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Most Likely the State Tap

Cold Beer

By David Larson

Perhaps most would not say, but conversation is the result of many visits to the local tavern. The State Tap, owned for two generations by the Koliass family, provided the place where mostly men from all walks of life came for a cold beer in Belvidere. Police, car dealers, merchants and laborers could feel comfortable in each other's company at the State Tap. And have a conversation about what every they wanted to talk about. Discussion of civic issues and politics, became possible through the lubricated exchange. In this picture, one cannot help but be impressed by the façade of the tavern. The street entrance to the lower level is where ice-packed barrels of beer put under pressure were delivered. Connected to the spigot at the bar above, thousands of foam-topped glasses of cold beer were served from those barrels.

The State Tap was in the 100 block of North State Street, directly across the street from the Apollo Theater. At the time of this photo, Dirthick Hall was most likely still in operation before the fire that destroyed it. The near north side was a bit more, shall we say, imaginative, than other parts of town, excepting the Shortline.

In those days, the National Sewing Machine Company was running two shifts just across the river and the State Tap was not hard to find after

work. In fact, it was probably heavily patronized by the factory's employees and its regulars, who were all familiar with one another.

Although it was never unionized, strikes did break out at the National during the 1930s. It was in the 1930s when labor finally won the right to organize. Congress overrode Supreme Court decisions that had made organizing illegal. This labor breakthrough was preceded by years of attempts to organize. In fact. This is what motivated Mr. June of the National to move his factory from Chicago to Belvidere.

Labor organizing efforts in the early days had to work in secret and risked persecution by the company. Labor organizing would be dealt with harshly by a business that felt threatened by organized labor. The easiest way was to fire the organizers, which would send a message to working, family men. This is much the same as what has happened at an Amazon warehouse today. Drinking was often a way to escape that reality.

The tavern was where organizing conversations could be expressed and beer no doubt made it easier to express that point of view. Often a company would use spies to infiltrate those conversations and provide information useful to suppress any progress.

Many of the workers were first and second generation Europeans who had not established themselves as merchants or farmers, but were aware of European pre-industrial habits and customs of artisans. The custom of using a unique, secret sign of some kind within a particular artisan group was used to signal to others that one was a part of the guild when

visiting someplace outside of one's community. The Grangers of the 19th Century used these signals to organize their rebellion against the railroads and price suppression of farm products in the Midwest and Southern United States in the 19th century.

This brings up the short man in this picture. Look at his hands. He has appeared in another picture we have seen in front of a bar directly across the street from this location, which today is the Rio Bar. He is doing something similar in that picture also and must have been a character well-known to the tavern trade in town. Is he communicating some kind of solidarity sign with his hands? What do you think?

Alderman Crawford Resigns Under a Cloud of Suspicion

by David Larson

Monday night's City Council meeting was yet again broiling. This time it was over the resignation of Alderman George Crawford from the City Council, which came as a surprise.

It was commonly known for months that Alderman Crawford was planning to move to Arizona to join his family, who had already moved there, upon the sale of his house in Ward 4.

It had also become clear to many
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Time for Medicare for All

By David Soll

If anything has shown us that employer-based insurance has always been a terrible idea, it is the current Covid-19 pandemic that we all find ourselves dealing with today. Since April 1st, more than 30 million Americans have lost their jobs along with any health insurance they may have had. Sure, Covid-19 testing is now being covered by the Trump administration, but the treatment? Not so much. And what about other illnesses and conditions? Medicare for All would cover it all.

There is a consistent belief held by our nation, reaffirmed through the Estelle v. Gamble Supreme Court ruling more than fifty years ago, which held that even people in prison have a constitutional right to adequate health care. In September 1799, our nation's first president stated that health was, "amongst (if not the most) precious gift of Heaven," continuing "we are but little capable of business, or enjoyment without good health." In 1912, Republican President Teddy Roosevelt, and Democrats Franklin Roosevelt, in 1935, and Lyndon Johnson, in 1965, each proposed a form of a national health care plan.

The tragic reality is America ranks dead-last among industrialized nations in health care outcomes and sadly ranks first in infant mortality rates. To put it bluntly, America is the only industrialized nation on Earth where health care delivery is based on the size of your wallet (your ability to pay) and not your actual health care needs.

Today, there is proposed legislation written by Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) titled House Bill 1384 that would expand Medicare to everyone over a two-year phase in. If passed into law HB1384 would essentially cover every American's basic and catastrophic health care needs from birth to

death. It would also eliminate all copays, deductibles, closes any existing donut holes, and would include dental, vision, mental health, podiatry, and comprehensive prescription coverage.

As written, this law would NOT eliminate private for-profit insurance. Private insurance would no longer be allowed to cover anything considered basic and catastrophic health care needs. Private coverage would only be allowed to cover all supplemental and non-health related health care.

Currently, it is illegal for the Medicare Administration to negotiate for lower drug prices under Medicare Part D. So, whether Medicare buys a single aspirin or a billion in a single purchase, the price is whatever the drug company decides to charge. HR1384 repeals Medicare Part D and makes it possible to slash pharmaceutical costs.

Under this plan, we would pay for Medicare for All the same way we currently pay for Medicare -- through our weekly paychecks. The overall cost of coverage for nearly 95 percent of all Americans would be thousands of dollars less per

year than most of us pay now. So yes, your public taxes will go up to about 6% of your annual salary, but you would no longer be paying those exorbitant private taxes known as premiums, deductibles, and copays to your for-profit insurance company. Basically, both you and your employer would save thousands of dollars per year.

This law would end the plague of unnecessary medical bankruptcies, allow you more freedom to go from job to job, more easily start your own business, and have peace of mind that if you get injured or sick that you won't go home with medical bills. The number one reason for bankruptcies in America.

Medicare for All also reduces the burden on our national debt by somewhere between \$200 billion (a Mercatus Institute study) and \$600 billion (a Political Economy Research Institute study) every single year as discussed on Capitol Hill during the House hearings in the Summer of 2019.

Every doctor, nurse, medical clinic, and hospital would remain private entities who would be

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--In Our Opinion--

Looking Forward

paid by a single payer, Medicare. You would be able to continue to see the doctor, nurse, medical clinic, or hospital you currently know and trust!

Many unions have begun to realize the massive savings that businesses would reap as a result of Medicare covering their members. Typically, contract negotiations focus on health care benefits, but under Medicare for All, the focus would instead be on pay raises, vacation time, worker safety, and other potential benefits typically lost in contract negotiations because of the high cost of private for-profit insurance premiums dominating the conversation.

Illinois and other states would be in position to eliminate state Medicaid programs. Currently, Medicaid is approximately 24 percent of Illinois' budget, or roughly \$8 billion dollars per year that the state would no longer need to pay out. Second, the state would no longer need to pay for health insurance for all state public employees because like the rest of us, they would also be enrolled in Medicare.

Nearly \$15 billion in Illinois' budget funds would be available for other social needs like public education, rebuilding our crumbling roads, transportation, and other infrastructure. Even the potential for substantive tax cuts at the state and local levels for those of us with modest incomes would exist. This would apply to all local municipalities as well. That means more local tax dollars to pay for road upkeep, parks, the arts, and education. There would also be fewer taxpayer dollars going toward funding retired public employee health care.

Medicare for All means ALL our elected officials and civil servants would also receive the very same health care coverage as the rest of us. How is that for a quality guarantee?

Small business owners with employees would see automatic savings of their current tax equivalent overhead costs of 22–38 percent be replaced with a 9 percent payroll tax, a net savings of between 13–29 percent for every single business. A business owner would not have to waste days, if not weeks, shopping around for insurance coverage for their employees' year in and year out.

The individual "open enrollment" period becomes a thing of the past as both employers and their employees do not have to shop around for what coverage they can afford for the coming year. Employees would not lose their favorite doctor because that doctor was not on the new insurance plan's "network". Add to this the very real and measurable rise in employee satisfaction, and increased productivity because of diminished stress about the cost of treatment for health problems, medical bills, and being able to keep one's favorite doctor.

The time for Medicare for All, as it was intended, has finally come. If you believe healthcare is a human right, one protected by our Constitution, as I do, then we must work together to support a single-payer, Medicare for All system.

This month, the *Boone County Journal* starts its 25th year of publication. It's a fitting time to look ahead to the post-pandemic world. What will the year 2030 look like? What *should* it look like?

Without question, our first priority must be to find an antiviral treatment and a vaccine.

Beyond that, the Covid-19 Pandemic, much like World War II, will accelerate changes. The past few weeks have seen the world turned upside down. When this is over, we will see a greatly-changed world. Much of the familiar will vanish, and new things will come to take their place.

This week, we would like to talk about one change that is *long* overdue:

Can we, for just a moment, abandon all the silly political bromides and be realistic? We are all aware that we are spending entirely too much for health care. We've all heard that we spend about twice as much as what Canadians pay and are no healthier. We know that the numbers are similar in Europe, Japan and elsewhere. The problem is that Boone Countians (and the rest of Americans) can't afford this any longer. Nearly 100 million Americans have no coverage at a time of great financial crisis. None of this is new. And it's long past time to address the problem.

"But I like my insurance. I hate change. I want to keep things the way they are. Besides, it's 'their' fault if they can't afford insurance—even though someone else pays for mine."

Baloney. Nobody *likes* their insurance company. Have you ever heard anyone waxing poetic about Aetna, Cigna, Humana, or Blue Cross Blue Shield? What we "like" is knowing is that our medical expenses will be, more or less, covered. And if the insurance premiums are "somebody else's money," many folks find little reason to complain—until they're laid off, of course.

Admittedly, there is genuine fear on the part of many, that if they didn't have their current insurance coverage, they might be worse off. With trillions at stake, big pharma, insurance companies (and other health care entities getting fat at the trough), are doing everything they can and sparing no expense to convince us that we must keep things just the way they are. We've all heard the lies about "Socialized Medicine" and waiting years for operations or being housed in a hospital ward with a dozen other people.

We need to explain to the many people who do not follow this issue closely, that, in a publicly-financed system, they can and should expect undiminished health security, without having to be fleeced or even bankrupted in exchange for medical care. In a post-Internet world, horror stories and other tales about what supposedly goes on in Toronto or Paris can be easily debunked with several clicks of a mouse and a few keystrokes on a computer.

This week, we have published an article by David Soll, which examines one plan for single-payer health-

care, Medicare for All. There are several plans out there, but this plan is offered as a representative example of what our readers should expect: High-level health care for a fraction of what we are paying now. It's past time to start having the conversation of what our health care strategy should look like. And, while the actual medical care comes from private providers, as happens in Canada, we honestly can't see a practical alternative to a publicly-financed system to pay for health care in the United States.

Telling the truth about financing health care is the first step. Unfortunately, step two is harder. Drug companies, insurance companies and the other hangers-on are not going to give up trillions of dollars without a tremendous fight.

Who could really blame our Congressman, Adam Kinzinger, for supporting these people over the health care of his constituents in Boone County? After all, these industries and their lobbyists contribute mightily to Mr. Kinzinger's reelection campaign. It's been easy enough to make up a few bogus awards for Congressman Kinzinger, and even call him a "health care champion." Don't expect Kinzinger's "servant leadership" to include voluntarily leading the way to affordable health care.

But, much like what happened to the clout of the well-heeled cigarette companies of a generation ago, the tide is slowly turning, and our politicians—including Adam Kinzinger—realize it. As more people become aware that their interest in receiving affordable medical care is not being served, it will become harder for politicians to oppose quality, affordable health care and still be reelected. With desperate times caused by Covid-19, let's hope that day comes sooner rather than later.

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We will survive this crisis. We will emerge whole as a people and a nation. But democracy must survive. Our institutions must also survive. Elections are, of course, a prerequisite for the survival of democracy. But elections must be fair and genuine reflections of popular sentiment. But now, certain elements of our electoral process are imperiled

Elections require candidates, campaigns, and a valid process for rendering a valid verdict.

First, candidates. Candidates are commonly chosen through primaries. Ask the citizens of states such as Wisconsin about a primary under current conditions. In those states that have not yet held primaries, either alternative voting systems or postponement will likely be necessary. There are complications. Some states include run-off provisions. Referenda issues may require petition signatures. How do we manage to continue voter registration? What about write-in candidates, an issue that looms also for the fall?

There also looms another, profound nomination problem. The conventions! The Democrats have delayed theirs. Republicans may do the same. Biden has ruminated about a "virtual" convention. Just imagine the complexity and opportunity for mischief inherent in that alternative. Something must be done, because conventions officially nominate Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates. They also construct a platform. Despite the facile dismissals by cynics, most political scientists would agree that platforms do have genuine meaning. There just might be an alternative, as suggested by the DNC substitution of Shriver for Eagleton in 1972. That precedent is questionable, however.

Elections also require campaigns. Now it is certainly true that campaigning has advanced beyond the "whistle stop." It is still expected, though, that candidates will, pardon the expression, "press the flesh," especially in local races. We may have to substitute virtual campaigning to a large degree. Even without immersing oneself in the bitter debate over online sabotage still festering from 2016, no one can countenance with equanimity a virtually virtual campaign this fall.

Finally, elections must generate a clearly legitimate result. Democracy translates from the Greek as rule by the people. Their choice of "rulers" must be legitimate in order for the ruling to be legitimate. How do we guarantee that legitimacy in the age of the coronavirus? In-person voting? Mail voting? Online voting? Extended or staggered voting periods?

For each and every question we have raised, transparency and full media coverage are necessary to convince Americans that the rule of the people is secure.

There are doubtless many additional electoral challenges threatening the impending election. Some of the ones noted are imminent. For others there is time, but not much. Somehow, in the midst of all this daily struggle, too often scarred by tragedy, we must find the time and the resolve to address these electoral threats as well

Democracy is at stake.
Bob Evans
Rockford University

City

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alderpersons by the time of the Monday night, May 11th's meeting, that Crawford had sold his house on March 18, 2020 according to County records, and that the Mayor had already picked Crawford's successor in Ward 4.

Crawford has been voting on Council business for at least the last 6 meetings, without being detected by other city council members because of the States' Stay-in-Place order, which began two days after his house was sold. Since then, the city council has been meeting with a few members in the council chambers and most calling in on a conference call over a speakerphone. Thus Crawford could have been calling from Arizona or staying at a friend's house in town and no one, unless they had personal knowledge, could tell. This in effect hid the fact that he apparently no longer resided in Belvidere, and was at best merely visiting.

Alderwoman Freeman read into the record a statement calling attention to the issue and asked for a legal investigation by the City Attorney Michael Drella. Drella responded as though he was being asked to do a police investigation and stated, "it was not his responsibility to know where each alderperson lived all the time." Drella went on to sketch out state statutes on the matter. He summarized by implying not much could be done about it. Mayor Chamberlain took up the issue by calling for a vote to appoint Crawford's replacement.

Alderman Brereton was not satisfied and asked that the matter be tabled, as he believed the issue needed further flushing out. The motion to table the appoint passed with only three dissenting votes.

After the meeting, Alderwoman Frank asked if Crawford would be required to return his pay as an alderman during the 6-week period from the sale of his house. "The question of who knew what and when is important," said Frank. "We had close votes during the period he no longer lived in Belvidere and one in which the Mayor broke the tie, if my memory is correct," she said.

Judge to Reject Lawsuit Over Ballot Obstacles for Constitutional Amendment

Committee's attorney says state's argument has "political motivations"

by Rebecca Anzel Capitol News Illinois

A judge on Thursday sided against an Illinois organization that claimed restrictions implemented to combat the novel coronavirus made it impossible to gather the necessary signatures to place a constitutional amendment on November's general election ballot.

The official order is expected to be released sometime Thursday, a court clerk said.

The Committee for the Illinois Democracy Amendment is advocating for a constitutional change that would obligate the General Assembly to take roll call votes on bills proposing "stronger ethical standards for Illinois public officials."

It would also allow residents to propose related bills by submitting a petition with at least 100,000 signatures.

The committee's attorneys argued in a court document that social distancing and stay-at-home restrictions "forced" voters to weigh their health against their First Amendment rights.

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proponents must gather 363,813 hand-written signatures — or, 8 percent of votes cast for the governor in the last election — and deliver the papers to the secretary of state's office six months before the Nov. 3 general election. That deadline passed May 3.

The committee, in a court document, argued that threshold was impossible to meet given the issuance of Gov. JB Pritzker's disaster proclamation and stay-at-home order less than two months before the cutoff.

U.S. district court Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer disagreed after a hearing lasting about an hour. She rejected its request to reduce the signature requirement by 50 percent, enable voters to sign petitions electronically and allow those documents to be submitted electronically as well. The committee also wanted the May 3 deadline extended to Aug. 3, giving proponents the days they allege they lost.

The requests were similar to ones Pallmeyer granted the Libertarian and Green Parties when they sued the state alleging third party candidates could not realistically meet the requirements to qualify for the November ballot.

The judge ultimately decided against granting those in this case.

"We're seriously considering an appeal to the seventh circuit on an emergency basis because we want to be able to circulate these petitions," John Mauck, one of the committee's representatives, said in an interview. "The stay-at-home order from Gov. Pritzker is a state action which precluded our clients' civil liberties."

Attorneys for the Illinois State Board of Elections and secretary of state's office previously argued in a court document that at least two of the committee's requests — extending the deadline and reducing the signatures needed — would "contravene" requirements included in the state constitution.

That "would pose near insurmountable difficulties" for the state, they argued.

And the committee's requests "would make it difficult, if not impossible, for the State Board of Elections and Secretary of State to fulfill their legal obligations related to a proposed constitutional amendment," according to their filing. "In addition...the (requests) could potentially throw Illinois' electoral system into disarray during an already tumultuous time."

That argument shows "the state imagines a parade of horrors and burdens" that do not exist, the committee's attorneys responded.

Mauck said the proposed constitutional amendment is designed to "fight corruption, and we're being fought by all these government agencies who don't think we should be on the ballot."

"I think the state has political motivations behind their legal arguments," he added.

Negotiations fall flat

Pallmeyer's decision comes after she previously asked both sides to negotiate a solution. According to a court transcript, there have been "a number" of conversations and conferences, but no solution was reached.

Mauck said the state offered a two-week deadline extension as long as a hard copy of the hand-signed petitions were submitted, according to a transcript.

But the committee wanted to turn in electronic petitions with electronic signatures. That would be "a simple and fair solution, and workable solution," Mauck said in the transcript.

Erin Walsh, the Board of Elections' attorney, took issue with the committee asking "various state agencies to completely rework their system for ballot access" at "the last minute."

There is no proof the committee tried complying with the state's established process before March, she added. According to documents filed with the board, the committee was founded on April 1.

But proponents began gathering signatures "in the past several weeks," former Gov. Pat Quinn, another of the committee's representatives,

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responded, according to a transcript.

Their efforts "essentially began" after members of the General Assembly who are on the state's Joint Commission on Ethics and Lobbying Reform "announced they were not going to make any recommendations" by their self-imposed due date at the end of March.

When asked by Pallmeyer how much progress canvassers made, Quinn said "it's impossible to know exactly how many signatures you have until they're collected," according to a transcript.

The committee proposed that the state elections board and secretary of state's office retool the online voter registration system to allow residents to electronically support a constitutional amendment initiative.

That system, passed into law in 2013 when Quinn was governor, could be "easily modified" to do so, he said.

Walsh said that suggestion is tantamount to the committee "trying to foist this untested program on the state of Illinois at the last minute," according to a transcript.

And, according to that document, Pallmeyer said "whatever my views might be on the propriety of this electronic concept," she does not have the legal authority to "order a different mechanism for the voting process in Illinois."

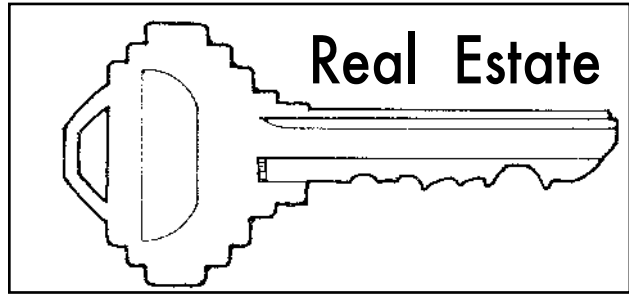
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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

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LEGAL NOTICES Foreclosures

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

MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff,
-v.-
19 CH 134
ANTHONY B. ENOS Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 10, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 9, 2020, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

COMMENCING AT A POINT ON RANGE LINE, 410 LINKS NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, IN TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; RUNNING THENCE NORTH, 90 LINKS; THENCE WEST, 250 LINKS; THENCE SOUTH, 90 LINKS; THENCE EAST 250 LINKS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, ALL BEING IN SAID SECTION 24, IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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Property Index No. 03-24-282-008
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

TCF NATIONAL BANK; Plaintiff,
vs.
19 CH 127
ELMER J. BEILFUSS AKA ELMER BEILFUSS; UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT 45 AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 3 OF BEAVER VALLEY, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN AS RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY AS DOCUMENT NO. 89-1168, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 05-09-354-013.

Commonly known as 2102 Pengate Parkway, Belvidere, IL 61008.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David T. Cohen at Plaintiff's Attorney, Cohen Dovitz Makowka, LLC, 10729 West 159th Street, Orland Park, Illinois 60467-4531. (708) 460-7711.

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LEGAL NOTICES Public Notices

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Marjorie Ruth Lane a/k/a Ruth Lane,
Deceased NO. 2020 - P - 30

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of Marjorie Ruth Lane a/k/a Ruth Lane. Letters of Office were issued on May 1, 2020 to Midland States Bank, 6838 E. State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61108, who is the Administrator of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Burkhard Geissler, 6845 Weaver Rd., Suite 100, Rockford, Illinois 61114.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before November 30, 2020, 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 Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate must be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk—Probate Division in the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main, Belvidere, Illinois, 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 the attorney for the estate within ten days after they have been filed.

Dated: May 12, 2020.
Midland States Bank
by: /s/ Patricia N. Fong
Patricia N. Fong, Senior Trust Officer
Burkhard Geissler - ARDC - #0930601
Geissler Law Office, P.C.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Caledonia in the County of Boone, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021 will be on file and available for public inspection, by appointment (815-222-9907), at 610 Constitution Dr., SW, Poplar Grove from 6:00 PM to 8:00PM.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30 PM, Thursday, June 11, 2020 at the Caledonia Township Building and that final hearing and action will be taken at that time.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2020
Valerie Alt, Supervisor
Theresa Balk, rTown Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Road purposes of the Township of Caledonia, in the County of Boone, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021 will be on open and available for public inspection, by appointment (815-222-9907), at 610 Constitution Dr., SW, Poplar Grove from 6:00 PM to 8:00PM.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30 PM, Thursday, June 11, 2020 at the Caledonia Township Building and that final hearing and action will be taken at that time.

Dated this 12th day of May 2020
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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 Landscaping business in said County and State under the name of Green Rescue Lawncare at the following addresses 10240 Springborough Dr., Rockford, IL 61107 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: Jordan Horvath 10240 Spring Borough Dr. Rockford, IL 61107 Phone 815-519-8581. Signed: Jordan Horvath 4/25/2020 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 25th day of April 2020.

Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk,
By Sherry L. Blauert, Deputy
Published in the Boone County Journal 05/8,15,22

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 Lawn Care Service business in said County and State under the name of Frank's Lawncare at the following addresses 102 Bullard St. P.O.Box 93 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: Frank w. Polinder 102 Bullard St P.O.Box 93. Signed: Frank W. Polinder 4/20/2020 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 20th day of April 2020.

Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk,
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Lawmakers to Return to Springfield for Session May 20-22

State budget among top items to be considered
by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Illinois lawmakers will return to Springfield next week for the first time in more than two months to take up a state budget and other critical matters while following strict social distancing and public safety guidelines.

During a teleconference caucus meeting Wednesday, House Democrats were told the special session will run from Wednesday, May 20, through Friday, May 22.

Before returning to the capital, lawmakers are being asked to sign a pledge stipulating they will be tested for COVID-19, regardless of whether they have symptoms or have been previously infected. They will also be required to wear face coverings, undergo temperature checks on session days, travel alone and stay in separate hotel rooms, follow social distancing guidelines and avoid extracurricular activities.

The House will meet in the Bank of Springfield Center, a convention center a few blocks from the Statehouse. The Senate plans to meet in the Senate chamber of the Capitol.

Security at the BoS Center will be provided by the Illinois State Police and all people entering the building will be required to pass through a metal detector to prevent weapons from being carried into the facility. All people will also be required to wear face coverings and submit to a touchless temperature check. Anyone with a temperature of more than 100 degrees will be required to leave.

Lawmakers have not met since March 5. They were scheduled to be off the week of March 10-14 to campaign in advance of the March 17 primary. All session days since then have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

State Fast-Tracking \$25 Million for Local Government Construction Projects

Capital plan money to go to projects that can begin within 90 days

by Rebecca Anzel Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois department tasked with the state's economic development launched a program Tuesday providing grant funding to local governments for capital projects.

Its aim, said Michael Negron, assistant director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, is to return skilled laborers to work on road improvements, building upgrades and other ventures that can begin quickly at a time when communities are facing COVID-19-related economic struggles.

The Fast-Track Public Infrastructure Grants allocate \$25 million from the Rebuild Illinois capital plan to "shovel-ready projects," he said, or those that can begin construction within 90 days of receiving funding. Officials will

prioritize those improvements in underserved areas.

Each award is worth from \$500,000 to \$5 million and represents the priority that Gov. JB Pritzker's administration is placing on Illinois' infrastructure, Negron said.

"The key here is we want to get shovel-ready projects off the ground in recognition that when you're investing in infrastructure, you're investing in people — the work creates jobs and improves the business climate," he said. "The priority is adding some stimulus to the economy right now, taking advantage of the construction season and making improvements to infrastructure, which is in constant need of modernizing. That need doesn't go away because of this pandemic."

DCEO announced in March that it would accept applications for such projects until June 30 as part of a larger program worth \$50 million. Officials are making half that pot of money more readily available for this new initiative.

The fast-track grants are a "product" of the department's internal discussions about what it could "do quickly," Negron said.

"We knew that there were local governments with a wish list of projects in various stages of readiness," he added. "Once the pandemic started to really have an impact on the economy and the governor issued a stay-at-home order to flatten the curve of infections, we took an urgent look at everything that we had and what creative ways we could use money to get it to people that really need it."

Local governments that cannot have an application ready for this immediate program, for example, can still apply for the remaining \$25 million through the end of June.

This initiative is one of several economic aid plans announced by the department to ease the financial effects of the novel coronavirus pandemic. The Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program, Emergency Hospitality Grants and Emergency Small Business Loan Fund are a few others.

Department officials plan to host online trainings for local governments and other public entities to learn about the fast-track grants.

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Amended Bailey Argument Cites 2001 AG Memo as Proof Pritzker Overstepped

DeVore's other four cases regarding stay-at-home orders moved to federal court

by Rebecca Anzel Capitol News Illinois

A document included in a downstate representative's revised lawsuit against Gov. JB Pritzker suggests the governor does not have the authority to issue successive disaster proclamations.

On April 23, Republican Rep. Darren Bailey, from Xenia, first alleged the governor overstepped his power by declaring more than one state of emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, in amended arguments, Bailey cites a memo from the office of Republican Attorney General Jim Ryan in 2001 that says the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act allows a governor to wield expanded authority only "for up to 30 days."

Pritzker first issued a disaster proclamation on March 9. Since then, he has extended that proclamation twice, most recently through May 30.

In the 19-year-old memo, senior assistant attorney general Michael Luke wrote that expanding those emergency powers to last more than 30 days "would render the limitation clause meaningless." Taking into account the rest of the law, he added, a governor would need permission from the General Assembly for any extension.

"This Attorney General opinion lays bare the overreach of the executive branch being perpetrated by this gamesmanship," Thomas DeVore, Bailey's attorney, wrote in the revised lawsuit filed Wednesday.

While that document is not legally binding, DeVore said the "optics" of its existence "will be horrific for the governor's office," especially because the attorney general's office did not disclose the memo to a judge sooner.

Pritzker, during his daily COVID-19 update Wednesday in Chicago, said current Democratic Attorney General Kwame Raoul "has not issued that (memo) to us," and pointed out that the office is representing him in this case.

The disaster financing section of the act further supports that argument, Bailey alleges in the lawsuit. A governor is allowed to spend a certain pot of state money on a disaster, and, if the General Assembly is not in session, to transfer funds from other accounts as needed only "until such a time" as the Legislature "can convene in regular or extraordinary session."

Raoul's office previously argued that if Pritzker's disaster proclamation was allowed to lapse on April 8, or 30 days after the first one was issued, it "would lead to absurd, unjust, and profoundly harmful results to a degree rarely, if ever, contemplated by an Illinois court."

The law does not specify a governor cannot declare more than one disaster, the office argued in a court filing.

In each of Pritzker's proclamations, he cites COVID-19 as a continuing public health disaster.

According to the IEMA Act, a disaster is a wide breadth of circumstances "requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, epidemic ... (or) public health emergencies. ..."

DeVore, in an interview, said that is key. He does not contest Pritzker was legally permitted to issue the first proclamation, but said the following two were not allowed. A disaster exists, he said, only if there is a threat that requires emergency action to avoid.

"How are you going to avert something — a public health emergency — that's already here? That is why Governor Pritzker cannot issue a second or third proclamation. He's admitted he's not trying to avert anything, he's trying to manage its effects," DeVore said.

And he argued the governor's legal team is practicing legal gymnastics by building a 30-day deadline into each proclamation.

"I assure you he's putting that in there to cause that proclamation to expire so he can then issue

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another one and recharge his emergency powers," DeVore said.

The Legislature, when it convenes next week for the first time since March 5, should not pass a law allowing Pritzker to continue using emergency powers to combat COVID-19, he added. That would be an unconstitutional, "excessive" delegation of the General Assembly's powers.

Bailey is asking a judge to declare the governor's second and third disaster proclamations unlawful and prevent him from issuing any further ones.

He is also asking a judge to agree the Department of Public Health, not the governor, has "supreme authority" to place a resident under quarantine and shutter a business due to public health concerns.

Four other lawsuits move to federal courts

A second Republican state representative who also filed a lawsuit challenging Pritzker's emergency powers asked a judge Tuesday to halt enforcement of the stay-at-home order until a court rules in his case.

Machesney Park Rep. John Cabello asked the Winnebago County Circuit Court for a temporary restraining order because, he said in a statement, the governor's plan to reopen Illinois' economy is "wholly inadequate."

"I have filed my temporary restraining order to put the governor on notice that we are not going to let him dictate to local communities," Cabello said. "I trust our local officials and our citizens more than I trust politicians from Springfield or Chicago."

The outcome of Cabello's case could affect all state residents. If a judge agrees Pritzker cannot legally issue successive 30-day disaster proclamations, it could release residents and businesses from the governor's restrictions.

DeVore, who is also Cabello's attorney, said shortly after this request was filed Tuesday, the attorney general's office asked the case be moved to a federal court. And earlier this week, lawyers also asked three other cases be moved to a federal court — one filed on behalf of a hair salon owner and two for a restaurateur with two establishments. All are represented by DeVore.

The attorney general's office, which represents Pritzker, did not comment on its motivation for a change in venue.

In an interview, DeVore said while his clients did not file their challenges in federal court, they do not oppose the shift.

"My clients could've went to a federal court. They didn't. This is an issue of disagreement between the good people of the state of Illinois and the executive branch," he said. "For some reason, the attorney general was not particularly excited about that."

The three lawsuits filed by Sonja Harrison, owner of the Clay County-based Visible Changes Hair Salon, and Kevin Promenschenkel, owner of Poopy's Pub & Grub in Carroll County and Dookie's Pub & Grub in Clinton County, are nearly identical.

They are asking judges in three counties — now, federal courts — to agree their businesses were shuttered without an avenue to appeal, that the Emergency Management Agency Act cannot afford Pritzker the power to close businesses, and that the steps outlined in the Illinois Department of Public Health statute must be followed.

Community News

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

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

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

RVC Admissions Hosting Getting Started Webinars for Prospective Students- In an effort to adapt to the constraints of the stay-at-home order for the State of Illinois, Rock Valley College's Admissions department will be hosting Getting Started Webinars to help prospective students with the admissions process. Currently, Getting Started Webinars are scheduled for: Monday, May 18 at noon, Wednesday, May 20 at 5pm, Friday, May 22 at 2pm, Tuesday, May 26 at 10am, Thursday, May 28 at 3pm. In these free interactive webinars, prospective students will learn about the programs and services offered at RVC and will have the opportunity to meet the RVC Recruitment team to find out what it takes to become a Golden Eagle. Each session will be followed by a Q&A session to address any questions students or parents may have. Pre-registration is required. After registering, instructions on how to join the webinar will be emailed to registrants. Choose a session now at rockvalleycollege.edu/webinars. For more information please email rvc-admissions@rockvalleycollege.edu.

Community Building Complex Committee Regular Board Meeting- Thursday May 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Building Board Room.