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The First Amendment and Running for Election in Caledonia

by Sofi Zeman

In the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, all people are given the rights to press, assembly, petition, religion and speech. While each of these rights serve their own purposes, they all have one very important aspect in common: Each of these revolve around the importance of giving people the freedom to express their own individual forms of thought. It is through the use of the First Amendment that we are able to question the way things are, and allow others to share their opinions on the same topics in a safe manner.

In this photo, a crowd circles around a man giving a speech in Caledonia, just outside a clothing store, which was across the street from what was once the Chamberlain Hotel. This hotel once was the temporary abode to many a traveler. It was run and established by Catherine Chamberlain and her husband, William. The couple looked over the business from March 1879 until Catherine's death in 1929. After her passing, their two daughters took over and operated the hotel for some time. Despite attempts to maintain the original building for historical purposes, the building was torn down in the mid 1970s.

The speaker may have been a storekeeper, trying to attract business. Perhaps he was a political candidate, attempting to win a town's heart over with his words. Regardless of who he was or what he was sharing with his community, the importance lays in the fact that he was able to do so. Had he not this constitutional right, anyone with authority

that disagreed with his position might have had him fined, imprisoned or worse.

The entire foundation of our political system rests on exercising our rights under the First Amendment. Without it, politicians throughout time wouldn't have been able to express the ideas, or embark on the initiatives that have changed not only American policy, but that of the world.

On February 26, Boone County and other counties in Illinois will be holding a primary election for local government offices. On April 2, will be the general election. Between now and then, candidates and others have an opportunity to exercise their First Amendment rights in a public setting.

Without this freedom of speech, the most progressive minds of our time and of those before would have been silenced. The Land of the Free would be anything but. This freedom, as well as those that were granted alongside it, have played, arguably, the greatest role in national progression and in making America what it is today.

Elderly & Disabled Assistance In Voting

Boone County Clerk, Julie A. Stapler, wishes to inform registered voters who are elderly or have disabilities of the many aids and provisions for assistance in voting at the upcoming election. Stapler said that her office welcomes inquiries by anyone who feels they may wish to take advantage of these aids at the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election.

Stapler stated all registered voters may vote by mail. They may contact her office to request an application or print an application from the County website at www.boonecountyil.org. After filing

the application with the County Clerk's office, the ballot will be mailed to the voter at home, or wherever he or she may be at the time, along with complete instructions for voting and returning the voted ballot. Voters have until March 28, 2019 to submit an application.

Early voting is also available at the County Clerk's Office beginning March 8, 2019 through April 1, 2019. The only difference between early voting and vote by mail is that you would have to vote in person for early voting.

Judges of Election are permitted to deliver a ballot to any voter who cannot get into the polling place on Election Day if an application has been received in the County Clerk's office prior to Election Day. These judges may deliver the ballot to the voter at the point at which he or she is unable to continue toward the Polling Place as long as this point is within 50 feet of the Polling Place entrance. Assistance is also available in the Polling Place. She went on to say that all Polling Places throughout the County are disabled accessible and will have disabled parking spaces available near the building entrance. In addition, all Polling Places will be equipped with special visual aids to assist voters.

Stapler urges everyone to take advantage of the right to vote at this Election, and to feel free to request assistance from the Election Judges on Election Day. They are specifically trained to render this assistance and welcome the opportunity to be of help.

For further information on elections, voter registration and the available assistance to voters who are elderly or have disabilities, contact the Boone County Clerk's Office at 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008. Regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the phone number is 815-544-3103.

OSF HealthCare Raising Minimum Wage \$2 per hour

(Peoria, IL | February 14, 2019) – As part of its commitment to social justice and to positively impact the experience and livelihood of its current and future workforce, OSF HealthCare is raising the minimum wage for its workers to \$12 an hour, effective February 24, 2019.

Approximately 1,142 Mission Partners will benefit from the increase, in excess of 5% of the 21,000 person workforce. Currently, the federal minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour. The minimum wage in the state of Illinois is \$8.25 an hour, and in Michigan the minimum wage is \$9.25 an hour.

“We raised our minimum wage to \$10 an hour in 2015 and are raising it again because it’s the right thing to do,” said Sister Judith Ann Duvall, O.S.F., Major Superior and OSF HealthCare Board Chairperson in announcing the increase. “Our Sisters deeply value our Mission Partners and the wonderful service they bring to our Sacred Ministry.”

“At OSF HealthCare, we believe our Mission Partners are called here, and we want to ensure that they are well cared for. Additionally, by increasing the minimum wage, we will be able to attract and retain new Mission Partners in support of our Mission to serve with the greatest care and love,” added Bob Sehring, CEO, OSF HealthCare.

The majority of those who will benefit from the wage increase serve in food service, housekeeping, gift shops, or are members of the guest services team. The increase is anticipated to have an approximate \$1.5 million impact to the Ministry.

up costs to local schools, universities, non-profits, park districts, day care centers and many others. All of these costs will be passed along to local taxpayers, many in the form of higher property taxes. Rushing through a minimum wage increase in this manner will drive businesses from Illinois, especially in communities close to the state line.”

The legislation, Senate Bill 1, now goes to Governor Pritzker to be signed into law. Illinois’ minimum wage will go up to \$9.25 per hour on January 1, 2020 before increasing to \$10 per hour on July 1, 2020 and increasing \$1 on January 1 of each year thereafter until reaching \$15 in 2025.

ter nearly a decade of delay, I applaud the House and Senate for passing a living wage with the fierce urgency this moment requires. Phasing in the minimum wage over the next six years will put \$6,300 a year into the pockets of nearly a quarter of our state’s workforce and billions of dollars into local economies in every corner of our state. Whether you’re a home healthcare provider in McLeansboro or a janitor in Rockford, hardworking men and women across Illinois deserve a raise and will get one. After campaigning on a promise to put Springfield back on the side of working families, I will proudly sign this historic legislation in the days to come.”

Pritzker Applauds House Passage of \$15 Minimum Wage

At presstime the Governor had signed this bill

Springfield, Ill. — Following the House passage of SB 1 which raises the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, Governor JB Pritzker released the following statement.

“Today is resounding victory for the 1.4 million Illinoisans who will soon get a hard-earned and well-deserved raise,” said Gov. JB Pritzker. “Af-

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Sosnowski on Passage of Minimum Wage Increase

SPRINGFIELD – State Representative Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford, issued the following statement today following final passage of legislation to raise Illinois’ minimum wage to \$15 per hour by January 1, 2025:

“This minimum wage increase will cost the state over \$1 billion because current employee contracts will go up as a result. This increase will also drive

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker's Proposed FY 2020 Budget

Budget Expenditures	FY20 Proposed	% Change from FY19
Education	\$10.804 B	6.2%
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Public Safety	\$1.855 B	6.9%
Human Services	\$6.448 B	9.2%
Health Care (Medicaid)	\$7.228 B	-8.9%
Environment and Culture	\$59 M	0.0%
Government Services	\$3.417 B	0.8%
Pensions	\$7.124 B	-4.7%
Unspent Appropriations	(\$975 M)	
Operating Budget	\$36.016 B	0.9%
Interfund Borrowing Repayment	\$85 M	41.7%
Statutory Transfers/Debt Service	\$2.646 B	-14.4%
Supplemental Appropriations		
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$38.748 B	-1.4%

New Taxes	Projected Revenue
Taxes for Medicaid	
Cigarette Tax, raise to \$2.30/pack	\$55 million
E-cigarettes, tax at 35%	\$10 million
MCO Assessment	\$390 million
Total taxes for Medicaid	\$455 million
New General Taxes	
Sports Wagering	\$212 million
Recreational Marijuana	\$170 million
Close corporate tax loopholes/tax repatriated assets	\$94 million
Progressive Tax Structure on Video Gambling	\$89 million
Cap sales tax discount for retailers	\$75 million
Plastic bag tax	\$20 million
Phase out Private School Scholarship Tax Credit	\$6 million
Total new general taxes	\$666 million
Total New Taxes	\$1.121 billion

Pritzker Proposes 'Austere Budget' With More Taxes, Spending, Borrowing

By Benjamin Yount | Illinois News Network

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker's first state budget calls for spending more on schools, colleges and universities and social services.

To pay for it, he wants to eventually increase taxes on top earners, quickly legalize recreational marijuana and tax insurance companies called man-

aged care organizations that work with Medicaid patients. His plan also would institute a number of other taxes to generate revenue.

The state's new governor started his budget presentation to lawmakers by going back to the Great Depression. He said Illinois had the same problems then as the state does now.

"Illinois' 200-year history is a web of recurring challenges. The same theme is recycling with each new decade." Pritzker told lawmakers in a speech Wednesday. "When reviewing past

reports to the General Assembly by previous Governors, the same problems are raised over and over again: There is not enough money to address social ills, not enough jobs to employ people, not enough resources to adequately maintain and build our infrastructure, and not enough attention to the plight of working families. It may not surprise you to learn that these problems existed in 1819, they existed in 1919 and they exist today in 2019."

Pritzker proposed solving those problems by legalizing recreational marijuana for adult use, legalizing sports betting, taxing insurance companies called managed care organizations that work with Medicaid patients, borrowing \$4 billion and pushing the state's pension payoff further down the road.

"The budget I present to you today is an honest proposal," Pritzker said. "The costs are not hidden, the revenues I propose are not out of reach, the hole we need to fill is not ignored."

That budget hole is \$3.2 billion. There's also \$15 billion in unpaid bills. They will stay unpaid.

Pritzker said outside of those bills, he expects the state to bring in \$38.9 billion next year. He wants to spend almost every penny of it, \$38.7 billion.



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3/15 Milwaukee Slim with Billy Flynn

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Hynes Presents Ideas and Solutions for Illinois' Fiscal Mess

Chicago — Highlighting a path forward to dig Illinois out of its fiscal mess, Deputy Governor Dan Hynes reaffirmed the administration's commitment to growing the state's economy, responsibly keeping its commitment to retirees and investing in key priorities like education.

The following is a copy of the deputy governor's remarks as prepared for delivery at the City Club of Chicago:

It's great to be here again.

It's hard to believe but the last time I spoke here was in January 2010 — nearly a decade ago — and I believe that many of you were in the room then.

I would also like the record to reflect that when I came here a decade ago, I took that opportunity to make a joke about Donald Trump's hair.

Most importantly, in my speech I said that sometimes it's by looking back that we become certain of what we must do — and where we must go — together. And today, I'd like to take my time to look a little bit into what's behind us — so that we can see clearly the path ahead of us.

When I stood here as a young man in 2010, the state's financial situation was challenging — to say the least. The budget was straining with red ink, the backlog was hitting \$6 billion and we had painful choices to make.

I had been sounding the alarm about budget gimmicks and overly-rosy financial pictures — as well as efforts to mislead the voters and promise them things that we couldn't afford. Sometimes my warnings worked — sometimes they landed with a thud. Sometimes the state made progress — sometimes we fell backward into a mess of our own making.

Even by Illinois standards, though, the past four years have taken an extraordinary toll. I will be the first to say that we had problems before Governor Rauner's impasse began — and there was plenty of blame to go around. But the situation that we find ourselves in today is an entirely different beast. It will take years to dig out of the self-inflicted financial hole made worse by an unnecessary two year ideological war.

The catalogue of horrors is dire:

A 3.2 billion dollar structural budget deficit, even after raising taxes.

A mountain of debt that totals nearly 15 billion dollars. That's triple what we owed when the impasse began.

Late Payment Interest Penalties due to the budget impasse exceeded \$1.25 billion.

Eight credit downgrades for the state, and 5 universities fell to junk credit status.

We now pay millions more in interest on our lower-rated bonds — enough money to give another 25,000 students MAP grants every year. That's enough to provide scholarships to every undergrad at SUI-Carbondale and Illinois State — combined.

It's devastating. And most of it was avoidable.

Next week, our new Governor will lay out a budget blueprint to address these issues and deal with them head on. I am proud to be working for Governor JB Pritzker and the strong team he has assembled.

And today, I want to talk with you about how Governor Pritzker's administration will address a financial challenge that has bedeviled generations of Illinoisans — our pensions.

Today the State of Illinois faces nearly 134 billion dollars in unfunded pension liabilities.

Let's start with this critical point: These are pensions that workers earned — workers who served as teachers, as janitorial staff, as laborers, as nurses. These are pensions that were promised to them — and these workers have planned around and relied upon them for their retirement.

But these pensions were never supposed to eat up 20 percent of our budget.

As I said in my opening, sometimes you need to look back to find out the best path forward.

The year was 1994, and our government leaders realized there was a problem. The state's pension systems were headed on a financial collision course with actuarial and mathematical reality. Experts were convened — plans devised — and it was decided: The State would embark on a 50 year plan to pension solvency.

This plan was well-intentioned, no doubt. And at

first, it seemed to work — the systems were 70 percent funded in 1997.

But there were hidden flaws, and unanticipated hiccups.

The flaws only became evident when markets got shaky and we realized that people were going to be living longer.

First, the payments were backloaded. They would steadily increase, but the real pain was left for the out-years.

Then, system assets dropped by 10% during the dot-com crash and by 31% during the Great Recession. Only then did the systems realize that their projected rates of return were unreasonably high.

But the plan, the actuaries and the markets were only responsible for some of our dilemma. We also have to acknowledge the politically motivated, poor judgments that led to pension holidays, early retirement initiatives and skimming off the top of pension bonds.

It all added up to this:

The original architects of this 25-year old plan calculated that in 2020, Illinois taxpayers would pay only \$4.9 billion for pensions. Instead, the plan now requires us to pay \$9.1 billion. That's nearly double what was expected.

In 1996, the state spent 3 percent of its General Funds revenues on pensions. Today, the plan calls for us to spend 21 percent of our revenues on pensions.

Let that sink in. 3 percent. 21 percent.

It's unsustainable... and frankly it is not fair. It is not fair to parents — today — who need child care and students who deserve a good education. It is not fair to those who rely on social services — or to providers who wait months to get paid for delivering them.

This state has tried to keep up with this 1995 payment ramp — and legislators have taken many difficult votes to do so. Votes to raise taxes — votes to cut benefits. And in that time, the Supreme Court has ruled that a pension is a promise. An unbreakable promise that we are legally required to pay.

But it just seems that when it comes to reducing our pension liability, for every two steps we go forward, we take three steps back.

Remember, we were 70% funded in 1997. Yet, for all the taxpayer dollars we poured into state pension funds over the last 20 years, we're now only 40 percent funded. That's 30 percentage points lower than just after this ramp began.

It is truly like the Greek myth of Sisyphus pushing that pension boulder uphill, only to have it slip back down each time he makes progress.

Whether it was a flawed structure of our pension ramp — or the intervention of politicians who couldn't help but to give away the store — our reality today is shaped by the fact that one out of every five dollars in our state budget goes to a pension.

Despite all this bad news, there is a path forward — and it involves first being honest and transparent with ourselves and the taxpayers.

That starts with the vital need to finally enact a fair income tax that will generate significant additional revenue for this state. A fair tax that 33 other states have already put in place. A fair tax that is the income tax system for the United States government. A fair income tax that raises taxes on people like... well like my boss... and gives the vast majority of the people of Illinois a tax break.

The fair income tax will change the arc of this state's finances in a very positive way — forever.

It will take political will, but the Governor and our entire administration is committed to doing the right thing. What we won't do is balance the budget on the backs of working families. They've paid that price for too long.

We're proposing a way forward that acknowledges reality. The reality is that we must and will pay the pensions that are owed. The reality is that a fair income tax can be enacted in less than two years. The reality is that no state can thrive when one out of every five dollars goes to pensions. The reality is that we cannot crowd out all the investments we need to grow our economy and enhance our children's future.

Let me offer some ideas and solutions to dig out of our mess.

First, when the fair tax becomes law, we will create a new revenue source dedicated specifically to pensions. The state will commit to using \$200 million a year directly to pensions, over and above our legally required payments. This will not only help pay down the unfunded liability but will likely also lower the cost of our debt.

Second, we must infuse cash and assets into the system now to improve the health of the funds. We will be evaluating some of the assets that are owned by the State — they could be worth tens of billions of dollars — for potential transfer into the pension funds. I am pleased that experts like Jackie Avitia-Guzman and Jamie Star have signed on to help with these evaluations. These assets could be used in a way that is far more financially responsible for the state, to increase assets in the pension systems to offset liabilities and reduce the unfunded liability overall.

Third, let's listen to experts and exercise good financial management. We can lower the cost of our pension debt and inject cash immediately into the system by issuing a small-scale pension bond of about \$2 billion. The bond proceeds would be used for no purpose other than to be deposited directly into the funds — and would be used only for paying down our more expensive pension liabilities. No skimming off the top to pay this year's pension payment. No using bond proceeds to pay for operating costs.

This protects taxpayers from the way these bonds were misused in the past, and it brings our pension funds closer to a healthy level. We would look to move forward with this bond only if the calculation makes sense for taxpayers — and if the interest rates are lower for the bond than what we are currently paying for the pension debt. It's simply good financial management.

Fourth, the optional pension buyout programs passed in last year's budget were short term in nature — which limits their effectiveness at reducing our future pension liabilities. We intend to extend these programs to provide certainty to retiring employees who may choose the option to receive more retirement income upfront. By doing so, we can expand the savings to the state overall. This is a responsible way to reduce liabilities without going back on the state's promised retirement benefits.

Finally, during last year's campaign Governor Pritzker proposed smoothing and flattening payments into the pension system in the context of contributing more cash and assets to the system. We propose a modest extension of our pension amortization schedule by seven years. We will still reach the target goal of 90% funding, but we will do so without massively crowding out investments our state needs to grow its economy. After almost a quarter century of losing ground, a seven-year extension is reasonable in the context of currently contributing billions more to our pensions systems.

Collectively, these five actions will expand our tax revenue base, invest in priorities that will grow our economy, and we'll be able to put our pensions on a sustainable path that keeps our promises to retirees.

Now, no discussion of pensions would be complete without recognition that we have a pension crisis brewing among our local and county governments. We must explore smart ways to consolidate those pension funds. The state is home to 671 separate public pension funds. This results in a fractured system that often duplicates functions across funds, limits the smaller funds to a narrow range of lower return investments, and impedes their ability to negotiate lower fees.

These funds manage \$170 billion in assets and have accrued liabilities totaling more than \$355 billion. These liabilities have placed increased pressure on local governments and the State of Illinois, driving up property taxes and crowding out funding for critical local public services.

To begin consolidation efforts, Governor Pritzker created the Pension Consolidation Feasibility Taskforce which will be co-chaired by William Brodsky, the former Chairman and CEO of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Pat Devaney, the President of the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois and Christine Radogno, the former Illinois Senate Minority Leader.

No solution to Illinois' pension crisis will be easy — every person in this room and every person outside this room knows that. If we're honest with ourselves, each choice involves sacrifice; each path involves pain.

What I do know is this: We can't be the state we want to become if we vacuum up more and more of every tax dollar into pensions. We have to be able to invest in the things that will feed growth: strong schools, reliable infrastructure, a robust network of human services, effective public safety.

But, if we are willing to look back and understand our mistakes, we become certain of what we must do — and where we must go — together — to be the state that we want to be — and that I know we can become.

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Attorney Timothy F. Horning Meyer and Horning P.C. Attorney for Plaintiff 3400 N. Rockton Avenue Rockford, IL 61103 815/636-9300

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Danielle Burza-Smith, Crosby Law Firm, P.C., 475 Executive Parkway, Rockford, Illinois 61107. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before August 22, 2019 that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date as stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk-Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 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 his/her attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Village of Poplar Grove Boone County, Illinois

OWNER - The Village of Poplar Grove acting through its Board of Trustees, hereby gives notice that sealed bids will be received in the Village of Poplar Grove Village Hall for the following described project.

PROJECT The work shall consist of construction of milling of bituminous pavements, shaping and compacting milled bituminous materials, HMA paving, HMA patching, bituminous surface removal, removal and replacement of PCC curbing, manhole adjustments, bituminous surface treatments (seal coat) and traffic control.

Bids will be received on the following contract(s):

Contracts: 19-00000-00-GM - Paving, Patching, Manhole Adjustment 19-00000-01-GM - Bituminous Surface Treatments (Seal Coat)

TIME Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 AM, local time, as indicated on the website http://www.time.gov CST on March 6, 2019 in the Village of Poplar Grove Village Hall, 200 Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

BIDS All bids shall be addressed to Ms. Karri Anderberg, Village Clerk, Village of Poplar Grove, 200 Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the bidder and the contract for which the bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the contract documents.

EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS The bidding documents are on file for inspection at the offices of McMahon, 1700 Hutchins Road, Machesney Park, IL 61115.

PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS In order to be a 'Plan Holder' or 'Bidder', each firm or organization shall download Bidding Documents from the McMAHON website (www.mcmgrp.com) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDoc™. Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.mcmgrp.com or www.questcdn.com. Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable \$35.00 by inputting Quest Project No. 6123560 for Section Number 19-00000-00-GM or Quest Project No. 6123589 for Section Number 19-00000-01-GM on the website's Project Search page. Contractors must be pre-qualified and have a current certificate of Eligibility with the Illinois Department of Transportation to be eligible for this project. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

BID SECURITY No bid shall be received unless accompanied by a certified check or satisfactory bid bond payable to the Village of Poplar Grove in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the maximum bid as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the contract, performance/payment bonds and insurance certification, as required by the contract documents, within twenty (20) days after the Notice of Award.

BID REJECTION The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interests of the Village of Poplar Grove.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.

STATE OF ILLINOIS GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS Contract Letting

1. The contract letting shall be subject to Illinois Statutes and Motor Fuel Tax procedures and guidelines.

Equal Employment Opportunity

1. Contractor shall comply with the Equal Employment opportunity requirements in the contract documents and certify that the Contractor is not barred from contracting with a local unit of government as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code.

2. The CONTRACTOR and subcontractors must comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights, and Orders of the Illinois Human Rights Commission, provisions of the Public Works Employment discrimination Act, 775 Illinois Compiled Statutes, 10/0.01, and the requirements of the Illinois Equal Employment Opportunity clause.

Minimum Wage

1. The CONTRACTOR shall be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates established by the OWNER, as stated in the Advertisement For Bids.

2. Copies of the applicable wage rates are on file with the OWNER and/or incorporated in the contract documents.

3. The CONTRACTOR shall pay prevailing wages in accordance with, "An act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the state county city or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works" (820 ILCS 130 et Seq.). The minimum hourly rate of wages, as determined by the Wage Determination Decision of the Department of Labor referred to in these standards is included in the bid packet.

Published by the authority of the Village of Poplar Grove acting through its Board of Trustees.

Karri Anderberg Village Clerk Village of Poplar Grove Run: Boone County Journal February 22, 2019 Published in The Boone County Journal Feb 22, 2019

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, Belvidere City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 upon the following:

Application of Ryan Crombie, 201 S. 8th Street, South Beloit, IL 61080 on behalf of the property owner, JBLH Properties, LLC, 201 S. 8th Street, South Beloit, IL 61080 for a special use to permit indoor commercial entertainment. Specifically, a bar with video gaming at 982 Belvidere Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C)(4)(B)(2) Indoor Commercial Entertainment and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures) in the PB, Planned Business District on approximately 1.25 acres. The subject property is legally described as:

Lot Sixty-seven (67) as designated upon the Plat of Logan Square, being a Subdivision of part of the West Half (1/2) of Section 31, Township 44 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded August 18, 2003 as Document No. 2003R13998 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois. (PIN: 06-31-151-003)

Application of Ryan Crombie, 201 S. 8th Street, South Beloit, IL 61080 on behalf of the property owner, LHC Properties, LLC, 201 S. 8th Street, South Beloit, IL 61080 for a special use to permit indoor commercial entertainment. Specifically, an event center at 1550 Pearl Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C)(1)(B)(2) Indoor Commercial Entertainment and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures) in the NO, Neighborhood Office District on approximately 0.50 acres. The subject property is legally described as:

Lots Five (5), Seven (7) and Nine (9) in Block Eight (8) as designated upon the Plat of "Highland" situated in Belvidere, according to the Plat thereof recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois. PIN: 05-36-308-003.

Application of Ryan Crombie, 201 S. 8th Street, South Beloit, IL 61080 on behalf of the property owner, LHC Properties, LLC, 201 S. 8th Street, South Beloit, IL 61080 for a special use to permit outdoor commercial entertainment. Specifically, a beer garden at 622 S. State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C)(6)(B)(2) Outdoor Commercial Entertainment and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures) in the CB, Central Business District on approximately 0.50 acres. The subject property is legally described as:

Lot Seven (7) in Block Six (6) of Cohoon's and Allen's Addition to Belvidere, as platted and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; ALSO the west Eight (8) rods of Lot Eight (8) in Block Six (6) of Cohoon's and Allen's Addition to Belvidere, as platted and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois. PIN: 05-36-104-025

Application of Ryan Crombie, 201 S. 8th Street, South Beloit, IL 61080 on behalf of the property owner, LHC Properties, LLC, 201 S. 8th Street, South Beloit, IL 61080 for a variance to reduce the required setback from residentially zoned property from 300 feet to 150 feet. Specifically, allowing outdoor commercial entertainment to occur zero feet from a residentially zoned property at 622 S. State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.204(D) (10)(A)(1) and 150.909 Variance Review and Approval Procedures) in the CB, Central Business District on approximately 0.50 acres. The subject property is legally described as:

Lot Seven (7) in Block Six (6) of Cohoon's and Allen's Addition to Belvidere, as platted and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; ALSO the west Eight (8) rods of Lot Eight (8) in Block Six (6) of Cohoon's and Allen's Addition to Belvidere, as platted and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois. PIN: 05-36-104-025

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

Alissa Maher, Chairman, Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission Published in The Boone County Journal Feb 22, 2019

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 Beauty Salon Business in said County and State under the name of You & Me/ Tu y Yo Beauty Salon at the following post office addresses: 128 N. State St., 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: Lupita Covarrubras. 212 Hastings Way S.W., Poplar Grove IL, 61065. Signed: Lupita Covarrubras, 02/04/19 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 4th. day of February, 2019, Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Giselle Lenover, Deputy Published in the Boone County Journal 02/08,15,22

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 Carpentry/ Construction/ Framing Business in said County and State under the name of A's Construction at the following post office 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, 02/07/19 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 7th. day of February, 2019. Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Sherry L. Blauert, Deputy Published in the Boone County Journal 02/15,22 03/01

Public Notices

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

LYNN R. DEHAAN VS. JOHN RUSSELL D/B/A TREEMASTERS A/K/A TREE MASTERS TREE SERVICE No.: 18 L 17

Notice is hereby given of the above-captioned lawsuit to the Defendant, John Russell. This Notice has been authorized and approved by the Court as service by special order pursuant to Illinois 5/2-203.1. On August 2, 2017, Lynn R. Dehaan sustained injury in an incident that occurred during tree trimming work being performed by the Defendant at 904 North State Street, Belvidere, Illinois. She sued John Russell d/b/a Treemasters and is seeking compensation for medical bills, pain and suffering, loss of a normal life, and other elements of damage. The attorney for the Plaintiff is John C. Wunsch, P.C., 77 West Washington Street, Suite 1420, Chicago, Illinois 60602 (312) 977-9900. The attorney for the Defendant is John Beribak, Charysh & Schroeder, 33 North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, Illinois, 60602 (312) 372-8338. The case is currently pending before the Honorable Judge John H. Young, Courtroom 3, of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois. Defendant John Russell is hereby given notice of the pendency of this case and hereby given notice to contact immediately his attorney, John Beribak. Failure to appear and cooperate with the Court's scheduling orders may result in an order of default being entered against the Defendant, John Russell d/b/a Treemasters Published in The Boone County Journal Feb 8, 15, 22, 2019

Notice to Bidders Mowing and Trimming services For Belvidere Township Park District

Belvidere Township Park District hereby gives notice that sealed bids for a two year contract will be received for the mowing and trimming of 7 parks within the district for the 2019 and 2020 mowing seasons. There will also be 2 additional parks which will be included as alternate parks for bids. Bid acceptance will be closed March 11th, 2019 at 10 a.m.. Upon official closing, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Belvidere Park District Administration Office and presented to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. Bid packets may be obtained and submitted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday at: Belvidere Park District Administration Office, 1006 W. Lincoln Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008.

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: ALBERT F. PINNOW, Deceased. 2018 P 68

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of ALBERT F. PINNOW. Letters of Office were issued on November 6, 2018 to VIRGINIA S. PINNOW, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is

