in revenue. A 6 percent daily and 9 percent monthly tax on parking lots and garages will produce an estimated \$30 million. The bill would also subject electronic cigarettes, including e-cigars, vapes and hookahs, to taxation as tobacco products at 15 percent wholesale. The bill would also remove

a sales tax exemption on traded-in vehicles valued above \$10,000, producing \$45 million in revenue. Sales tax would also be collected on online purchases made through remote or out-of-state online retailers. All new money, along with all revenues from the gambling expansion bill, would fund a \$45 billion capital infrastructure program. These new taxes would begin to roll out from July 1, 2019, to Jan. 1, 2020, pending Pritzker’s approval.

Reproductive Health Act

Proponents and opponents agree a bill Pritzker vowed to sign will make Illinois the most liberal state in the nation for access to reproductive health care. The Reproductive Health Act, which repeals and replaces Illinois’ current abortion law, was a source of controversy this session, but it ultimately gained approval from both houses after remaining in legislative limbo for several months.

Legalized Recreational Marijuana

Those over the age of 21 will be able to purchase and smoke marijuana recreationally beginning Jan. 1, 2020. The measure includes expungement language for those affected by the war on drugs and allows for several new grow and retailer licenses over the life of the program, which could bring in \$500 million annually when fully matured.

Minimum Wage

Wages for Illinoisans will rise to \$15 hourly by 2025, going up incrementally each year. The proposal was Pritzker’s first big legislative win in February and was achieved with only Democratic support.

Tobacco 21

Illinois became the first Midwestern state to change the age to buy cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, chewing tobacco and other goods containing nicotine from 18 to 21. Pritzker signed the measure, and the law takes effect on July 1.

Green Energy

Pritzker made Illinois part of the U.S. Climate Alliance with an executive order, but an ambitious package of energy market reforms will wait until the state’s November veto session or later before becoming law.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Foreclosures

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY

NORTHWEST BANK OF ROCKFORD, Plaintiff,

VS. CASE NO. 2018 CH 113

VALENTIN DE LA TORRE, UNKNOWN OTHERS, NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN TENANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THE REQUISITE Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Valentin De La Torre, the Defendant in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, against you praying for a foreclosure of a mortgage upon the following property:

Lot Eleven (11) in Block Four (4) as designated upon the Plat of Highland, being a Subdivision of part of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 36, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Boone County, Illinois, according to the plat thereof recorded on December 19, 1891, in Book One of Plats on Page Two; situated in the City of Belvidere in the County of Boone, State of Illinois.

Commonly known as: 1432 Garfield Avenue Belvidere, Illinois 61008

P.I. N. 05-36-305-006

And for other relief, that the action was filed on or about November 26, 2018.

That Summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is still pending. The record titleholder of the real estate is Valentin De La Torre. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Mortgagor – Valentin De La Torre Mortgagee – Northwest Bank of Rockford

Date of Mortgage- September 14, 2012

Date of Recording – September 19, 2012

County of Recording – Boone.

Recording Document – 2012R07307

NOW THEREFORE, unless you Valentin De La Torre the said Defendant, file your Answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein in the said Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, 601 N. Main Street in the City of Belvidere, State of Illinois on or before June 30, 2019 default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated at Rockford, IL on the 13th day of May, 2019.

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

Plaintiff's Attorney

Timothy F. Horning

MEYER & HORNING, P.C.

3400 N. Rockton Avenue

Rockford, IL 61103

815/636-9300

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

BOONE COUNTY, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER

PLAINTIFF,

-vs-

JEFFREY D. CARLSON A/K/A JEFFREY CARLSON;

SUSAN CARLSON A/K/A MARY SUSAN CARLSON;

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; CORPORATE AMERICA

FAMILY CREDIT UNION; UNKNOWN OWNERS

AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN

OCCUPANTS

DEFENDANTS

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Jeffrey D. Carlson a/k/a Jeffrey Carlson; Susan Carlson a/k/a Mary Susan Carlson; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Occupants. Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 14 IN DAWNGATE SUBDIVISION PLAT NO. 1 BEING PART OF THE SOUTHEAST

QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3

EAST OF THE THIRD

PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF

RECORDED JUNE 5, 1992, AS DOCUMENT NO. 92-4159 IN THE

RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY; SITUATED IN THE

COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1400 Dawngate Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008

Permanent Index No.: 05-36-428-001

and which said Mortgage was made by Jeffrey D. Carlson and Susan Carlson a/k/a Mary Susan Carlson Mortgages, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Citibank, N.A. as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, Illinois, Document No. 2012R09581.

And for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, e-file your answer to the

Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is July 1, 2019. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders>. htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Clerk

Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC

Attorney for Plaintiff

2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301

Bannockburn, IL 60015

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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

BOONE COUNTY - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, PLAINTIFF

Vs. 2019CH67

Heidi Holthusen; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Jeffery S. Holthusen Sr;

Jeffery Holthusen, Jr.; Kathryn Holthusen; Dana Barclay; Jason Holthusen;

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, DEFENDANTS

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Jeffery S. Holthusen Sr

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

931 Nettie St

Belvidere, IL 61008

and which said Mortgage was made by: Jeffery S. Holthusen Sr

the Mortgagor(s), to Bank of America, N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, Illinois, as Document No. 2012R01233; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

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

Linda J Anderson

Clerk of the Circuit Court

601 North Main Street

Belvidere, IL 61008

on or before July 8, 2019, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

(630) 794-5300

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Our File No. 14-19-04388

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Public Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

BOONE COUNTY,

601 NORTH MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF Elizabeth Hagan, DECEASED.

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Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Sharon Hagan, 209 Taylor Ridge, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is John Bielski II, Bielski Law Offices, Ltd., 123 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2300, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act III. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before December 1, 2019, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

John Bielski II

Bielski Law Offices, Ltd., (6242527)

123 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2300

Chicago, Illinois 60606

(312) 583-9430

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Notice of Lien Sale

The following amount must be paid no later than 5 p.m. June 22, 2019.

FULL payment of CASH or MONEY ORDER ONLY, accepted at :

Danndi Storage

13537 IL Rte. 76

Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Or the contents of the below listed units, located at 13511 Harvest

Way, Poplar Grove, IL.,

will be sold at auction or otherwise disposed of on or any day after

June 23, 2019.

Matt Kleckner - Unit #16 - Amount due \$641.25 plus advertising

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TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2015-00143

TO:

Debra A. Hughes, Occupant, Spouse of Debra A. Hughes, Deann F. Hopkins,

Spouse of Deann F. Hopkins, Dawn E. Garza, Spouse of Dawn E. Garza,

Carrie R. Hopkins, Spouse of Carrie R. Hopkins, Daniel H. Hopkins, Spouse

of Daniel H. Hopkins, Debra A. Hughes, Spouse of Debra A. Hughes, Deann

F. Hopkins, Spouse of Deann F. Hopkins, Dawn E. Garza, Spouse of Dawn E.

Garza, Carrie R. Hopkins, Spouse of Carrie R. Hopkins, Daniel H. Hopkins,

Spouse of Daniel H. Hopkins, Deann F. Hopkins, Spouse of Deann F. Hopkins,

Dawn E. Garza, Spouse of Dawn E. Garza, Carrie R. Hopkins, Spouse of

Carrie R. Hopkins, Daniel H. Hopkins, Spouse of Daniel H. Hopkins, Waterfall

Party Bar

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown

owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the

Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, Ill. as Case No. 2016TX26(11)

The Property is located at:

141 S. Appleton Rd., Belvidere, IL

Property Index Number: 05-34-200-023

Said Property was sold on 10/27/2016 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/

or Special Assessments for the year 2015.

The period of redemption will expire on 9/30/2019. On 12/10/19 at 10:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner

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TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2015-00098

TO: Michael D. Coil, Spouse of Michael D. Coil, Occupant, DWW Inc. d/b/a Tractor Town, Michael D. Coil, Spouse of Michael D. Coil, Kari L. Stevens,

Spouse of Kari L. Stevens, First National Bank of Omaha, Kari L. Stevens,

Spouse of Kari L. Stevens, Tri Star Enterprises, United States Attorney,

Internal Revenue Service, Internal Revenue Service, Michael D. Coil, Spouse

of Michael D. Coil, Illinois Attorney General, Illinois Department of Revenue,

First National Bank of Omaha, Tri-Star Landscape, Maureen Koteles

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown

owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the

Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, Ill. as Case No. 2016TX26 (9)

The Property is located at:

10426 McKinley Ave., Poplar Grove, IL

Property Index Number: 05-11-400-004

Said Property was sold on 10/27/2016 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

and/or Special Assessments for the year 2015.

The period of redemption will expire on 9/30/2019. On 12/10/19 at 10:00

am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an

Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner

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TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2015-00046

TO: Mark Waldron, Kim Waldron, Occupant, Candlewick Lake Association, Inc.

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown

owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the

Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, Ill. as Case No. 2016TX26 (7)

The Property is located at:

105 Squire Ln., SE Poplar Grove, IL

Property Index Number: 03-27-230-021

Said Property was sold on 10/27/2016 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/

or Special Assessments for the year 2015.

The period of redemption will expire on 9/30/2019. On 12/10/19 at 10:00 am

the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order

for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

Midtax, Inc., Petitioner

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TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2015-00021

TO: Mohamad M. Badran, Spouse of Mohamad M. Badran, Candlewick Lake

Association, Inc.

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown

owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the

Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, Ill. as Case No. 2016TX26 (6)

The Property is located at:

200 Lamplighter Loop SE, Poplar Grove, IL

Property Index Number: 03-26-105-001

Said Property was sold on 10/27/2016 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/

or Special Assessments for the year 2015.

The period of redemption will expire on 9/30/2019. On 12/10/19 at 10:00

am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an

Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

Midtax, Inc., Petitioner

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NOTICE

The following amount must be received IN FULL by CASH or MONEY ORDER ONLY at the office of: H&H Mini Unit Storage, 10 Kennedy Drive, Harvard, IL 60033 or the personal property contents of the below listed units, located at 345 S. Wooster St., Capron, IL 61012 will be sold and/or otherwise disposed of on or after 9:00 am, July 1, 2019 at 10 Kennedy Drive, Harvard, IL 60033. Partial Payments will not suspend or cancel these proceedings.

- Unit #CW014 Lindsay Bye, 302 Scarlet Oak Dr., Poplar Grove, IL 61065: \$ 1,645.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

- Unit #CW020 Benny Jones, 7608 W. Burgett, Richmond, IL 60071: \$780.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

- Unit #CW042 Jessica Ryan, PO Box 13, Capron, IL 61012: \$1,345.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

- Unit #CW043 Daniel Torrey, 7319 Barnard Mill Rd., Wonder Lake, IL 60097: \$1,425.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

- Unit #CW046 Scott Smith, 14288 KB Road, Capron, IL 61012: \$470.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

- Unit #CW065 Kim Smith, 14231 South St., Woodstock, IL 60098: \$1,155.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

- Unit #CW066 Kim Smith, 14231 South St., Woodstock, IL 60098: \$1,155.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

The following amount must be received IN FULL by CASH or MONEY ORDER ONLY at the office of: H&H Mini Unit Storage, 10

Kennedy Drive, Harvard, IL 60033 or the personal property contents of the below listed units, located at 125 E. Main St., Capron, IL 61012

will be sold and/or otherwise disposed of on or after 9:00 am, July 1,

2019 at 10 Kennedy Drive, Harvard, IL 60033. Partial Payments will not

suspend or cancel these proceedings.

- Unit #CM003 Gilbert Barry, PO Box 223, Capron, IL 61012: \$475.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

- Unit #CM008 Cody and Byrl Hamm, 1066 Mark St., S. Elgin, IL 60177: \$505.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

- Unit #CM013 Barbara Hays, 6010 Sinderson St., Chemung, IL 60033: \$2,793.29 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

- Unit #CM045 Barbara Hays, 6010 Sinderson St., Chemung, IL 60033: \$2,055.70 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

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TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2015-00153
 TO: Tamara L. Moore, Spouse of Tamara L. Moore, Occupant, Lex Financial, LLC, Tamara L. Moore, Spouse of Tamara L. Moore
 Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.
 A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, Ill. as Case No. 2016TX26 (12)
 The Property is located at:
 1727 14th Ave., Belvidere, IL
 Property Index Number: 05-35-352-011
 Said Property was sold on 10/27/2016 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2015.
 The period of redemption will expire on 9/30/2019. On 12/10/19 at 10:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
 Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner
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TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2015-00171
 TO: Rogelio Hernandez-Flores, Lisa Hernandez, Occupant, PNC Bank, N.A., Mirella Castillhidaldo, PNC Bank, N.A.
 Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.
 A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, Ill. as Case No. 2016TX26 (13)
 The Property is located at:
 1006 Washington St., Belvidere, IL
 Property Index Number: 05-36-256-001
 Said Property was sold on 10/27/2016 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2015.
 The period of redemption will expire on 9/30/2019. On 12/10/19 at 10:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
 Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner
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TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2015-00109
 TO: Midland States Bank TR 1015, Midland States Bank, Occupant, Midland States Bank, Filter Systems, Inc.
 Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.
 A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, Ill. as Case No. 2016TX26 (3)
 The Property is located at:
 424 Fairview St., Belvidere, IL
 Property Index Number: 05-25-127-023
 Said Property was sold on 10/27/2016 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2015.
 The period of redemption will expire on 9/30/2019. On 12/10/19 at 10:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
 Ideal Enterprises, Inc., Petitioner
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TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2015-00162
 TO: David Edge, Susan Edge, David Edge, Susan Edge, David Edge, Susan Edge, PNC Bank, National Association, Warner Auto, United States Attorney General, United States Attorney, Internal Revenue Service, Internal Revenue Service, David Edge, Spouse of David Edge, Spouse of David Edge, Spouse of David Edge, Spouse of David Edge, Susan Edge, Spouse of Susan Edge, Spouse of Susan Edge, Spouse of Susan Edge, PNC Bank, National Association
 Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.
 A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, Ill. as Case No. 2016TX26 (4)
 The Property is located at:
 SW Comer of Logan Ave. & Caswell St., Belvidere, IL
 Property Index Number: 05-36-129-006
 Said Property was sold on 10/27/2016 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2015.
 The period of redemption will expire on 9/30/2019. On 12/10/19 at 10:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
 Ideal Enterprises, Inc., Petitioner
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TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2015-00166
 TO: Manuel Ortega, Yolanda Ortega, Spouse of Manuel Ortega, Spouse of Yolanda Ortega, Occupant, Manuel Ortega, Spouse of Manuel Ortega, Yolanda Ortega, Spouse of Yolanda Ortega
 Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.
 A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, Ill. as Case No. 2016TX26 (5)
 The Property is located at:
 123 W. 6th St., Belvidere, IL
 Property Index Number: 05-36-156-009
 Said Property was sold on 10/27/2016 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2015.
 The period of redemption will expire on 9/30/2019. On 12/10/19 at 10:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
 Ideal Enterprises, Inc., Petitioner
 Published in *The Boone County Journal* June 7, 14, 21, 2019

TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2015-00110
 TO: Belvidere National Bank & Trust TR 1015, Boone County Trustee, Filter Systems Inc
 Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.
 A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, Ill. as Case No. 2016TX26 (10)
 The Property is located at:
 1005 North Ave., Belvidere, IL
 Property Index Number: 05-25-128-001
 Said Property was sold on 10/27/2016 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2015.
 The period of redemption will expire on 9/30/2019. On 12/10/19 at 10:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
 Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner
 Published in *The Boone County Journal* June 7, 14, 21, 2019

TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2015-00011
 TO: Johnny E. Bowen, Spouse of Johnny E. Bowen, Occupant, Candlewick Lake Association, Inc., Toyota Motor Credit Corp., Deborah Thompson
 Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.
 A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, Ill. as Case No. 2016TX26 (8)
 The Property is located at:
 107 Centralia Pl. NE, Poplar Grove, IL
 Property Index Number: 03-22-428-007
 Said Property was sold on 10/27/2016 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2015.
 The period of redemption will expire on 9/30/2019. On 12/10/19 at 10:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
 Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that at 6:45 P.M., July 15, 2019, Public Hearing will be held at Boone County Fire Protection District No. 2, 1777 Henry Luckow Lane, Belvidere, Illinois, for the purpose of considering the proposed budget and appropriation ordinance of the District. Any party interested in viewing a copy of the proposed budget and ordinance may do so during business hours (8:00 A.M. to 5 P.M.) at the Station at 1777 Henry Luckow Lane, Belvidere, Illinois.
 Published in the Boone County Journal 06/07,14,21,28 08/05,12

Assumed Names

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
 State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Construction business in said County and State under the name of A's Carpentry and Framing at the following addresses: 2225 Sunrise Dr., Belvidere IL, 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Antonio Aguilar 2225 Sunrise Dr., Belvidere IL, 61008 Signed: Antonio Aguilar 05/28/2019
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 28th day of May, 2019.
 Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Giselle Lenover, Deputy
 Published in the *Boone County Journal* 05/31, 06/07,14

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
 State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Remodeling business in said County and State under the name of Argoss at the following addresses: 2109 Candlewick Dr. SE, Poplar Grove IL, 61065 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Gustavo Vilchis 2109 Candlewick Dr. SE, Poplar Grove IL, 61065 Signed: Gustavo Vilchis 05/28/2019.
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 28th day of May, 2019.
 Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Christine Gardner, Deputy
 Published in the *Boone County Journal* 05/31, 06/07,14

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
 State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Buying Small Properties business in said County and State under the name of Vilchis Enterprise at the following addresses: 2109 Candlewick Dr. SE, Poplar Grove IL, 61065 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Gustavo Vilchis 2109 Candlewick Dr. SE, Poplar Grove IL, 61065 Signed: Gustavo Vilchis 05/28/2019.
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 28th day of May, 2019.
 Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Christine Gardner, Deputy
 Published in the *Boone County Journal* 05/31, 06/07,14

CHANGE IN CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OF BUSINESS
 Public Notice is hereby given that on May 29, 2019, a certificate was filed on the Office of the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, concerning the business known as Unique Boutique, located at 521 S. State St., Belvidere, IL 61008, which certificate sets forth the following changes in the operation thereof: Withdrawal of Owner Katharine L. Groom. Dated this 29th day of May, 2019.
 Julie A. Stapler Boone County Clerk
 By Sherry Blauert, Deputy
 Published in the Boone County Journal 05/31, 06/07,14

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
 State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Firearms business in said County and State under the name of RSM Firearms/ RSM Custom Gun Works at the following addresses: 1443 South State Street, Belvidere IL, 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Robert & Stacy Miskewitch 4054 Pearl Street Road, Belvidere IL, 61008 Signed: Robert & Stacy Miskewitch 06/11/19
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 11th day of June, 2019.
 Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Christine Gardner, Deputy
 Published in the Boone County Journal 06/14,21,28

CHANGE IN CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OF BUSINESS PUBLICATION NOTICE
 Public Notice is hereby given that on June 13, 2019, a certificate was filed on the Office of the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, concerning the business known as Safe and Sound Tags, located at 105 James Circle SE., Poplar Grove, IL 61065, which certificate sets forth the following changes in the operation thereof: Dissolution of Assumed Name. Dated this 13th day of June, 2019.
 Julie A. Stapler Boone County Clerk
 Published in the Boone County Journal 06/14,21,28

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