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Is this Really the Peoples Bank?

By David Larson

Earlier this year a short history was given here of the Peoples Bank using the lower photo. The article stated skepticism about the photo being a Belvidere building because there were and probably still are many Peoples Banks through out the country. Rockford had a bank by the same name with no affiliation to the Belvidere bank. The top photo is a photo from the 1950's of the Belvidere Peoples Bank Building, as it existed in 1950. Our problem was reconciling the aqueduct or tunnel entrance on the far right of the lower photo. It does not exist today. It is known that Belvidere had many tunnels in the business district to transfer steam energy from the Steam Plant on Meadow Street in the 19th Century. The plant was located approximately where the Steam Plant Restaurant is today. Also delivery of coal and other bulk delivery were made to locations by way of tunnels.

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Republican Representative Begins Attempt to Remove Pritzker from Office

Crystal Lake lawmaker would need support of 15 Democratic colleagues, hundreds of thousands of voters

by Rebecca Anzel Capitol News Illinois

An Illinois lawmaker dissatisfied with Gov. JB Pritzker's handling of the large number of COVID-19-related unemployment claims is calling on his colleagues to support an effort to remove the governor from office

Republican Rep. Allen Skillicorn, of Crystal Lake, said lack of staffing at the Illinois Department of Employment Security and its website's disclosure of sensitive information is evidence of Pritzker's "continued inaction."

After issuing a news release notifying residents of his initiative, Skillicorn told reporters in a video news conference Tuesday he "would actually prefer to avoid coverage."

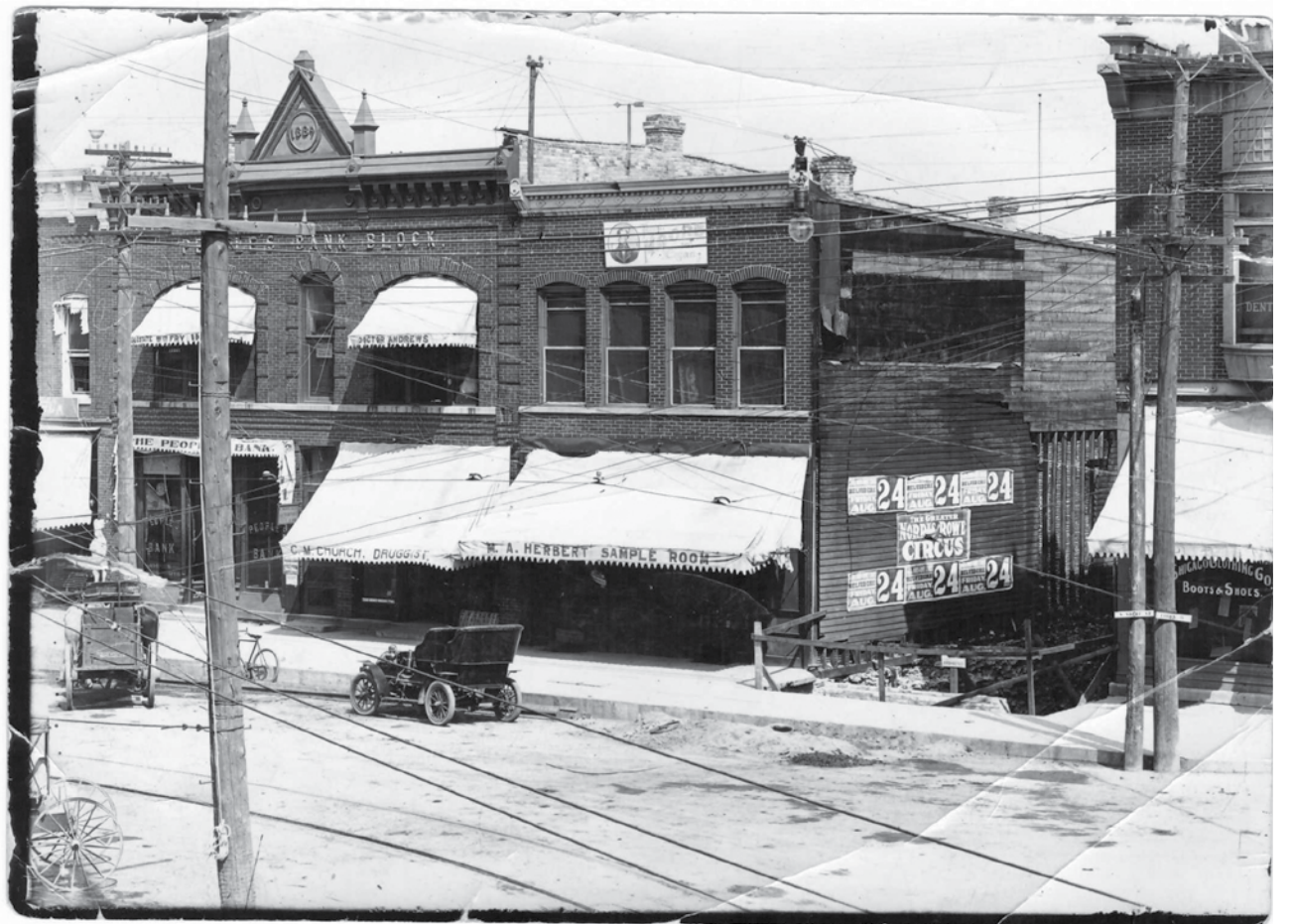
"This is a nonpartisan issue. This is about the people of Illinois," he said. "This is not my voice, it's the voice of over 1 million people in Illinois that are now unemployed. ... It's not about me. It's not about my party."

The representative, who said his constituents contact him daily about their challenges in getting unemployment claims processed, said he will drop his effort to recall Pritzker if the governor better secures IDES's website and hires more call center agents.

But Pritzker on Tuesday said it is not that easy.

No one could "possibly anticipate that we would have a number of unemployment filings that was an enormous multiple of that which occurred during the Great Recession" in 2008, he said during his daily COVID-19 press briefing in Chicago. Those claims coupled with decades of IDES being "left behind" in the state budget meant officials were unprepared to handle complications caused by the pandemic.

The department's website was designed 10



years ago, the governor added. The state since hired Deloitte, a third-party private firm, to upgrade its capabilities "as quickly as we could."

On May 15, officials detected a security issue — the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance portal had a "glitch" that allowed one resident filing a claim to view personal information of more than 32,000 Illinoisans.

"In typical Chicago Democrat fashion, the governor decided the best way to fix the website was to hand out a lavish no-bid contract," Skillicorn said in a written statement. "Now secure data has been unleashed into the public domain. It is an epic failure."

The department and Deloitte worked to

"quickly correct the issue and conduct an investigation and analysis," according to a news release.

And the number of call center agents was increased "modestly," the governor added, due to restrictions implemented by the federal government. Those who process unemployment claims over the phone must receive rigorous training because those agents handle private information.

Skillicorn accused the governor of "minimizing" the IDES issues.

Pritzker, in a response to a reporter's question Tuesday, said he is "glad to hear that the

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representative ... apparently believes that we need to fund state government instead of hollow it out the way he has voted over the course of his career.”

Illinois' Constitution provides an avenue for lawmakers and voters to recall a governor. It was added to the governing document in 2010 and was an initiative of former Gov. Pat Quinn, said Ann Lousin, a professor at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago who helped draft the Constitution five decades ago.

But there are many big hurdles to getting a recall question to voters.

First, 30 legislators — 20 representatives and 10 senators, half from each party — must sign an affidavit supporting the motion to remove a governor from office. Once officials from the State Board of Elections certify that notice to circulate a petition, voters may weigh in with their signature.

At least 636,825 residents — or, 15 percent of the votes cast in the gubernatorial election — have 150 days to sign the petition for it to be successful. There also must be at least 25 counties with 100 signatures among those on the petition.

If those requirements are met, a special election on whether to recall the governor must be held within 100 days of the petitions' certification. A special election with candidates from “established” political parties — currently, only Democrats and Republicans — would also occur concurrently.

The Constitution provides that once a governor survives a recall vote, there may not be another challenge during “the remainder of the current term of office.”

Skillicorn said Tuesday he began the process to gain lawmaker support. He said he already secured three representatives' support and “fully (plans) to be able to get the full 30 we need.”

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The Truth about U.S. Postal

by David Soll

Back in early January 2012, I attended a town hall meeting that took place in Rockford, Illinois on the then potential closing of its post office sorting facility. I was appalled by the seeming lack of respect the hosts and the speakers had for the intelligence of the citizens in attendance and the whole of our community. It was also quite clear the people on the stage were not there to gather actual data from citizens, but merely to point to that gathering as a lame “we tried” excuse to use against folks who might later call the meeting out for the fraud it clearly was. The presentation was a whitewash of reality as to what ails one of our greatest American institutions, the U.S. Postal Service. A large chunk of that reality is known as HR6407: The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006

This is a horrible law and a gross miscarriage of justice, which continues to this day. No other government agency at any level, nor any federal contractor, nor private company has been mandated by law to fund retirement funds 75 years into the future. The damage done to one of our national treasures from this law continues, and the post office still struggles to find ways to generate revenue without asking Congress for a bailout. Yet Republicans and some Democrats, who seem content playing defense rather than offering solutions, appear determined the eventual privatization of the USPS occurs. I asked why that was so in 2012, and I have yet to hear a legitimate or fact-based answer to this day.

If you consider yourself a “strict” Constitutionalist or simply a believer in the Constitution as a living document, then you should absolutely be against any attempt to privatize the post office as its very existence is enshrined within Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7 of the US Constitution.

Beginning in 1911, localized postal banking became as American as apple pie. Post offices were an alternative to the Federal Reserve System. Meaning the USPS used to engage in full-service banking, ranging from checking/saving accounts to small loans. Well they did until the Federal Reserve stepped in at the behest of the now “too big to fail” banks in 1933, and the USPS was mandated by law to even end check cashing by 1967.

Today, there are nearly 68 million American households that live in areas with inadequate banking services. These households collectively hand over upwards of \$90 billion towards the extortionists known as payday loan shops every year. Allowing the USPS to begin to cash payroll checks would directly help most of those hard-working Americans already struggling to make ends meet. This is especially true in rural areas where there are banking deserts, never mind adequate banking services.

The 2006 legislation was bad, but today you are hearing President Trump, the GOP, and even a few Democrats promote privatizing the Constitutionally mandated Postal Service. Is it because the post office wields the largest public union? Or because for-profit special-interest companies would benefit from the demise of the USPS? The very existence of the post office disproves the notion government is always the problem. What other entity can pick up a letter in Maine on Monday and deliver it on Thursday in Hawaii, and do so for fifty-five cents?

The USPS used to be considered a public good and the Postmaster General a cabinet level position within the Executive branch. There are forces within and outside our government who seem hell-bent on destroying the USPS and make it ripe for privatization. The post office is worth saving. Please make our nation's first Postmaster, Ben Franklin proud and support the USPS.

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Bridge Closures Over I-90

Illinois Tollway roadway and local crossroad bridge repair work is scheduled to begin in June on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Rockton Road and the Kishwaukee River Bridge in Winnebago County.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to construction work zones, closures and detours throughout the repairs. All work is weather dependent.

On Rockton Road, beginning the week of June 1, and continuing through July, construction is scheduled on the Rockton Road Bridge carrying traffic over I-90. Rockton Road and the bridge will remain open during construction; however, traffic will be shifted and reduced to a single lane in each direction on the bridge. Up to 10,000 vehicles use the Rockton Road Bridge daily.

On Rote Road, beginning the week of June 8, and continuing through July, the Rote Road Bridge carrying traffic over I-90 will be closed for construction, and a posted detour will be put in place routing Rote Road traffic via Lyford Road, Spring Creek Road and Bell School Road. Up to 3,900 vehicles use the Rote Road Bridge daily.

Lane reductions at Rockton Road and the full closure of the Rote Road Bridge are necessary because these local crossroad bridges over I-90 are too narrow to accommodate traffic while safely completing the work.

In addition, roadway repair work is scheduled to begin later this summer on I-90 with off-peak lane and shoulder closures between Rockton Road and the Kishwaukee River Bridge for shoulder and culvert repair work.

In 2020, the Illinois Tollway is repairing roadway pavement and bridges between Rockton Road and the Kishwaukee River Bridge. Bridges scheduled for repairs include: Rockton Road, Elevator Road, Rote Road and Spring Creek Road, as well as ramp bridges going over and to I-90 from Business U.S. Route 20/ State Street and northbound I-39/U.S. Route 20.

In most locations, bridge improvements will include pavement patching, bridge deck rehabilitation, bridge joint replacement and repairs on bridge beams, piers and girders. On the Rockton Road and Elevator Road bridges, portions of the bridge deck will be reconstructed. Additionally, beam replacement is scheduled for Elevator Road over I-90.

Additional work includes overhead sign structure

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and barrier wall repairs, drainage and signage improvements and landscaping.

All work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Winnebago County, local communities, as well as local fire and police departments.

The local crossroad bridges are being repaired to extend the life of the structures and the repairs are being done in coordination with the of the repairs on I-90 between Rockton Road and the Kishwaukee River Bridge. The work is funded by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future.

Maps and construction information about the I-90 Roadway and Bridge Repairs are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first eight years of Move Illinois is on schedule and within

budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and planning for emerging projects, including reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

About the Illinois Tollway

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 294 miles of roadways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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In May 1932 during the banking crisis of the Depression, H. K. Funderburg's Farmers Bank took over the troubled Peoples Bank and in liquidation sold the building to Paul Parsons, a local manufacturer and head of Parsons Casket Hardware. Parson was also a former board member of the Peoples Bank. A news report of the transaction stated that the new owner had plans to remodel the building and use it as a corporate headquarters for the Parsons manufacturing company. It appears that a remodeling of the façade, using a smooth, hard limestone, took place. At the top of the lower picture, the crown dates the building as from 1889. After the remodeling, the crown was replaced with another crown, dating the building 1889-1909 and a metal name plate was added naming the building the Parsons Building. The significance of the two-decade 1889 to 1909 is not known. The Peoples Bank had only used part of the building, as can be seen in the lower photo and as reported in contemporary news reports, that a druggist was using the south half. By 1932, a jeweler by the name of R. P. Kauer had begun a business in the south side space. In the lower and older photo, C. M. Church operated a drug store from the same location. In the 1950's photo, a jeweler by the name of Robert B. Lear had moved into the north side space and a Firestone Store in the south side space. On the second story of the 1950's photo, the law offices of a father and son occupied the south side, by the name of Strom. The north side was occupied by a hairdresser, Elmer Carlson.

Despite the extensive change in appearance and a news report of a remodeling by Parsons, when comparing windows on the second story, the building appears to be the same building. In the news report, Parsons intention was to join the north and south sides of the first floor for the Parson Casket Hardware offices. Today, those two spaces are a single space, but by the 1950s, Parsons Casket had moved out and the two sides rejoined to form the jewelry store and the hardware store.

Kishwaukee River Rescue

Press Release

On Monday, May 25, 2020 the BELVIDERE POLICE OFFICERS rescued a Loves Park woman whose kayak had capsized in the fast-flowing waters of the Kishwaukee River.

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Officers of the Belvidere Police Department, Boone County Sheriff's Department, Belvidere Fire Dept. and Illinois State Police, District 16 responded to a 911 call of a woman who was in the Kishwaukee River after her kayak had capsized spilling her into the river. First responders located a 43-year-old woman from Loves Park clinging to a tree limb after the current had washed her down river near the Spencer Park Conservation District (Belvidere, IL).

The woman was struggling to hang on to the tree limb and started to "bob" under the water when Belvidere Police Officers fashioned rescue ropes and entered the frigid water. After struggling to stay afloat the officer was able to reach the woman and pull her from the tree limb as they were both pulled to the river bank by several first responders from the Belvidere Police Department, Boone County Sheriff's Department, Belvidere Fire Dept. and Illinois State Police.

Thanks to the combined efforts of all the citizens and first responders they were able to keep this Memorial Day excursion from becoming a tragedy.

The Belvidere Police Department encourages anyone having information or video pertaining to this incident to call the Belvidere Police Department at 815-544-2135. Like us on Facebook at Belvidere Police Department.

Edgar and Scott Counties Continue with No Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

But health officials there caution that doesn't mean no one has had the disease

by Ben Orner Capitol News Illinois

In the early weeks and months of COVID-19's presence in Illinois, state health leaders have cautioned people, especially those downstate, that the novel coronavirus is likely in their community even if their rural county had yet to report a case.

But now that testing has surpassed 800,000 – more than 6 percent of the state's population – it remains a mystery why two counties, which have run hundreds of tests between the two of them, have yet to report a single COVID-19 case.

Scott County, home to just fewer than 5,000 people in west-central Illinois, and Edgar County, home to just more than 17,000 people halfway down the Indiana border on the state's eastern edge, have not reported a case of COVID-19 in the four months since the virus' presence in Illinois was first confirmed in late January.

Scott and Edgar counties' zero cases are not for a lack of testing, however, according to state and local statistics. Just over 4 percent of Scott County's population – about 200 residents – has been tested, according to Illinois

Department of Public Health data updated Wednesday.

As of Wednesday morning, 663 Edgar County residents had been tested and results on seven of those are pending, said Monica Dunn, assistant administrator for the Edgar County Public Health Department.

"It doesn't have anything to do with the testing, it just has to do with the fact that the people who have been tested have not tested positive," she said.

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Dunn said there are no problems with testing in Edgar County and at testing sites in surrounding locations in Champaign, Mattoon and Terre Haute, Indiana.

“We are reporting just like every other county,” she said “... (Hospitals) are doing the same testing on Edgar County residents that they’re doing on residents of any other county, so it’s just the way things have played out so far.”

Dunn also said Illinois’ county case totals are based on residency, so no matter where someone gets tested, their data is included in their home county’s totals. She said that if an Edgar County resident tested positive in Indiana, the state would inform Illinois.

“They have to call us immediately,” she said. “The reporting is very strict.”

A question to the Indiana State Department of Health to confirm that Edgar County residents have not been included in its case count went unreturned Wednesday.

Scott County Health Department Administrator Steve Shireman credits his county’s lack of cases partially to residents closely obeying health precautions and state orders.

“Part of it is we’ve just been fortunate,” he said. “Our people have been pretty good about following the guidelines. When I go out I see people wearing masks and trying to avoid any potential exposures.”

Just because the counties have not officially reported a case does not mean no residents have had the virus, both officials said.

“People that aren’t exhibiting symptoms don’t know that they need to be tested,” Dunn said.

She also said the lack of available testing early in the outbreak, as well as restrictions on that limited testing, might have kept Edgar County residents with COVID-19 from getting tested.

“I am quite certain that the virus is among us, we just haven’t had anybody get tested that tested positive,” Dunn said.

She added that it is “absolutely” possible for Edgar County to see its first case in the future.

Shireman said he “perhaps would suspect” that one or more Scott County residents has had the virus but did not feel sick enough to get tested. He added that there also hasn’t been any county resident to have a positive antibody test result.

He said Scott County has had “a lot of close calls” with possible cases in packing plants, as well as “several” suspected cases among residents who did not turn out to be COVID-19 positive.

“I would just hope that people remain vigilant and try to follow the guidelines to the best of their possibility, try to avoid any unnecessary exposures and do the best to try to keep us on the path toward reopening,” Shireman said.

“Social distancing, wearing masks and hand washing and not touching your face,” Dunn said, “all of those are very important, and people need to continue following those guidelines.”

The last time an Illinois county reported its first case was Putnam County on May 15.

Although coronavirus has not been officially detected in every U.S. county, each county in three of Illinois’ bordering states, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan’s lower peninsula, have reported at least one case. Even the closest states to Illinois in population, Ohio and Pennsylvania, which have about one-third and two-thirds of Illinois’ cases, respectively, have reported cases in every county.

Vote-By-Mail Headed to Governor After Senate Passage

Bill also allows curbside voting, makes Election Day a state holiday this year

by Ben Orner Capitol News Illinois

A major expansion of voting access for the 2020 general election is headed to the desk of Gov. JB Pritzker after the Illinois Senate

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overwhelmingly passed the measure Friday.

After more than an hour of floor debate, the upper chamber passed Senate Bill 1863 by a 37-19 party-line vote. Three Democrats – Jacqueline Collins, of Chicago, Robert Martwick, of Chicago, and Pat McGuire, of Crest Hill – did not vote. The bill, which Pritzker has said he supports, expands mail-in voting for the Nov. 3 general election in anticipation of social distancing and other restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic that will make in-person voting more challenging.

The bill requires Illinois’ local election offices, by Aug. 1, to mail or email vote-by-mail ballot applications to any voter who cast a ballot in 2018, 2019 or 2020, as well as voters who registered or changed addresses after the March primary.

Bill proponents estimate 4.8 million people will receive applications. The bill also states that by Sept. 15, the secretary of state must send a notice to people who received an application but have not yet returned it.

Completed ballots would be returned via mail

or in new “collection sites,” that would consist of boxes placed in locations at the discretion of local election officials.

As for voting in person, the bill would allow local election authorities to implement curbside voting, in which voters can drive up, be handed a ballot and fill it out in their cars.

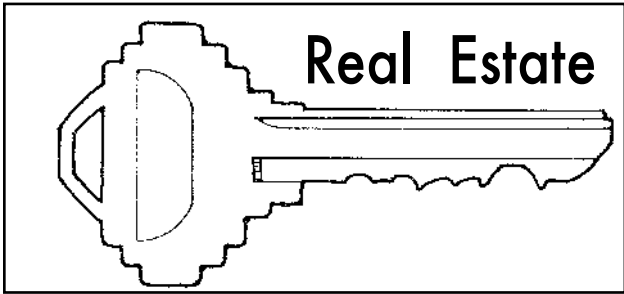
SB 1863 would also expand the existing Election Day a state holiday for state employees to include public schools and universities, but only for the 2020 election.

The collection site and curbside provisions are optional for local clerks. They would also have the option to facilitate early-voting hours for people with certain health conditions.

Among the issues that Republican senators raised to state Sen. Julie Morrison D-Lake Forest, the bill’s lead Senate sponsor, were costs, input from county clerks, the security of collection sites and ballot applications being sent automatically and in some cases by email.

State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, took issue with a provision that allows citizens as

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LEGAL NOTICES Foreclosures

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION CLAIMS

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

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before November 30, 2020, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate must be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk—Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main, Belvidere, Illinois, or with the estate legal representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office—Probate Division must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney for the estate within ten days after they have been filed.

Dated: May 12, 2020.
Midland States Bank
by: /s/ Patricia N. Fong
Patricia N. Fong, Senior Trust Officer
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Notice of Lien:

The following amount must be received on, or before June 17, 2020 by certified check at Belvidere Mini Storage: P.O. Box 963: Woodstock, IL 60098. Otherwise, the contents of the below units located at 810 W. Locust Street: Belvidere, IL 61008 will be disposed of, or sold at auction.

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Godinez, Javier	68	\$582.00
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Bonebrake, Robert D.	22	\$347.00

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Megan Frances Siete
Case No.2020-MR-65

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given, that on July 14, 2020, at 10:00 am, I will present a Petition requesting that the Court change her present name of Megan Frances Siete, to the name of Maggie Willow Badran. The hearing will take place at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 Courtroom #4

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of ForaTownship in the County of Boone and State of Illinois, that a Special Town Meeting of Flora Township will take place on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Flora Township Building

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young as 16 to be election judges. Morrison said that is to make up for an expected decrease in elderly judges, many of whom did not show up during the March primary because of safety concerns.

"We lost a great number of experienced election judges who are retired and older people who quite simply have a great deal of hesitation now in performing those election duties that they've enjoyed for so many years," Morrison said. She added it is also an "excellent way for us to engage the younger generation in our government."

Schimpf also argued the bill creates a system with "significant" costs that are unnecessary given that Illinois already allows any citizen to vote by mail. He added it would also place a "significant burden" on local election authorities, whom he also argued have not been able to offer enough input.

The Illinois State Board of Elections filed a fiscal note saying that if the bill's provisions are fully implemented by every local election authority, it would eat up every dollar of the more than \$16.7 million the state will receive from the federal CARES Act for elections.

House sponsor Rep. Kelly Burke, D-Evergreen Park, however, said during floor debate on Thursday that ISBE's estimate is "extremely generous" because she does not expect every election office to implement every provision.

Voting on legislation has been different for the Senate during this week's special session as lawmakers practice social distancing. Senators have had to come to the floor in groups of 10 to vote, a process that takes slightly longer.

Pritzker threw his support behind SB 1863 on Thursday, saying during his daily briefing that it balances voting access with available resources.

"I'm very much in favor of making sure that everybody gets a ballot who is eligible to vote and then returns that ballot," he said.

The measure passed the House of Representatives 72-43 on Thursday evening after a nearly three-hour debate that featured Republicans grilling Burke. Multiple GOP representatives expressed their concerns over the collection box system, for example, which Rep. Lindsay Parkhurst, R-Kankakee, argued could lead to voter fraud.

"There's not enough checks and balances, there's not enough security, there's not enough integrity to this ballot-harvesting drop-box system," she said.

To address security concerns related to the optional collection sites, Senators passed House Bill 2238 on Friday before debating SB 1863. That trailer bill would, among other things, require collection boxes to be locked and opened only by election authorities. It also requires ISBE to establish additional guidelines.

The trailer bill will need to be passed by the House in order to go to the governor's desk.

SB 1863 applies to only this November's general election.

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What You Should Know As Illinois Readies To Enter 'Recovery' Phase

Changes coming Friday as state incrementally reopens amid pandemic

by *Rebecca Anzel Capitol News Illinois*

Illinois will advance to the "Recovery" phase of Gov. JB Pritzker's plan to incrementally reopen the state's economy on Friday after almost 70 days of residents living under a stay-at-home restriction.

It comes as Illinois is one of only two states to meet federal COVID-19 guidelines to reopening, according to a ProPublica analysis. New York is the other.

Retail shops, restaurants, barbershops, salons and fitness clubs are set to resume business, but with restrictions implemented by the Illinois Department of Public Health to combat exposure to the novel coronavirus.

All state parks, wildlife areas and historic sites will be available to visit as well, and social gatherings of no more than 10 people will be allowed.

The changes are permitted because all four Illinois regions — groupings of counties based on IDPH's emergency medical service districts — achieved specified benchmarks. Those include a COVID-19 positivity rate below 20 percent for 14 consecutive days and a stable or declining hospitalization rate.

When Pritzker announced his Restore Illinois plan in early May, he said residents should expect COVID-19 to remain a threat until it can be "vanquished."

"Until we have a vaccine or an effective treatment or enough widespread immunity that new cases fail to materialize, the option of returning to normalcy doesn't exist," the governor said.

People will still be expected to wear facial coverings and practice social distancing when in public places.

"Non-essential" businesses and stores, closed for more than two months to in-person customers and workers, can reopen Friday with capacity limitations, social distancing observations and other safety guidance measures from IDPH.

That same guidance will be implemented for barbershops and salons. And for those workplaces that can enable remote activities, it is encouraged they do so.

Restaurants will remain closed to indoor dining, but Pritzker amended the Phase 3 plan to allow outdoor, socially distanced dining. Delivery, pickup and drive-thru are still options.

All of the state's 5,000-plus child care providers not in operation will be advised to reopen. Pritzker said for the first four weeks that they are open, providers will be able to serve up to 10 children per classroom.

"Once they have provided care safely for four weeks and have gotten accustomed to the new health, social distancing and sanitation routines, they will be able to expand to larger group sizes, though not yet at their fully licensed capacity," he said.

Fitness clubs can also hold outdoor activities,

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as well as one-on-one training with an instructor so long as public health department guidance is observed.

The General Assembly created a Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission to "participate in and provide input on plans to revive the various sectors of the state's economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic" when it convened for four days last week.

Because the commission "may request meetings be convened to address revitalization efforts for the various sectors of the state's economy," it is unclear what level of input legislators will have on the governor's reopening plan.

Republicans, who long sought more input in that blueprint, called the newly created body "window dressing."

The next step after the "recovery" phase is "revitalization." Schools and other child care programs can reopen so long as social distancing is observed, restaurants can serve in-house diners and social gatherings will be limited to 50 people or fewer.

Framers of the plan anticipate at least a 28-day period before the state can progress into that phase, meaning no sooner than Friday, June 26.

Among the criteria for entering Phase 4 will be that COVID-19 testing is available to anyone who wants it, regardless of symptoms or risk factors; a contact tracing program must be in place; hospitalization rates must remain stable or decline; and the positivity rate must be below 20 percent for 14 consecutive days.

Lawmakers Pass Budget Package to Close Out Special Session

Republicans say budget balanced 'only on a wing and a prayer'

by *Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois*

The Senate on early Sunday morning passed a budget package authorizing \$42.8 billion in general revenue spending next year, although much of that remains tentative depending on the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic and potential congressional action that could send more financial aid to states. The House approved

continued to undergo changes in recent days in advance of the House debate.

One key to making the budget work is a plan to borrow up to \$5 billion from the Federal Reserve's Municipal Liquidity Facility program. That program allows the central bank to purchase certain short-term debt from states to help them make up for the loss of revenue they've seen since the pandemic forced them to close large parts of their economy.

It also authorizes another \$1.5 billion in borrowing between the general revenue fund and various other state funds in order to maintain cash flow throughout the year.

House Majority Leader Gregory Harris, D-Chicago, said that by borrowing from the Fed, Illinois will be able to keep state spending for the fiscal year that begins July 1 largely at the same level as this year's spending.

"If we're going to balance the budget, I would rather not do it on the backs of people who would lose their jobs if we were to cut money to our schools, cut money to our first responders," he said. "I don't want thousands more people out of work."

Lawmakers expect to pay back the Federal Reserve loan with federal funds they expect Congress to approve in the next stimulus package for states. But Congress has not yet authorized such a package and there is sharp disagreement between congressional Republicans and Democrats over what that plan should look like.

Both chambers of the Illinois Legislature passed a separate bill authorizing that borrowing Friday night.

"What we've heard today is a budget that is balanced only on a wing and a prayer," said Republican Rep. Tom Demmer, of Dixon, the House GOP's chief budget negotiator.

During the Senate debate that began after midnight, Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, said the Legislature is "gambling" with its budget plan.

The spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year is spelled out in Senate Bill 264. According to an analysis of the package that was circulating among lawmakers Saturday, it essentially calls for flat funding for most state programs, including K-12 schools, which will see no increase in their evidence-based funding over their current levels, although they will not see any decrease either.

Funding for state universities is also held flat at current-year levels, as is funding for the Monetary Aid Program, or MAP grants, and AIM HIGH grants.

A few state agencies are slated for increases in the new budget, including the Illinois Department of Public Health, the agency coordinating much of the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Its total budget, including federal funds, is slated to grow 144 percent, to more than \$1.6 billion.

Included in that figure is \$416 million in federal funds for testing and services provided by local health departments.

The Department on Aging, which would see

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the budget bill late Saturday night.

The budget deal was worked out largely out of public view over the past two and a half months as lawmakers worked remotely in various informal "working groups," and it

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an additional \$58 million in order to raise wages for adult care providers, transportation and homemaker service providers to \$14 per hour.

The Department of Children and Family Services is also slated for a 20-percent increase in general revenue funding, or about \$170 million, to provide rate increases for foster care providers, to hire 123 investigative staff and to address caseload growth.

During debate in both chambers, Republicans urged delaying any action on a budget until the state has a better estimate of how much revenue it will receive in the coming year, as well as how much federal aid will be available, but Democrats did not entertain that suggestion.

The 68-44 vote in the House to pass the budget bill appeared to fall largely along party lines, with Republicans arguing it relied too heavily on borrowing and not enough on fiscal restraint.

It passed the Senate, 37-19.

CARES Act funding

The budget package actually consists of two bills – an appropriations bill, Senate Bill 264, which authorizes spending by various state agencies; and a “budget implementation” bill, or “BIMP,” in legislative lingo, House Bill 64, that enables various agencies to carry out the budget.

The implementation bill sets up a number of new funds within state government that can receive and distribute money from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, a \$2.2 trillion federal relief program that Congress approved earlier this year.

The state expects to receive about \$3.3 billion through that program. Harris said that money is being earmarked for direct aid to the state’s health care industry to help hospitals, nursing homes, mental health centers and other care providers absorb the cost they’ve incurred for dealing with the pandemic.

He said another \$1.8 billion is earmarked for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and it gives Gov. JB Pritzker authority to decide how it is spent.

That part especially infuriated Republicans who have complained about Pritzker governing by executive authority, and about the General Assembly not exercising its oversight role.

But Sen. Andy Manar, D-Bunker Hill, the Senate Democrats’ lead negotiator, said in an interview Friday that the federal money comes with significant strings attached and that it can be spent only for specific purposes, and therefore Pritzker will be restrained by federal rules.

But the implementation bill also gives the governor additional discretionary authority over the spending of state funds throughout the budget. Normally governors are allowed to shift up to 2 percent of an appropriation from one purpose to another, but this year’s bill expands that to 8 percent, something that angered many Republicans.

It also sets up a legislative oversight committee to monitor all executive spending in the budget as well as how CARES Act money distributed to local governments is spent.

The implementation bill passed the Senate, 33-19. It later passed the House, 62-47.

Community News

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

A list of Zoom meetings can be found on our websites and members of the community who are struggling with a substance abuse or drinking problem can find help 24/7 by visiting: www.rockfordaa.org and www.district70aa.org or by

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calling 815-968-0333. Sober members of AA are available to take calls and provide guidance around the clock.

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

Rock Valley College Narrows ATC Proposals to Three

Rock Valley College received 21 responses to a recent request for proposals for site locations for the College’s Advanced Technology Center (ATC), and after careful consideration by both board members and the administration have narrowed those proposals down to three.

The three finalists under consideration are:

- 1.) Belvidere CUSD 100, Big Thunder Mall, Belvidere
- 2.) Greater Rockford Airport Authority, Rockford Airport, Rockford
- 3.) Stenstrom, Stenstrom Center for Career Education, Rockford

The RVC Board and administration will now meet with representatives from each of the three finalists to begin negotiations and determine the best fit for the RVC District 511 community.

The Advanced Technology Center will house course curriculum aimed at employment for both employees and employers. The manufacturing sector needs workers with the skills necessary to run the machines that produce the products. The goal of the ATC is to target individuals seeking to further their high school education and pursue job opportunities through an education steeped in the latest technology.

“Our board and staff have vetted the proposals submitted by a wide variety of potential bidders on our Advanced Technology Center and we have narrowed those proposals down to three prospective bids,” said RVC Board Chairman Patrick Murphy. “We have followed the criteria that we laid out in our RFP down to three locations. We want to thank all of those who submitted very professional proposals.”

“The administration and board will now begin negotiations over the specific details with the finalists in our bid process to determine which is best suited for the needs of our students and the RVC community,” said RVC Interim President Beth Young. “All of the determinants contained in our RFP will be a part of that decision making process and we expect to come to a conclusion within a matter of weeks.”

“Our mission is to provide a facility where students will be trained and educated in advanced technologies that will enable them to fill the ranks for employers throughout the district and beyond. Providing a trained workforce has always been a critical part of our mission and we are getting closer to making it possible for both employers and potential employees to benefit from a cutting-edge education and training opportunities.”

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