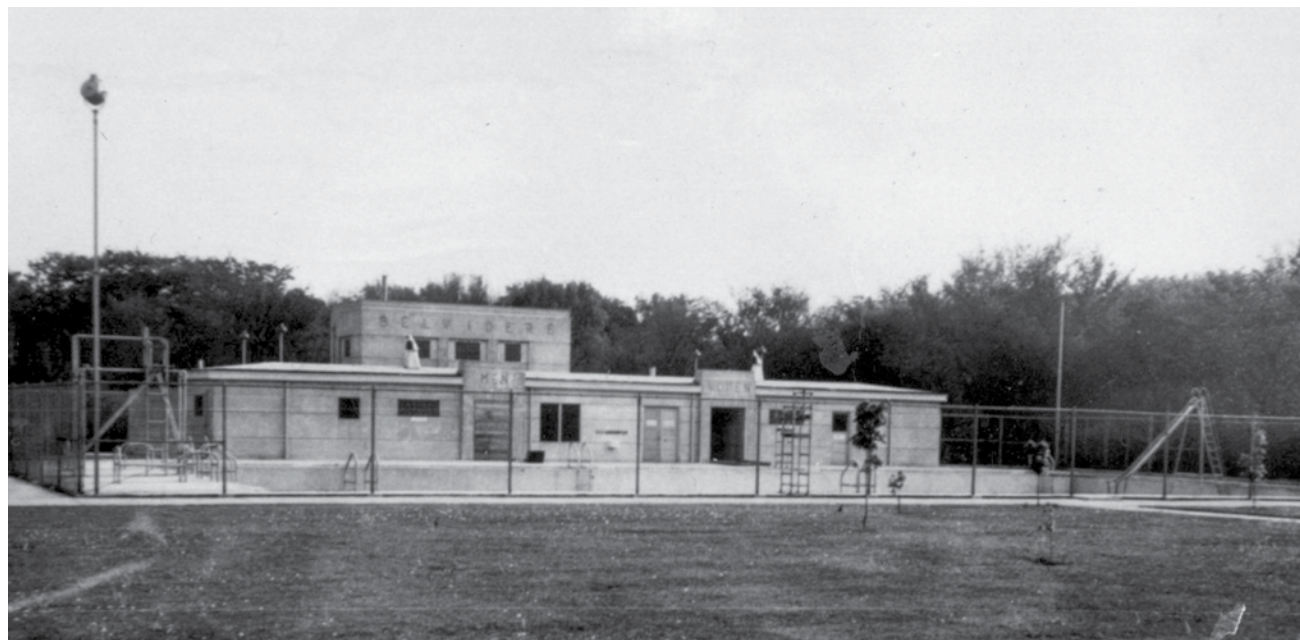


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Diving into Summertime

By Sofi Zeman

The 2017-18 school year has finally come to a close here in District 100. We've reached summer time at long last. To children of all ages, the next three months will revolve around having all the fun that just can't be fit into a school year. So, what does that mean in Belvidere? As many are aware, a hot summer day attracts a large portion of the area's youth to the local park pool. Located in Belvidere Park, William Grady Pool plays a major role in the summers of the youthful population. Those who have passed through the pool's doors have witnessed an innumerable amount of important experiences at the park pool without even realizing it. First jobs, first times learning to swim, first friendships, even first sunburns. It is undeniable that the park pool is the known place to be in the summer time—and it's been this way for a while.

As a few older residents may remember, there was a point on Belvidere's timeline where there was no local swimspot to hide from the heat. It wasn't until October 5, 1938 that a swimming pool project was approved for construction. Nearly three years later, a final product was in place—the Belvidere swimming pool. The pool was officially opened to the public on July 9, 1941. To add additional cause for celebration on the day of the opening, the pool hosted a Miss Belvidere pageant. Thousands came to witness the contest as beauties from across the area demonstrated the "grace and glamour," of being a woman. At the end of the night, it was Miss Billie Higgins that went home with a first place victory - and for Miss Marjorie Arthur, the title of Miss Belvidere Jr.. Miss Higgins was not the only town royalty to come from the Belvidere swimming pool. Miss America 1969, Judy Ford, worked as a lifeguard and taught swim lessons at the very same place.

As time went on, the pressing need for progress eventually influenced development at the pool. In 1979, a new children's pool and snack stand were built within the pool fences. The log cabin outside the building, which was once the original snack stand, has since been used for storage and alternative use. Five years later, the main pool was updated as well. In the 90s, the changing and bathing areas were redone in order to benefit a wider variety of patrons. Gradually, the pool evolved into the one that sits there today.

While construction-related changes obviously occurred, it seems that the foundation of having a place for community recreation has withstood the course of time. Places such as this help to bring people together,

to make Belvidere feel a little less spread out. As times are changing, technology has begun to alter just as rapidly. Despite the many benefits that come with this, a major drawback comes from the fact that we, as a society, are becoming increasingly less personal or social than ever before. Not many people associate with their neighbors, let alone people they meet in the streets. Smaller-scale places, such as a local public pool have proved to bring communities together.

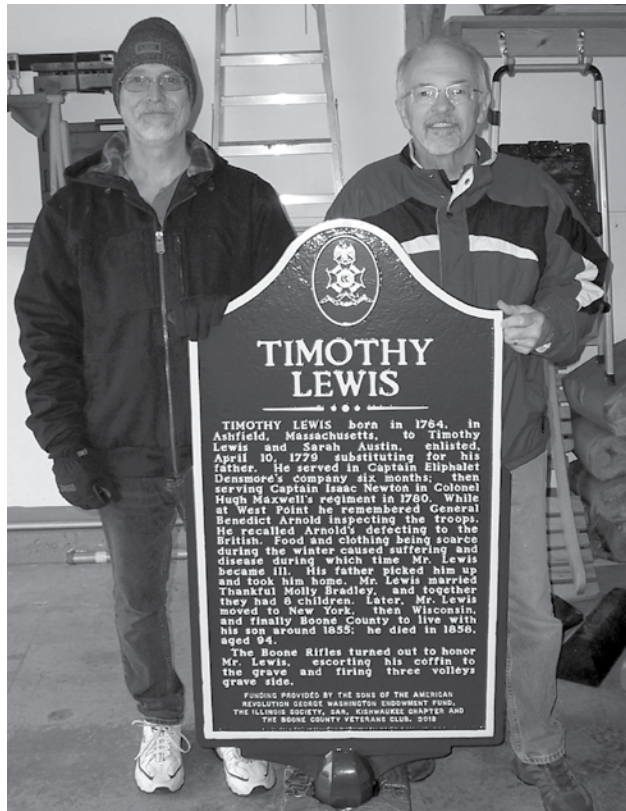
Boone County Honors Veterans

by Burke Cochran

Memorial day has passed, but, that doesn't mean the time to honor American veterans has passed.

Veterans in the United States are one of our most respected groups. Dozens of holidays celebrating veterans sprinkle the calendar. Even so, many celebrate veterans only on days such as Memorial Day or Veterans Day. Yet, groups throughout Boone County aim to educate and commemorate the many veterans within its boundaries, and Boone County will be celebrating its veterans long past Memorial Day.

Memorial Day has historically been a large event in Belvidere. Normal proceedings dictate decorating the graves of veterans who died in combat with



Belvidere City Council Moves Forward With LimeBike Project

By Sofi Zeman

On Monday, June 4, Belvidere's City Council met in the City Council Chambers to discuss new business in the next fiscal year.

A decision made by the council this week has the potential to change how travel is done around town. The city's alderman unanimously approved an agreement with Neutron Holdings Inc. to bring LimeBike to Belvidere.

Similar to the rental bikes that are stationed throughout the streets of Rockford and Chicago, LimeBikes are positioned all over, ready to be used by anyone at any time. Curious as to what all of the green bikes around Rockford are about? That's LimeBike at work. The company is new, and based out of San Mateo, California. LimeBike currently has stations in just over 50 cities across the nation. Much like

Uber, a potential LimeBike rider downloads the app and makes purchases through digital transactions. To ride a LimeBike, customers pay \$1 for every 30 minutes spent using the bike.

When a customer is done riding their LimeBike, they do not have to return it to the sharing station they found it at. Using GPS technology, LimeBikes are tracked and found by designated collectors to be picked up later on.

Having LimeBikes here in town has multiple benefits. Biking promotes exercise and encourages eco-friendly travel at a low price. It appears that the City Council is on board with the idea and plans to move forward with the project.

In other matters, the City Council discussed revising their budget for this fiscal year. According to City Finance Director, Becky Tobin, Belvidere saved a significant amount of money in the past year.

"We did end the year on a much better note than I thought we would. We had anticipated to spend over \$1.1 million of reserves this last year and we only spent about \$22,000 of reserves," said Tobin.

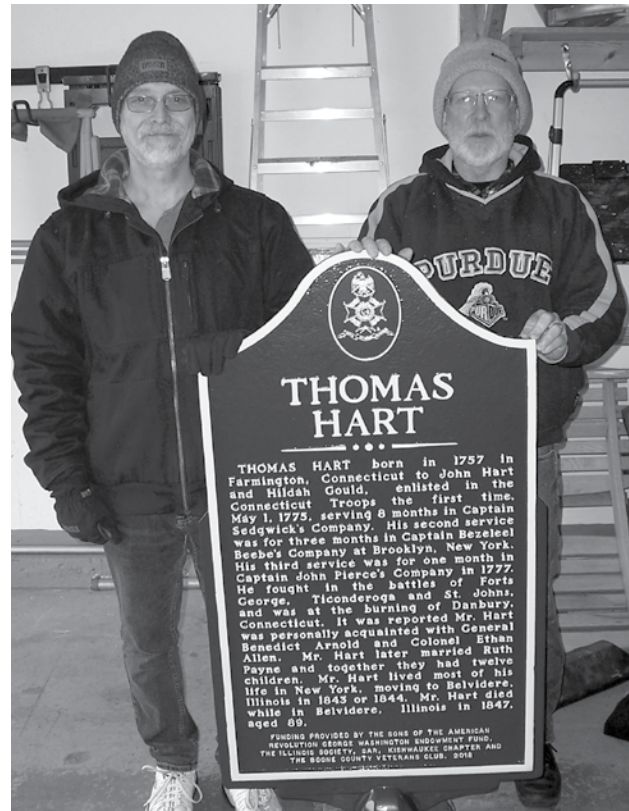
The council approved the budget revision for the new fiscal year and plans to use the funds to carry on with projects that were in the process from the last year.

flowers, along with planting a small flag. Special attention is given to the grave of Stephen A. Hurlbut, a Civil War veteran buried in Belvidere.

Hurlbut joined the Union army and soon became a Brigadier General (one star) and was promoted to Major General (two stars) on September 17, 1862. After the war, Hurlbut became the Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal organization of veterans of several military branches. While this original organization does not still exist, its successor organizations still do, and the Post G.A.R. was involved in the celebrations on Memorial Day. Eventually, Hurlbut became a member of the US House of Representatives serving Illinois's fourth district, and served two terms until his defeat in 1876. Afterwards, he served as Ambassador to Peru until his death in 1882 in Lima at age 66. Hurlbut and his wife are buried in Belvidere Cemetery.

A local organization exists today in Boone County with the sole intention of honoring American Veterans, and with a focus on those who fought in the Revolutionary War: the Sons of the American Revolution. The local chapter has roots back to 1978, and still actively hosts events.

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A 10-story mural of blues music legend Muddy Waters by artist Eduardo Kobra was completed in 2017 at the corner of State and Washington in Chicago. Ashlee Rezin/Sun-Times

Muddy Waters Wrote the Songs of Chicago's Blues Legacy

By Jeff Johnson
Courtesy of the Chicago Sun-Times

Since June 2017, Muddy Waters' image has beamed down from a 10-story mural at 17 N. State St. in Chicago. But the king bee of Chicago blues looms even larger over the city with his outsized musical and cultural legacy.

The Mississippi Delta native, born McKinley Morganfield in 1913, followed the Great Migration to Chicago in 1943, where he found stardom with his groundbreaking electric guitar sound and classic bands. He died at age 70 in 1983, but new generations of artists often cite the influence of the six-time Grammy winner and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, and Waters' songs such as "I'm Your Hoochie Coochie Man" and "Rollin' Stone" are used frequently by filmmakers and advertisers.

International tourists visit Chicago to bathe in Waters' lore, including a visit to his longtime home at 4339 S. Lake Park. There's not much to see, though, because the house that Tim Samuelson, Chicago's cultural historian, has called Chicago's most historic home has stood vacant and in a state of disrepair for many years. Plans are stalled to convert the Kenwood two-flat into a museum or other attraction.

Waters' bluesman son Larry "Mud" Morganfield, who like his dad is a singer-songwriter-guitarist, spent time at the house, but never lived there. But he quickly rattles off the names of blues stars who did.

"James Cotton, Pinetop Perkins, Otis Spann and Little Walter all stayed there, and everyone from Paul Butterfield to Keith Richards went there," Morganfield said. "I don't care to have that house. What I care about is the house standing and representing Chicago as the real house of the blues. ... Chicago needs to keep this man's legacy alive."

Morganfield admitted that being the son of a blues immortal can be a double-edged sword from a career standpoint.

"It's both a curse and a blessing," he said. "You have people who say, 'He sounds like his dad, but he ain't Muddy.' Of course I'm not. But I have other people come up and tell me, 'I had a lump in my throat because you remind me so much of your daddy.'"

Others who want to walk in Waters' footprints may visit the Chess Studios (www.bluesheaven.com/historic-chess-studios.html) at 2120 S. Michigan, where the bluesman recorded many of his best-known records and rock 'n' roll icon Chuck Berry strutted his stuff. Family members of the late Willie Dixon, who penned some of the biggest hits of Waters and fellow Chess artists such as Howlin' Wolf, operate the studios with their nonprofit Blues Heaven Foundation.

Keith Nelson, Dixon's grandson, conducts the tours and serves on the Blues Heaven board of directors. He said tours, which cost \$10, are given hourly from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. He said between 100 and 350 people tour Chess weekly, and many ask about Waters.

"He's always a huge part of the legacy," Nelson said. "Muddy would be your most popular artist. He was your face. I'm a big comic book fan, and if you had a blues comic book, Muddy would be your Superman."

Musicians seeking to capture the Waters mojo may soon have their choice of two recording studios at Chess. "We're planning to put older recording equipment from 1961 upstairs and modern recording equipment in a new studio downstairs," Nelson said. "Hopefully this project will be done by the end of 2018 or early 2019."

Carrying on the legacy of Waters and other postwar Chicago blues greats is the mission of current Chicago blues kingpin Buddy Guy, who once operated the late, lamented Checkerboard Lounge on a section of East 43rd Street renamed Muddy Waters Boulevard. Guy moved Downtown in 1989 with his Buddy Guy's Legends (www.buddyguy.com), now at 700 S. Wabash.

While sweet home Chicago takes pride in its reputation as "the home of the blues," with a lakefront festival that has drawn hundreds of thousands of music lovers yearly since 1984, the city also is a cornerstone of modern jazz. In fact, Chicago's jazz fest predates its blues bash by a decade.

King Oliver and Jelly Roll Morton were early stars on the jazz scene, and the immortal Louis Armstrong further popularized the New Orleans sound in Chicago in the 1920s. Later Benny Goodman and a host of fellow big-band leaders swung at ballrooms such as the elegant Trianon in the Woodlawn neighborhood and the Aragon in Uptown.


Today the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (www.aacmchicago.org) guides Chicago jazz in adventurous new directions, and the Green Mill Cocktail Lounge (www.greenmilljazz.com), 4802 N. Broadway, builds on its Prohibition-era tradition.

Jeff Johnson is a Chicago-based freelance writer.

DOWN-HOME DOWNSTATE: As Chicago celebrates its impressive blues history, fans throughout Illinois are building legacies of their own. Among the more active blues organizations downstate are the Illinois Central Blues Club in Springfield (www.icbluesclub.com), the Prairie Crossroads Blues Society in Champaign-Urbana (www.prairiecrossroadsblues.org) and the Decatur Blues Society (www.decaturlblues.org). In addition, Murphysboro and Peoria host blues festivals annually, and for Quad Cities fans, the Mississippi Valley Blues

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- Mayberry, Gloria, 72, Belvidere, June 3
- Mundy, Pam, 60, Belvidere, June 2
- Dr. Palmquist, Daryl, 78, Belvidere, June 1



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Buddy Guy at the Chicago Blues Fest in Grant Park. Saturday, June 13, 2015.
(Brian Jackson/For the Chicago Sun-Times)

guitar skills. Vocalist and guitarist Mike Ledbetter joined Mike Welch and created an album together. The duo will be putting on their performance at 8 PM on the main stage. The talents of artists such as David Fields (Noon), Lauren Mitchell (4 PM) and the Kilborn Alley Blues Band (2 PM) will be featured in this festival as well. Go to the Crossroads Blues website to check out the rest of the lineup for an evening of Blues.

Go to <http://www.crossroadsbluessociety.com/> to buy tickets and contribute to the cause at hand. Tickets are on sale since May 1 and are currently \$5. They can also be purchased in person at any of the following locations:

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Society (www.mvbs.org) throws one of the Midwest's best blues bashes each summer in Davenport, Iowa. The C-U Folk & Roots Festival (folkandroots.org), which takes place in November in downtown Urbana, has several blues-oriented acts in its deep lineup.

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"Rendezvous With The Blues"

By Sofi Zeman

Blues: a genre that combines the beauty and fluidity of music with the ever-constant presence of hardship in rustic America. It was born in the cotton fields of the nineteenth century. Slaves and indentured servants put in endless work days in the sweltering heat of Southern plantations, sharing their sorrows through folk music. It traveled north up the Mississippi River, reaching the Midwest.. Louisiana. Then Memphis. Eventually Chicago. By the 1940s, Blues began to develop, as it mixed in with northern culture. Throughout the 50s and 60s, it melded with pop culture, and influenced other genres-Jazz, Country and Rock.

However, in the past few decades, the Blues has evolved into a dying genre. While the music itself still has a following of its own, there aren't as many Blues artists dominating the top charts these days. Is this the end of an era? Maybe not.

The Crossroads Blues Society is invested in keeping Blues alive. This nonprofit organization holds fundraisers to bring Blues into the local school system. A majority of the revenue comes from the festivals the Society holds. These feature live entertainment, musical challenges and workshops. The 9th Annual Crossroads Blues Festival will be held on August 25 at Lyran Park in Rockford. Gates open at 11 AM and close at 10 PM.

One of the musicians headlining the event is Toronzo Cannon. Toronzo is an original performer that is vastly praised in the Chicago area. Crossroads Blues deemed him the "hottest Chicago Blues act out there." This will be his third music appearance in Rockford. To see him live and in action, check out his performance on August 25 at 6 PM on the main stage.

The Monster Mike Welch/Mike Ledbetter Band Connection is also headlining the festival. Monster Mike Welch is originally from Boston and has worked with Blues names from all over, becoming well known through the grapevine for his

Not enough Blues? The Chicago Blues Festival begins tonight at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. The festival goes on throughout the weekend, ending on Sunday night. Chicago Blues is celebrating the 65th anniversary of Delmark Records. Based in Chicago, it's among the first Jazz and Blues labels created. Buddy Guy. Lurrie Bell. Dave Specter. Some of the oldest and most popular Jazz and Blues artists in the Chicago area (and beyond) have been a part of this company.

Tonight, come see the Corey Dennison Band perform at 5:30. The band's performances are renowned across the Chicago area. Their claim to fame is being known as "the new sound of Chicago." Following, at 6:30 is Mississippi Heat, accompanied by Billy Flynn and Giles Corey. The night will conclude with a series of tributes to the early artists of Blues, dedicated to artists such as Junior Wells, Roosevelt Sykes and Willie Kent. On Saturday, catch Selwyn Birchwood at 5:30, followed by Willie Clayton at 6:45, then a Little Walter tribute at 8 PM. The last day of the event will be kicked off by Fantastic Negrito at 5:30. His music ties in Blues with R&B and folk. After him, Kenny Neal will perform, followed by Mavis Staples. Each night of the festival will end at approximately 9:30 PM. And best of all, it is free and inexpensive to reach via public transportation. Park at the Cumberland Station and take the "Blue Line". Round trip \$5.



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--In Our Opinion--

Carry Moonbeams Home In A Jar

Several thousand people made the trip to Yerkes Observatory over the Memorial Day Weekend for the Starlight Festival. We saw some old and new friends from Belvidere among them. The Man on the Moon, his face slightly askew, glanced down at the assembled attendees as they shopped for new telescopes, launched model rockets and watched cryogenics experiments, entertainingly conducted by Fermilab's "Mr. Freeze."

A speaker from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory told us of her decades with the Cassini Project and the exploration of Saturn. Apparently, Saturn's moon, Enceladus, is a potential habitat for microbial life. We learned even more about the search for extraterrestrial intelligence conducted at SETI. Telescopes were set up on the grounds to look up at the heavens, including Antares, the bright red star in Scorpio.

For many first-time visitors, the highlight of the day was to see the 40-inch, refracting telescope inside the observatory. The one that so many famous astronomers used. And a few lucky stargazers got to look through that telescope into the heavens.

It was a beautiful day and a grand time. In addition to a lot of now-gray-haired folks who distinctly remember Neil Armstrong's words from the Moon, there were fascinated children present as well. Many of us wondered if we might be seeing a future astronaut bound for Mars, or perhaps a soon-to-be accomplished physicist or other scientist. Or maybe a physician, inspired by the scientific atmosphere of the day.

The University of Chicago is the premier institution of higher learning in the Midwest and one of the greatest in the World, generally ranked among the top ten. It includes 97 Nobel laureates who have distinguished themselves in fields as diverse as economics and creating the first man-made nuclear chain reaction. The school operates the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Argonne National Laboratory, the Marine Biological Laboratory and soon, the Barack Obama Presidential Center. Its distinguished alumni include sixteen billionaires and heads of state of countries all over the world.

For the past 120 years, the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics has been headquartered at Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay. Yerkes has been the home of many renowned scholars, famous experiments and scientific discoveries of its own.

The Yerkes Campus, however, no longer meets the needs of the Department. On October 1, the Department will move to the Hyde Park Campus, ending over a century on the shores of Lake Geneva at Williams Bay.

We can hardly blame the University of Chicago for moving on. The University of Chicago has interests in telescopes and research all over the world, most notably in Chile. Yerkes is, indeed, a victim of its own success. The mission of the school is the growth of knowledge and the enrichment of human life. It would be a poorer world if Chicago were to abdicate from the cutting edge.

A study has already begun to determine the future of Yerkes and how it might be responsibly transferred to a group that could accommodate the outreach and educational potential of the facilities. We sincerely hope that effort is a resounding success.

We teach our children how to read and do arithmetic. We take them to the Field, the Museum of Science and Industry and other institutions to inspire them. We remember that our parents did that and that our lives are the richer for their efforts and sacrifices. We try our best to set a good example. Yerkes is another opportunity for our young people to reach for the stars, both literally and figuratively. We would love to see that opportunity not only maintained, but enhanced.

With such richness in our midst, we need to remind our community of the importance of world class education and the need for high-attaining elementary and secondary schools in Boone County. Our schools, whose average test scores don't crack the fortieth percentile, alarm us and give us serious concern about the future prosperity of Boone County and its residents. Furthermore, it should go without saying that all of our children also need a modern, 21st Century public library.

Not every child will grow up to be a nuclear physicist or molecular biologist, but each child should have the right to realize his or her full potential.

*... And all the monkeys aren't in the zoo
Everyday you'll meet quite a few
So you see it's all up to you
You can be better than you are
You could be swinging on a star!*

Revolutionary War Continued from page 1

The local Sons of the American Revolution will be honoring Belvidere's Revolutionary War veterans on June 16. Belvidere citizens wishing to pay their respects can come to the famous Pettit Memorial Chapel, in the Belvidere Cemetery, on June 16, 2018 at 11:30AM. Organized by members of the Illinois Kishwaukee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, this event will commemorate two veterans from the Revolutionary War, Timothy Lewis and Thomas Hart, who are buried in the Belvidere cemetery. The highlight of the ceremony will be the unveiling of two historic markers describing the life of these two veterans. The markers will be read by Jacob Shadinger, Illinois President of the Children of the American Revolution and a student at Belvidere North High School.

The ceremony will include speakers such as Dick Chamblin, President of the Illinois Sons of the American Revolution; Franz Herder, Founder of the Cemetery Marking Program; and Sam Larson, Sexton of the Belvidere Cemetery.

Timothy Lewis was a Revolutionary War veteran born in 1764 in Ashfield, Massachusetts, and enlisted in the Army in April of 1779. After a scarcity of food and clothes, Lewis became ill and his father took him back to Massachusetts. During this time he met his wife, Thankful Molly Brady, and had eight children. They lived in New York, Wisconsin, and finally Boone County. Timothy Lewis died in 1858, at age 94.

Timothy Lewis's fourth generation grandchildren will be present at the unveiling of the historic marker for their ancestor.

Thomas Hart was born in Farmington, Connecticut in 1757, and served in the army on three separate occasions. The first, he enlisted and joined the Connecticut Troops in May of 1775, serving 8 months. His second service was for three months in Brooklyn, New York, and his final service was for one month under Captain John Pierce in 1777. He was personally acquainted with Benedict Arnold, a general famous for defecting to the British. After the war, Hart married Ruth Payne and had twelve children before moving to Belvidere around 1844. Hart died in Belvidere in 1847, at age 89.

Letter to The Editor

Lack of Knowledge and Understanding

On Monday, May 14, Ottawa radio station WCMY held a forum with Sara Dady and Rep. Adam Kinzinger. The first question dealt with the importance of town hall meetings. It became obvious how removed Adam Kinzinger is from his constituents. He mentioned communicating with constituents but everything he mentioned was one-way communication, e.g. people contacting his office by email, twitter and phone calls, invitation only public events and his form letter responses to inquiries. The important point is that Adam Kinzinger did not mention any two-way dialogue with constituents. This might explain his lack of understanding of what citizens are going through.

The opioid crisis was discussed but Adam Kinzinger made no mention of his ideas, solution options or what he is going to do about the problem.

Adam Kinzinger stated that a \$15 per hour minimum wage is "way too much". He fails to realize the middle class has remained stagnant for 15 years and that families are struggling to make ends meet.

I am disappointed in the fact that Adam Kinzinger talks a lot about pride, hope and generalities but never mentions specific plans, ideas, solutions to problems or his results.

Wayne Borchardt

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Community News & Events

Brandon Michael y Puro Conjunto- Sunday, June 17, 2018 Concert in the Park. Tex-Mex with a Some Country located at the Baltic Mill Stage in Belvidere Park starting at 6:30 PM.

Free Medication Disposal- Saturday, June 9th from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Bring in all your unused, over-the-counter & prescription medications to Belvidere Township Building at 8200 Fairgrounds Road, Belvidere. ACCEPTING: Prescription and Non-prescription Medications, Aerosol Inhalers, Veterinary Medications. DO NOT ACCEPT: Needles, Medical Waste, Bio-hazardous Materials.

The Backroads Trio- June 10, 2018. Contemporary Bluegrass, Folk, and Gospel. Located at the Baltic Mill Stage in Belvidere Park. Concert starts at 6:30 PM.

Spring Township Regular Board Meeting- Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Spring Townhall, 3150 Shattuck Road. Topics to be considered include prevailing wage ordinances for the township and road district.

Volunteers Needed! June 11, 2018 and June 12, 2018 (June 13, 2018 if there is any inclement weather). 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. The City of Belvidere, in partnership with Kids Around the World, will be constructing a playground at the corner of Christi Lane and High Line Street in Belvidere. This project was made possible through a grant provided by General Mills. Please bring gloves, sunscreen, and work shoes (tools, food, and water will be provided). Call City Hall 815-544-2612 for additional information.

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or resume expressing your interest and qualifications along with your contact information to Boone County Board Chairman Karl Johnson, Administration Campus, 1212 Logan Avenue, Suite 102, Belvidere, IL 61008. Please respond by June 12, 2018 to assure being considered.

Farm Breakfast- The Hildebrandt family would like to invite you to join us for breakfast on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the 21st Annual Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation Farm Breakfast located at Hildebrandt Farms, located at 2475 Stateline Road, South Beloit, IL. Breakfast consisting of all-you-can-eat pancakes, whole hog sausage, applesauce, ice cream, milk and coffee will be served from 6:30 a.m. Until 11 a.m. For more information, call the Farm Bureau office at (815) 962-0653.

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Rauner: State Purchase of Transitional Home for Quincy Vets to Close Friday

By Cole Lauterbach | Illinois News Network

Gov. Bruce Rauner announced Tuesday that the state is on track to close Friday on the purchase of the shuttered Sycamore nursing facility, which will be retrofitted to house the residents of the nearby Quincy Veterans Facility that were displaced after 13 residents died from Legionnaires' disease.

Rauner said the newly passed budget included \$53 million for the planned veterans facility with more to come.

"We'll be investing several million dollars to upgrade that facility to make it nice and appropriate for our heroes," he said.

The Sycamore location, Rauner said, doesn't have much of the outdated construction that the aging facility has.

"That building has much more modern

plumbing, much more modern pipes and we'll be able to treat those and enhance those in a way that we can have high-quality water for the heroes and our wonderful staff," he said.

Rauner said previously that the outdated plumbing at the current home was the contributing factor that led to the tragic deaths of 13 residents from Legionnaires Disease in recent years.

Rauner also announced that retired Brig. Gen. Stephen Curda will start immediately as the new director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

Curda previously worked at the National College of Education and was special assistant to the president for Veterans Education at National Louis University. His last enlisted post was as commander of the 9th Mission Support Command in the U.S. Army Pacific, responsible for 3,600 personnel spread throughout the Pacific.

Rauner said Tuesday that Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Director Felicia Norwood's last day is June 15 after she accepted a position with a private employer. Rauner praised Norwood for securing a federal waiver to spend \$2 billion on new behavioral health services and for updating information technology systems.

Illinois to Guarantee Student Assistance Grants for Four Years

By Benjamin Yount | Illinois News Network

Students who get a Monetary Award Program grant this fall will have more security, although the state program will likely have far more students who apply for the grants than there is money to fund them.

Illinois is, for the first time ever, guaranteeing MAP grants for four years. The grants, which don't have to be repaid, are awarded based on financial need. But they are first come, first serve. And many students who qualify for a grant don't get one.

State Rep. Dan Brady said the additional \$25 million in the new state budget, added to the nearly \$350 million already available, likely won't change that. But he said the four-year guarantee will make things easier on students.

"That's \$25 million that we found within the state budget," Brady said. "And with a match from the universities, that's going to mean a four-year stability for students who receive MAP grants."

Brady said lawmakers focused in the new state budget on helping colleges and universities in Illinois. But he said they didn't want to just throw money at schools for administrative costs.

"There are several things that were done for the universities and the students," Brady said. "We're not talking about just giving more money for general operations. We're trying to say, 'How do we help those students, and how do we keep those students here in Illinois?'"

To that point, the new state budget includes \$50 million for AIM HIGH scholarships, a program Brady said was designed to encourage Illinois students to go to Illinois universities.

Tim Hardy, a spokesman for the University of Illinois, said the programs will help the students and university by providing predictability and reliability. During the more than two-year state budget stalemate, MAP students weren't sure if they would get money from the state. Some universities fronted students the

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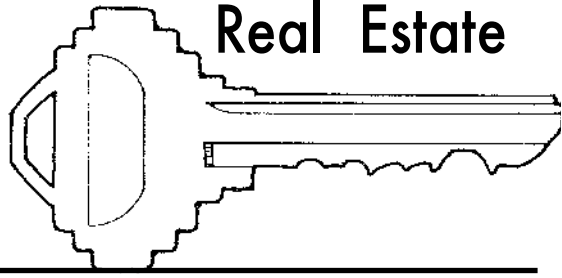
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Real Estate

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

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiff,

-v.- 2018 CH 4 KATHLEEN ANDERSON A/K/A KATHY ANDERSON, A/K/A KATHLEEN A ANDERSON, et al Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 15, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 29, 2018, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 507 NORTH STATE STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-26-280-002.

The real estate is improved with a single family frame; detached 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file number 264488.

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

STATE BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. IN CHANCERY No. 2017 CH 102 WILLIAM D. PIGOTT II, a/k/a) WILLIAM D. PIGOTT, a/k/a WILLIAM PIGOTT; INDEPENDENT SAVINGS PLAN COMPANY d/b/a I.S.P.C.; CHANNEL BIO, LLC; FARMERS HELPING FARMERS CO.; UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure & Sale entered in the above-entitled cause on March 20, 2018, the BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF will on July 3, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the main entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Common address: 8333 Fruit Farm Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 PINs: 08-09-326-004 and Part of 08-09-376-021 Description of Premises: a single family residence Sale Terms: Twenty-five percent (25%) down by certified funds at the time of sale; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is also subject to all real estate taxes, and all easements, conditions and restrictions of record, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title. The subject property is being sold without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility and expense of evicting any individuals presently in possession of the premises.

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

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's attorney.

If the property is a condominium, the purchaser, other than mortgagee, will be required to pay any assessments and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g) (4).

No refunds. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The judgment amount is \$360,618.41.

The real estate will NOT be available for inspection prior to the sale.

For information: State Bank, Chris Schneiderman, 1718 S. Dirck Drive, Freeport, IL 61032.

FISHBURN WHITON THRUMAN, Plaintiff's Attorneys

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LEGAL NOTICES

Foreclosures

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

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF

vs. 18 CH 45 JUAN R. BARRIOS; PATRICIA E. BARRIOS; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; PRAIRIE GREEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS

Address: 520 Prairie Point Drive Poplar Grove, IL 61065

PUBLICATION NOTICE The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, JUAN R. BARRIOS; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois by the plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows to wit:

LOT TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE (235) AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 4 OF PRAIRIE GREEN OF POPLAR GROVE, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH WAS RECORDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2004R11613 IN PLAT INDEX FILE ENVELOPE 303- B IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COMMON ADDRESS: 520 Prairie Point Drive, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 P.L.N.: 05-11-230-005

and which said mortgage was signed by JUAN R. BARRIOS, PATRICIA E. BARRIOS, mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Platinum Home Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County as Document No. 2006R02749 and modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded as Document Number 2013R02060; and for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Boone County against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of this Court in Boone County in Room 303 at 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 on or before the July 9, 2018, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

Circuit Clerk Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite 1125 Chicago, Illinois 60606 Email: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Ph. 312-541-9710 / Fax 312-541-9711 JB&A# IL 18 5842 I3088854 Publish in The Boone County Journal Jun 8, 15, 22, 2018

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

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiff,

-v.- 2018 CH 4 KATHLEEN ANDERSON A/K/A KATHY ANDERSON, A/K/A KATHLEEN A ANDERSON, et al Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 15, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 29, 2018, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

A PART OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 54 IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF BELVIDERE, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 7 AND RUNNING THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT, 7 1/2 RODS TO THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, 28 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, 34 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, TO A POINT 8 FEET 3 INCHES NORTHWESTERLY FROM THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, (MEASURED AT RIGHTS ANGLES TO SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE) THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, 89 FEET 9 INCHES TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF STATE STREET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF STATE STREET, 57 FEET 9 INCHES TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; AND ALSO, THE SOUTH 26 FEET OF LOT 6 IN BLOCK 54 OF ORIGINAL TOWN (NOW CITY) OF BELVIDERE; AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FRONTING 26 FEET ON THE NORTH STATE STREET IN BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 507 NORTH STATE STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-26-280-002.

The real estate is improved with a single family frame; detached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file number 264488.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE POPLAR GROVE STATE BANK an Illinois Corporation, Plaintiff, vs CASE NO. 18-CH-19 IN CHANCERY

BRIAN K. SCHMUGGEROW individually and BRIAN K. SCHMUGGEROW as Trustee of the P.J.B. Trust dated June 27, 2005, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN YOU, Unknown Owners and NonRecord Claimants, Defendants in the aboveentitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other Defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage made by Brian K. Schmuggerow individually and Brian K. Schmuggerow as Trustee of the P.J.B. Trust dated June 27, 2005 to Poplar Grove State Bank, an Illinois Corporation, the Plaintiff herein, being the holder and owner of said Mortgage and Note which it secures, covering the following described premises, towit:

Lot Ten (10) in Block Two (2) of the Subdivision of a part of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Thirty-six (36) in Township Forty-four (44) North, Range Three (3) East of the Third Principal Meridian, known as "Highland" as platted and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois, in Book One of Plats at page Two; situated in the City of Belvidere, in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois.

Commonly known as: 1321 S. State Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is still pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you the said Defendants, Unknown Owners and NonRecord Claimants, file your Answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, on or before the 26th day of June, 2018, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Linda Anderson, Clerk Circuit Court Boone County, Illinois Charles G. Popp, P.C. Attorney for Plaintiff 215 South State Street Belvidere, Illinois 61008 815 5443130 Published in The Boone County Journal June 1, 8, 15 / 2018

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

STATE BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. IN CHANCERY No. 2017 CH 102 WILLIAM D. PIGOTT II, a/k/a) WILLIAM D. PIGOTT, a/k/a WILLIAM PIGOTT; INDEPENDENT SAVINGS PLAN COMPANY d/b/a I.S.P.C.; CHANNEL BIO, LLC; FARMERS HELPING FARMERS CO.; UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure & Sale entered in the above-entitled cause on March 20, 2018, the BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF will on July 3, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the main entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Part of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 9, Township 43 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows, towit: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Quarter (1/4) Section which bears South 89°-49'-28" West, 813.62 feet from the Northeast corner of said Quarter (1/4) Section; thence South 00°-00'-00" East, parallel with the East line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, 370.00 feet; thence North 89°-49'-28" East, parallel with the North line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, 713.62 feet; thence South 00°-00'-00" East, parallel with the East line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, 503.83 feet; thence South 89°-49'-28" West, parallel with the North line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, 291.81 feet; thence South 00°-00'-00" East, parallel with the East line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, 270.00 feet; thence South 89°-49'-28" West, parallel with the North line of said Quarter (1/4), 270.00 feet; thence North 00°-00'-00" West, parallel with the East line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, 138.00 feet; thence North 25°-18'-22" West, 60.00 feet; thence North 58°-30'-06" West 60.00 feet; thence South 89°-49'-28" West, parallel with the North line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, 125.00 feet; thence North 00°-00'-00" West, parallel with the East line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, 920.00 feet to the North line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, thence North 89°-49'-28" East, along the North line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, 50.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the rights of public over any part thereof taken, used or dedicated for public roadway purposes. Situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

Common address: 8333 Fruit Farm Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 PINs: 08-09-326-004 and Part of 08-09-376-021

Description of Premises: a single family residence
 Sale Terms: Twenty-five percent (25%) down by certified funds at the time of sale; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is also subject to all real estate taxes, and all easements, conditions and restrictions of record, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title. The subject property is being sold without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility and expense of evicting any individuals presently in possession of the premises.
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's attorney.

If the property is a condominium, the purchaser, other than mortgagee, will be required to pay any assessments and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g) (4).

No refunds.
 Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The judgment amount is \$360,618.41.
 The real estate will NOT be available for inspection prior to the sale.

For information: State Bank, Chris Schneiderman, 1718 S. Dirck Drive, Freeport, IL 61032.

FISHBURN WHITON THRUMAN,
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Public Notices

ADOPTION NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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 STATE OF ILLINOIS
 COUNTY OF BOONE

In the matter of the Petition for Adoption of RORY BENNETT', Boone County Case Number 2018 AD 4

To Unknown Biological Father and All Whom It May Concern:
 TAKE NOTICE that a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, for the adoption of one minor child named RORY BENNETT.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein in said Circuit Court of Boone County in the City of Belvidere, Illinois on or before the 14 day of June, 2018, a default may be entered against you any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

Dated: May 18, 2018
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Linda J. Anderson
 Attorney M. Allyson Misevich
 4001 N. Perryville Road. Ste. D201 Loves Park, IL 61111
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 COUNTY OF BOONE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
 THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 COUNTY OF BOONE - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of LINDSEY W VOSS, Case No. 18 P 24 Deceased.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - WILL AND CLAIMS
 NOTICE is given of the death of Lindsey W Voss. Letters of Office were issued on May 15, 2018, to Sherry Voss, Executor, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Nathan J. Noble, P.C., 504 North State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before November 25, 2018, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

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

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

Date: 5/25/18 Nathan J. Noble
 Attorney for Executor
 Nathan J. Noble, P.C.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK, ss. - In the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. Direct Auto Insurance Company, Plaintiff, vs. Eduardo Sanchez Perez, Ana Lilia Arellano Gutierrez, and Sara Camacho Defendants. No.17CH15458.

Notice is hereby given to you, EDUARDO SANCHEZ PEREZ and ANA LILIA ARELLANO GUTIERREZ, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you, praying for a declaratory judgment finding that Direct Auto Insurance Company has no duty whatsoever under its policy No. 0202889-0-0 to either defend or indemnify Eduardo Sanchez Perez and Ana Lilia Arellano Gutierrez in any claim or lawsuit which may be brought by Sara Camacho as a result of the incident of December 26, 2015.

Notice is also hereby given to you that the said Complaint prays 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, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make

your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Court, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on or before July 11, 2018, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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

In the Matter of the Person and Estate of) SANDRA B. GERASA disabled adult.
 NO. 2018P20

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, SUMMONS IS HEREBY GIVEN YOU, Megan Geras, daughter of Sandra B. Geras in the above captioned action, that the a Motion for Guardianship of the person of Sandra B. Geras has been filed on March 8, 2018 with temporary guardianship being granted to Michael Geras on April 17, 2018. A hearing for permanent guardianship will be held July 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, Megan Geras, appear on or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, on or before the 17th day of July, 2018, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Linda Anderson, Clerk Circuit Court
 Boone County, Illinois
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES D. MOYER, A Minor.
 NO. 2016 P 47NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, SUMMONS IS HEREBY GIVEN YOU, Aila Propheter, mother of James D. Moyer in the above captioned action, that the a Motion for Guardianship of the person of James D. Moyer has been filed on March 9, 2018 with temporary guardianship being granted to Jesse Propheter on May 1, 2018. A hearing for permanent guardianship will be held July 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, Aila Propheter, appear on or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, on or before the 17th day of July, 2018, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JESSE J. MOYER, A Minor.
 NO. 2016 P 48

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, SUMMONS IS HEREBY GIVEN YOU, Aila Propheter, mother of Jesse J. Moyer in the above captioned action, that the a Motion for Guardianship of the person of Jesse J. Moyer has been filed on March 9, 2018 with temporary guardianship being granted to Jesse Propheter on May 1, 2018. A hearing for permanent guardianship will be held July 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, Aila Propheter, appear on or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, on or before the 17th day of July, 2018, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

In re the Marriage of Lino J. Ocampo Alvarez v. Gloria Mejia Gomez
 Case No: 2018 D 50

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

YOU, Gloria Mejia Gomez, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that this case has been commenced in this Court and is pending against you asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your Answer or Appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois located at 601 North Main Street in Belvidere, Illinois before July 18, 2018 or otherwise appear at the hearing in this matter on July 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Courtroom 4 of the Boone County Courthouse, located at 601 North Main Street in Belvidere, Illinois, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THIS COMPLAINT. Prepared by: Alexis Simmons, The Law Offices of Alexis M.K. Simmons, LLC, P.O. Box 301, Rockford, IL 61105, (815) 570-9662, alexis@simmonsllaw.org.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LEGAL SERVICES

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN by the Board of Trustees of the North Boone Fire Protection District No. 3, Boone County, Illinois that by Resolution adopted the 4 day of June, 2018, the Board of Trustees has made a determination of the Prevailing Rate of Wages as required by 820 ILCS 130 Section 0.01 et seq.
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money and waited for reimbursement from the state, other schools couldn't afford to do so.

"Students and their parents who depend on MAP were being whipsawed by the crises of the past several years, and universities were left holding the bag for essentially an unfunded mandate. This gets us back to normalcy," Hardy said in a statement Tuesday. "The AIM matching funds scholarship plan will help universities in Illinois stem the outbound tide of students enrolling in other states."

Gov. Bruce Rauner signed the state budget Monday. It takes effect July 1.

Professor Calls for Troops on Ground in Chicago to Fight Gangs

By Cole Lauterbach | Illinois News

A professor teaching in Chicago wants President Donald Trump to send in the military to deal with gang violence.

The federal government bans the use of the armed forces in a law called the Posse Comitatus Act. The act does allow the president to temporarily suspend the law and allow the military to work with law enforcement. That's exactly what Jason Hill, professor of philosophy at DePaul University, said Trump needs to do in order to stop the gang violence in Chicago.

"They are waging terrorism on these cities," Hill said. "Carry through on that campaign promise. Send in the troops and clean this city up."

Hill said each of the last three presidents has suspended the act. While he's technically correct, they did it largely to send in special operatives like Delta Force to act as a SWAT team of sorts. The 51-day siege of the Branch Davidian Compound East of Waco, for instance, employed Delta Force members but only as observers. Troops have also been sent to the Mexico border to stop drug trafficking.

Hill said his students have shared eye-opening stories of gang intimidation.

"One student who said he had to drop out because he had to cross gang turf to get to school," he said. "He was told he had two choices: Either be killed or join a gang."

Hill has been criticized for his opinion on the matter and accused of endorsing a police state.

"Sending federal troops would encourage naked demonstrations of force that could traumatize communities and further increase distrust of law enforcement for years to come," said Ed Yohnka, Director of Communications and Public Policy with the ACLU of Illinois.

In Chicago, 36 people were shot, seven fatally, over the Memorial Day weekend. But the city has seen 15th consecutive months of declines in shootings.

Hot May Breaks Records Across Illinois

By Cole Lauterbach | Illinois News Network

If you thought last month was hotter than normal, you were right.

Cities across Illinois and the state as a whole experienced the hottest May in recorded history.

Illinois' a long state. It's usually warmer in Cairo than in Rockford. But, as a whole, state Climatologist Jim Angel said Illinois hasn't seen a May with more days of above average temperatures.

"The statewide average temperature for the entire month was 70.6 degrees, 7.9 degrees above normal for the whole state and the warmest on record," he said.

Many cities saw the same situation.

"In Quincy, Springfield, Champaign and Carbondale, every day was at or above normal for this time of year," Angel said.

Other cities like Rockford were close but had a couple cool days that lowered their average.

A warm May doesn't necessarily mean June, or July for that matter, are guaranteed to see hotter-than-normal temperatures, Angel said, but June is forecasted to be warmer than normal.

Lawmakers Pass Ethics Reforms without Giving Legislative Inspector General Autonomy

By Greg Bishop | Illinois News Network

Changes are coming to the way complaints about lawmakers and their staff members are handled after repeated problems with the system, but some say the reforms don't go far enough.

The House and Senate on Thursday, the final day of legislative session, passed a bill with a series of reforms to the state's various inspectors general. Some of the reforms include providing more reporting on the number of complaints filed, investigated and pending. There were also some changes to the Legislative Inspector General position, allowing it to be a full time post and requiring a search committee to find a permanent LIG, rather than a temporary Special LIG, as there is now.

This all comes more than six months after the nationwide #MeToo movement exploded in the entertainment industry with allegations of abuse of power and harassment claims. That then lead to people in the halls of the U.S. Congress and statehouses across the country coming out with their own stories of harassment. In Illinois, 300 people signed onto a letter describing harassment and other ethics complaints under the dome in Springfield.

Task forces in the Illinois House and Senate got feedback during multiple hearings after listening to workers in the public and private sectors about their experiences. They also took suggestions on how to make the complaint process more fair and responsive.

Denise Rotheimer, a victims' rights advocate who last October alleged state Sen. Ira Silverstein abused his power by making unwanted advances toward her while they were working on a bill, went through the Legislative Inspector General. Her outing of Silverstein also revealed a more-than two-year vacancy of the LIG position, which left two dozen complaints sitting on a shelf.

Thursday, standing next to another woman who said she was abused by a different leading lawmaker, Rotheimer said the ethics complaint process was flawed.

"You can't have legislators overseeing legislators," Rotheimer said. "They control the entire process. Who investigates, who does what, who says what. What gets investigated?"

The existing law requires the LIG to request permission from the Legislative Ethics Commission, a panel made of a bipartisan group of eight lawmakers, before investigating a complaint against a lawmaker or one of their staff.

Rotheimer is pushing for the LIG to be independent and for accusers to have certain rights in the complaint process, something she said is not guaranteed by existing state law.

State Sen. Karen McConnaughay, a Legislative Ethics Commission member, said the system of filing ethics complaints was broken. She said House Speaker Michael Madigan has a conflict in asking for an investigation into his office.

"So in Mike Madigan's case, Mike Madigan allegations, or findings, about Mike Madigan go to Mike Madigan," McConnaughay said. "How is that not a conflict of interest?"

McConnaughay also said there's a conflict with current special LIG Julie Porter, who had been interviewed for the job by Madigan's attorney. The LIG gets a criminal complaint, it would be forwarded to Attorney General Lisa Madigan, the Speaker's daughter, McConnaughay said.

"Don't think I see the conflict," Madigan's spokesman Steve Brown said in an email.

"Julie Porter is a well known former federal prosecutor with impeccable credentials and no known ties to the General Assembly," Brown said. "The [Legislative Ethics Commission] and the leaders have been searching for an inspector general since Bill Roberts resigned. All four legislative caucuses were given Julie Porter's name and résumé, and anyone could have reached out to Ms. Porter. One of our attorneys did contact her to determine if she was interested in the position."

As to the questions of possible conflicts Madigan has with his daughter as the attorney general, Brown

said, "I think I will defer on the other items since these are hypotheticals."

The legislature Thursday passed several reforms, but the reforms stopped short of giving the LIG the ability to investigate complaints without permission from lawmakers.

State Sen. Malinda Bush, D-Grayslake, got last-minute ethics changes through the statehouse, but said they didn't go far enough to provide needed independence.

"That is absolutely a key component that the Legislative Inspector General is allowed total autonomy," Bush said.

She said she filed a bill this week that would require that autonomy.

State Rep. Kelly Cassidy, D-Chicago, who said Madigan loyalists attempted to intimidate her for speaking out, said the fact that the LIG has to get permission from the commission to investigate is troubling.

"If we can't even accept that there should be that modicum of independence, we've got bigger problems," Cassidy said. "I'm very frustrated by that."

Also Thursday, the spot left vacant by Skokie state Rep. Lou Lang stepping down from post on the commission that oversees lawmaker ethics complaints was filled by another lieutenant to Speaker Madigan.

Records show House Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, D-Chicago, as the new member. The position will again become vacant in the new year as Currie is not running for re-election.

Lang stepped down Thursday from his positions on the ethics and rules making commissions, as well as his deputy majority leadership post.

Trump Talks about Commuting Former Gov. Blagojevich's Sentence

By Benjamin Yount | Illinois News Network

There's a new conversation about when former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich may get out of prison.

President Donald Trump told reporters on-board Air Force One Thursday that he is thinking about commuting the former Illinois governor's 14-year prison sentence.

Trump said he's not sure Blagojevich needs to be behind bars for "saying something stupid."

Trump said something similar in 2016 when he spoke to the Chicago Tribune editorial board.

"I think it's an awfully tough sentence that he got, for what he supposedly did," Trump told the paper in November 2016. "Because what he did is what politicians do all the time."

The president said Thursday he is "seriously thinking of a curtailment" of the former governor's sentence.

Not every Illinois politician agrees.

Bloomington-Normal state Sen. Jason Barickman said ending the former governor's sentence early will not go over well with many.

"I think it will not be well received in Illinois," Barickman said. "We are very familiar with Gov. Blagojevich's efforts to shake people down for money, for all sorts of things, including a prized U.S. senate seat."

Although Barickman said he wasn't sure talk of a commutation isn't just Trump trying to do what he does and push a story.

Blagojevich is about halfway through his 14-year sentence in federal prison on his conviction of trying to sell President Barack Obama's former U.S. Senate seat and other corruption charges.

The governor's lawyers said this week that they are preparing a formal petition for commutation to send to Trump.

