



Jack Wolf 1934-2022

Jack Wolf, native of Belvidere, automobile dealer, commercial real estate developer, and philanthropist passed away January 6, 2022, at the age of 87.

Jack Wolf was born March 4, 1934, in Belvidere. His parents, Clarence and Mabel, moved to Belvidere from Iowa in the early 1920s before he was born. His father, C.J. "Doc" Wolf opened a Chevrolet dealership in 1924, which became the cornerstone of the family's business success. As an adult, Jack, like his father, went into the automobile business, first in Genoa and then in Belvidere as the Cadillac, Pontiac, GMC, Chrysler, and Jeep franchised dealer.

In the late 1980s, Jack Wolf began to develop the land surrounding his automobile dealership on North State Street in Belvidere after having moved the business from downtown Belvidere on Logan Avenue near South State Street. His success with this project served as an anchor for the success of commercial development in the far North State Street business district, from Fairgrounds Road to the western edge of Belvidere.

He was known for being a generous financial donor to many community projects: social, spiritual, and aesthetic. He also served on many boards. Jack was a member of the IOU Club, which produces the Halloween Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, and Christmas event for children. In 2003, he was given the award of Doctor of Civic Betterment by the Belvidere Chamber of Commerce. In recent years, Jack Wolf commissioned artwork by several acclaimed artists for statues in Boone County, primarily in Belvidere. One, "The Indian", located near the Rock Valley College Advanced Technology Center, was created by Glenna Goodacre, who is best known for her statue of Ronald Reagan that stands at the Reagan Presidential Library. Most recently, to honor first responders, Jack and his wife Peggy donated a statue in the park at the Boone County Historical Museum.

Jack Wolf made public service a priority in how he lived his life by sharing his prosperity from his astuteness as a businessman and leadership from his innate talent to make every man his friend and the good sense to make good choices.

Jack Wolf is predeceased by his parents, and brother, Bill. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, and four children.

State Legislative Districts Withstand Legal Challenge

By Capitol News Illinois

A three-judge federal court panel has upheld the legislative redistricting plan that state lawmakers approved during a special session last summer, thus leaving in place the new maps that will govern state legislative elections for the next 10 years.

In their 64-page opinion, released Thursday, Dec. 30, the judges said the plaintiffs in the three separate lawsuits had failed to show that the redistricting plan violated federal law or the U.S. Constitution by diluting Latino voting power in Chicago and its surrounding suburbs or Black voting power in the Metro East region on the Illinois side of the St. Louis metropolitan area.

"In the end, we find that the boundaries for Illinois House and Senate districts set out in SB 927 neither violate neither the Voting Rights Act nor the Constitution," the panel wrote. "The record shows ample evidence of crossover voting to defeat any claim of racially polarized voting sufficient to deny Latino and Black voters of the opportunity to elect candidates of their choice in the challenged districts."

Last year's redistricting process was complicated and slowed by the COVID-19 pandemic and delayed release of data from the 2020 U.S. Census.

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Legislative Inspector General Job is Now Vacant

Republicans, Democrats blame each other for stalemate

By Beth Hundsdorfer, Capitol News Illinois

The last day on the job for the Legislative Inspector General Carol Pope was Thursday.

The office will be vacant on Friday.

"We have to reeducate ourselves to fight the corruption that exists under the Capitol dome," Sen. Jil Tracy, R-Quincy, who chairs the Senate Ethics Commission, said during a news conference Thursday.

Pope, a former prosecutor and appellate court judge, tendered her resignation in July. She called the office a "paper tiger" and blasted lawmakers saying they "demonstrated true ethics reform is not a priority." She originally said her last day would be Dec. 16, but agreed to stay on until the Jan. 6 to allow more time for her position to be filled.

"Confirming a candidate before LIG Pope left has always been my top priority. It is unfortunate that my goal was not shared by some of the Democrat members of the (Legislative Ethics Commission) who did what they could to stall and circumvent the selection process," Tracy said. "Our search committee interviewed multiple candidates and recommended two

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Welch Reflects On First Year As House Speaker

Cites energy bill, redistricting as major accomplishments

By Peter Hancock, Capitol News Illinois

One year after being named speaker of the Illinois House, Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch says he is proud of the accomplishments he and his colleagues achieved and he looks forward to building on that record.

"I actually thought 2021 was one heck of a year," the Hillside Democrat said during a recent interview. "You know, we passed the historic, nation-leading Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, the CEJA bill. We protected and expanded voting rights. We made Illinois the beacon of hope for protecting reproductive rights and a refuge for women all around the country. The work that we did on the budget and restoring fiscal stability and credit upgrades, paying off a \$2 billion loan and saving \$82 million. Where do I end? We had a really great year, and certainly looking forward to building on that."

On Jan. 13, 2021, Welch was elected speaker of the House, succeeding the long-serving but embattled Michael Madigan and becoming the first Black person in state history to lead either chamber of the General Assembly.

"It's a very time intensive job," he said when asked what he'd learned in his first year. "And literally, you're working seven days a week

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Lawmakers initially passed one set of maps during their regular spring session in May, even though the census data had not yet been released, in order to meet the Illinois Constitution's June 30 deadline for lawmakers to pass a plan before handing over the process to a bipartisan commission.

Republican leaders in the General Assembly, as well as the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, or MALDEF, quickly filed suit, arguing the maps violated the one-person, one-vote principle because the districts were not close to being equal in population.

The Census Bureau eventually released the detailed population data on Aug. 12, and lawmakers convened a special session later that month to adjust the maps. Those maps passed the General Assembly on Aug. 31 and Gov. JB Pritzker signed them into law Sept. 24.

MALDEF and the Republicans challenged those new maps as well, arguing that they actually reduced the number of Latino-majority

districts in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs, even though Latinos were one of the fastest-growing demographic groups in Illinois over the previous 10 years.

Separately, the East St. Louis Branch of the NAACP, along with other civil rights groups, challenged the way lawmakers had redrawn three House districts in the Metro East region, saying the new maps broke up the area's Black voting population in order to protect two white Democratic incumbents, all to the disadvantage of the region's only Black House member, Rep. LaToya Greenwood.

Democratic leaders who had approved the new maps argued that they were not drawn for the purpose of racial gerrymandering but, instead, to protect Democratic majorities. They also pointed to recent elections of Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton and Secretary of State Jesse White, both of whom are Black, as well as Comptroller Susana Mendoza, who is Hispanic, and even former U.S. Sen. and former President Barack Obama to show that white majority voters will cross party lines to elect minorities.

come to a decision.

Tracy blamed the delay on Democrats. But Rep. Kelly Burke, D-Evergreen Park, who chairs the Ethics Committee, disagreed.

"Senator Tracy's claims today are wildly mischaracterizing the situation," Burke said. "Democrats have sought to advance two candidates for final selection, both of whom have been deemed qualified by the search committee and the LEC. Republicans have blocked that effort, insisting on only advancing their preferred candidate — even though both candidates have worked for former Governor Rauner and have demonstrated nonpartisan, professional expertise. In fact, both are also former federal prosecutors.

"As we've said all along, this should be a straightforward process and we must end the political theater so we can fill this critical position. Senator Tracy is right on one thing, the people of Illinois deserve better."

During the news conference, Tracy noted a complaint was filed with the LIG on Dec. 23 but no investigation was started due to Pope's departure.

This has led to renewed calls to give the LIG expanded powers and making the office more transparent.

Sen. Tracy said new legislation, Senate Bill 3030, will: Require LEC meetings to be open to the public, and have the meetings publicly posted;

No longer allow elected officials to serve as members of the LEC; and

Provide the LIG with subpoena power to investigate ethics complaints against members of the Illinois General Assembly.

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Dommers, Shirley, 96, Belvidere, December 15
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 Betty White, 99, Los Angeles, December 31
 Sidney Poitier, 94, Los Angeles, January 6
 Bob Saget, 65, Grand Lakes, FL, January 9

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Inspector General *from page 1*

qualified candidates, and we should have been able to fill this position in a timely manner. But several Democrat members of the LEC did not commit to seeing the process through, and we find ourselves without a qualified LIG to address legislative ethics complaints."

The search for a new LIG began after Pope announced her resignation in July. The position was posted and the search committee was formed. Two candidates were recommended, but the Legislative Ethics Committee made up of four Democrats and four Republicans couldn't



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The Man that He Was

By James Middleton

It should go without saying that the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King was first a man. But often, for those that became so pivotal to the growth of this nation and died so young, there is the tendency of some to deify the man that was lost. Within all of the rhetoric that will be heard this weekend and the biographic renditions of who or what Dr. King was, some of the facts will get lost in the drama and the rhetoric. Dr. King, as the man that he was, would not have wanted that result to occur.

Often the most important people are those that are the quietest. Many who express such power do so with a subdued voice and define a stern willingness to do what they believe and what other men understand must be done but many cannot reach. Over the decades leading to the mid-20th Century when so many pivotal civil rights legislative acts were passed by Congress, it is reasonable to imagine that many Americans knew that the time had finally arrived when this population could grant a greater level of free and equal rights to all Americans. To reach that end, the effort was led for a brief period of time by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King.

The Reverend, however, might have been described as a “problem” child. He had his own mind, and his ideas did not always mesh with those of his father, the Reverend Martin Luther King Sr. He was born with the same name as his father, “Michael” King but after attending a conference in Berlin in the late 1930s, his father changed his name and that of his son to honor the memory of the German reformer, Martin Luther.

The father could have been described as stern and, perhaps under today’s culture, an abusive parent. Neighbors reported many years ago hearing the father whipping the son and yelling that he would “make something of him even if he beat him to death.” During his youth, Dr. King was affected by the inherent racial prejudice and discrimination that was the norm in those days, and those discriminatory experiences had a strong impact on him throughout his life.

Even though his father was a minister, Dr. King, as a youth, was skeptical of many of the Christian claims from the Bible. At the age of 13, King was said to have rejected the bodily resurrection of Jesus. During his teenaged years, he suffered under depression that sustained throughout the balance of his life.

Later Dr. King graduated from Morehouse College in his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia. He earned his theological degree from Crozer Theological Seminary and while there, he fell in love with and planned to marry a woman of German descent. Because the relationship was interracial, he broke it off claiming he could not hurt his mother in that manner. A friend later said, “He never recovered.”

But all of this is a prelude to the work he would perform as a civil rights leader. Since before the American Civil War there had been a slow, very

slow, movement to extend equal rights to slaves and later to Black Americans. The process actually began during the Civil War when President Abraham Lincoln enacted the Emancipation Proclamation. That document freed slaves, on paper, though it would be a century later before a more complete body of legislation would be enacted to provide for a wider distribution of equal rights.

That process began when Dr. King was beginning to attract attention to himself and his nonviolent movement for equal rights. Advisors to Dr. King included Bayard Rustin who was a student of Mahatma Gandhi. Two other advisors included Harris Wofford and Glenn Smiley who were both students of Christian Pacifist traditions. It is the influence from these three men and other like-minded people who were willing to get involved that led to Dr. King vocalizing and embracing non-violent protest. These affiliations developed for Dr. King in the early 1950s and matured from that point but the faces of those around him also changed.

During the Eisenhower Administration, two major pieces of civil rights legislation were enacted in large part due to the work of Dr. King. The Civil Rights Act of 1957 was primarily a voting rights law that provided for expansion of the right of black-Americans to participate in voting that was denied dating back to the middle 1800s. This Act also

provided for legislative support for the Supreme Court ruling in Brown v. Board of Education that was decided in 1954.

The Civil Rights Act of 1960 provided for federal inspection of local voter registration polls and established penalties for anyone that was found to have denied the right of any qualified voter to register. In a broader sense, the Act of 1960 corrected opportunities to circumvent the Act of 1957 that had been concocted since that law was enacted.

Moving forward as the activities of Dr. King attracted more attention, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed by Congress. This landmark Act banned the discrimination of anyone based upon their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. This Act was designed to accomplish an end to voter registration requirements and also

served to end racial segregation in public schools, in the workplace and at all public accommodations.

Finally, the work of Dr. King was instrumental, after the 1963 March on Washington, for Congress to enact the Civil Rights Act of 1968. This Act sought to end racial discrimination in housing. The Act banned discrimination in housing based on race, creed, color, religion or national origin. The Act was signed during the riots that erupted around the nation in the wake of the assassination of Dr. King.

On March 29, 1968, Dr. King went to Memphis, Tennessee to support black sanitation workers who were on strike seeking higher wages. On April 3 Dr. King addressed the workers and said, “I have been to the mountaintop.” The event was called short because of a bomb threat and Dr. King and his advisors returned to the Lorraine Motel.

Later the next day, On April 4, 1968, Dr. King was busy then returned to the motel and at 6:01 p.m., he stepped out of his room to overlook the central area of the motel from that balcony. The bullet entered Dr. King’s cheek then travelled down to lodge in his shoulder. After emergency surgery Dr. King was pronounced dead at 7:05 p.m. Soon after the assassination was announced to the nation, riots exploded in Washington, DC, Chicago, Baltimore, Louisville and Kansas City and in dozens of other cities.

The legacy of Dr. King continues to this day with some of his advisors and followers who participated in Atlanta, Selma and elsewhere during the years when he was most active in his non-violent protests, still engaged. The nation was not the same after April 4, 1968 and since his death, the civil rights movement took on a different focus.

Yet, the words of Dr. King echo across the nation. Though many do not think of him or his accomplishments every day, it is hard to deny the strength of his words when we hear them, such as, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

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I Was Expected To

By Scott Reeder

I don't find joy in anyone being swindled, but I do find a bit of irony that the DeVos family, founders of Amway, were bilked out of \$100 million.

Amway is a pioneer of multi-level marketing, a concept where participants are expected to not only sell something but recruit others to sell it, too. Avon, Mary Kay, Tupperware and Herbalife are some other well-known MLMs.

Elizabeth Holmes, the founder of Theranos who was convicted of fraud charges Jan. 3, sweet talked the DeVos clan into investing in her enterprise that falsely claimed to have revolutionized blood testing.

The problem is the fancy blood-testing machine she said she invented didn't work. And she lied to attract rich investors like the DeVoses who had dollar signs dancing in their eyes.

When the Wall Street Journal uncovered the deception, the company's valuation dropped from \$9 billion to less than nothing.

The DeVos family may be out millions but things could be much worse. They could have fallen for some other scam and ended up with a basement full of unused merchandise. That's what happens to a lot of folks who get involved in multi-level marketing schemes.

Robert Fitzgerald, of Pyramid Scheme Alert, is an expert on MLMs.

"Think about it. 'Could you possibly make a living today from your home on your own, as an Amway distributor selling laundry soap or anything else like that? So, basically these detergents and other things might be consumed by the salespeople themselves. That's right. You can't make a living."

According to the Federal Trade Commission, most people who join legitimate MLMs make little or no money. And some lose money.

In 2020, my family got scammed. The sad part is we knew we were being scammed all along and failed to stop it.

It went like this, the mother of one of our kid's friends invited my wife, Joan, to a Touchstone

Crystal party. We like the woman who invited her and our daughters are good friends. But Joan wasn't particularly keen on the product. She's a veterinarian and jewelry gets snagged by the paws and claws of her patients.

When she was about to attend the online party, I rolled my eyes and said, "You know you're going to be expected to buy something. And it will be overpriced and likely something you don't like."

She nodded her head and gave a look of resignation one might expect of someone heading to the gallows. Unfortunately, in our society too many people are taught to be pleasers.

When she returned from her virtual engagement, she was even more glum. She won the door prize. And what was the door prize? The opportunity to host her own Touchstone Crystal party.

I looked at her and said, "Tell them, 'No.' It's a scam."

My wife nodded her head in agreement. And then the emails and phone calls started coming in from someone higher up the Touchstone Crystal food chain. Let's call her Queen Bee.

We were in the middle of a pandemic and the governor declared a hard lockdown so we said we couldn't host a party. But Queen Bee had other ideas. We would host a virtual party over Zoom.

"Tell her, 'No.' I mouthed across the room. But my wife said 'yes.' Queen Bee seemed to know just what buttons to push to get a mark to acquiesce.

Then my wife came up with her own idea: scam the scammer.

We'd host a fake party. She pointed at our oldest daughter, then her sister and then me and said, "You will be my party guests."

Can't we just tell her no? My wife just gave me The Look. She has trouble telling friends, acquaintances and strangers 'no' but with me it's not a problem.

On Party Day, we all took our phones and computers to different parts of our house and logged on using different Zoom accounts. And there she was, Queen Bee.

When I introduced myself she gave me a startled look.

After a long pause she said "You know that crystal glove Michael Jackson wore? That was made by our company. So, men sometimes use our products."

I can see it now, me moonwalking into the newsroom wearing one crystal bejeweled glove and whistling "Billy Jean."

At this point, I put on my reporter hat and started asking questions. "How much money did you make last year, doing this?" Queen Bee sputtered and said, "Well, I'm just not certain."

How dependent is your income on recruiting others to sell? "Well, I just don't know what you mean."

Is this a multi-level marketing program? "I've never heard that term before."

And then Queen Bee said let's do a drawing for a door prize. My wife, God bless her, says, "We aren't drawing for the opportunity to host another party are we?" A look of dejection crosses Queen Bee's face and she says, "Um, No."

At this point, I head to Dollar General, phone in hand and ask questions as I stroll down the cough medicine aisle. My inquiries must have proved too much because soon she was closing out the party. I signed off.

As soon as I hung up, my wife bought another piece of jewelry. I asked why and she said, "Well, I was expected to."

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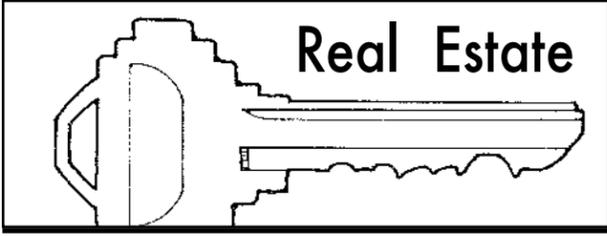
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SCOPE: Bids will be received for a single contract for all Masonry Repair Work.

DATE DUE: Sealed bids will be received until 2:00pm on Monday, February 14, 2022, at the office of the Business Manager, Belvidere Community Unit School District No. 100, 1201 Fifth Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois, and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

PRE-BID MEETING: All prospective contractors are urged to attend a pre-bid meeting at 2:00pm on Monday, January 24, 2022, at the office of the Business Manager, Belvidere Community Unit School District No. 100, 1201 Fifth Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois.

PRE-BID SITE VISIT: Contractors are required to survey the existing conditions prior to bidding.

ACCESS TO BIDDING Bidding Documents are on file for reference at the following

DOCUMENTS:
location:
Office of the Architect
Rockford, Illinois

NIBCA (N. Ill. Bldg. Contractors Assn). Rockford, Illinois
Bidding Documents may be secured from the office of the Architect.
Plans and Specifications are available for download at www.rljarch.com under "Contractors".

DEPOSIT REQUIRED: Bidders may secure up to two (2) sets of bidding documents by submitting a non-refundable check for \$50.00 per set, or \$60.00 per set if documents are to be mailed.

BID FORM: Bids shall be submitted in duplicate on forms issued by Architect.

PERFORMANCE BOND: A performance and payment bond for the full amount of the Contract will be required of the successful bidder. All costs associated with the bond shall be included in the bid amount.

BID SECURITY: Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of at least 5% of the total amount of the base bid and all additive alternate bids. This may be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, bank draft or bid bond, payable to the Owner as a guarantee that should the bidder be awarded the Work, the bidder will enter into a contract with the Owner and will furnish the proper performance and payment bond within the time limit set by the Owner. Bid securities will be returned to all other bidders when the successful bidder files a proper performance and payment bond and the contract is executed by the Owner. If the successful bidder fails to file such contract and performance and payment bond, the amount of his bid security shall be forfeited to the Owner as liquidated damages.

WAGE RULES: Each craft, type of worker and mechanic needed to execute the Contract shall be paid the prevailing wage rate for the locality in which the work is performed, in accordance with all federal laws and laws of the State as well as local ordinances and regulations applicable to the work hereunder and having force of law.

RIGHTS RESERVED BY OWNER: The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and/or reject any or all bids when, in the opinion of the Owner, such action will serve the best interests of the Owner.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening of bids without written consent of the Owner.

By order of the Board of Education for Belvidere CUSD #100
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER Plaintiff,
-v- 19 CH 2
CARMALE FORREST A/K/A CARMALE Y. WILLIAMS, STATE OF ILLINOIS, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., CITIMORTGAGE, INC., PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC, Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 26, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 27, 2022, 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:

LOT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT (158) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF FARMINGTON PHASE 5, PART OF THE SOUTHWEST AND SOUTHEAST QUARTERS (1/4) OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 23, 1999 IN PLAT INDEX FILE ENVELOPE 218-A AS DOCUMENT NO. 99-7029 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 2412 FAIRFIELD TRAIL, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 06-31-329-015
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$147,312.78.

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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. 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.

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.

For information, The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 18-088448.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

LOGS Legal Group LLP
2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301
Bannockburn IL, 60015
847-291-1717

E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com
Attorney File No. 18-088448
Case Number: 19 CH 2
TJSC#: 41-2631

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: January 11, 2022
PROJECT: Chiller Equipment Installation Project at Various Buildings for Belvidere CUSD #100 Belvidere, Illinois
LOCATIONS: Boone County Center
Caledonia Elementary School
Lincoln Elementary School
Meehan Elementary School
Belvidere High School
OWNER: Belvidere Unit School District #100
1201 5th Avenue
Belvidere, Illinois 61008
ARCHITECT: Richard L. Johnson Associates, Inc.
4703 Charles Street
Rockford, Illinois 61108
Tel: 815/398-1231
Fax: 815/398-1280

SCOPE: Bids will be received for a single contract for the Chiller Installation Project.

DATE DUE: Sealed bids will be received until 2:00pm on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at the office of the Business Manager, Belvidere Community Unit School District No. 100, 1201 Fifth Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois, and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

PRE-BID MEETING: All prospective contractors are urged to attend a pre-bid meeting at 2:00pm on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at the office of the Business Manager, Belvidere Community Unit School District No. 100, 1201 Fifth Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois.

PRE-BID SITE VISIT: Contractors are required to survey the existing conditions prior to bidding.

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WAGE RULES: Each craft, type of worker and mechanic needed to execute the Contract shall be paid the prevailing wage rate for the locality in which the work is performed, in accordance with all federal laws and laws of the State as well as local ordinances and regulations applicable to the work hereunder and having force of law.

RIGHTS RESERVED BY OWNER: The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and/or reject any or all bids when, in the opinion of the Owner, such action will serve the best interests of the Owner.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening of bids without written consent of the Owner.

By order of the Board of Education for Belvidere CUSD #100
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATION OF A PORTION OF AN ALLEY GENERALLY LYING SOUTH OF STARR ST. AND WEST OF 8th AVE.

The City of Belvidere will conduct a Public Hearing on February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belvidere City Council Chambers, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois, to discuss consideration of a vacation of an Alley lying South of Starr St. and West of 8th Ave. (the Alley) located in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to allow all interested persons to be heard concerning the proposal for vacation. Copies of the proposed ordinance vacating the Alley are available at the office of the City Clerk, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

By order of the Corporate Authorities of the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois.

Dated: January 13, 2022 Sarah Turnipseed, City Clerk
Published Jan 13, 2022 in *The Boone County Journal*

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DANNY C. ROUSH,
Deceased. CASE NO.: 2021 P 46

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Danny C. Roush. Letters of Office were issued on July 8, 2021 to Danny Scott Roush at 2735 Karr Road, Belvidere, IL 61008, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is James Hursh, Guyer & Enichen, P.C., 2601 Reid Farm Road, Suite B, Rockford, IL 61114.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before June 30, 2022, 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 5/18-3 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 may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the estate's legal representative, or both.

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

DATED: December 30, 2021
By: Guyer & Enichen, P.C.

By: /s/ James Hursh, Attorney for Independent Executor

James Hursh, #6230997
Guyer & Enichen, P.C.
2601 Reid Farm Road, Suite B
Rockford, IL 61114
815.636.9600
jhursh@guyerlaw.com

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Complaint for An Order of Abandonment
Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1,
Against

315 Hancock, Belvidere, Illinois 61008
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, the City of Belvidere, v. Charlotte Fields, as Trustee under the provisions of a land trust agreement dated March 14, 2013 and known as Fields Land Trust No. 2013, et al., Case No. 2021MR141. PUBLICATION NOTICE: The requisite affidavit having been duly filed herein, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO Charlotte Fields, as Trustee under the provisions of a land trust agreement dated March 14, 2013 and known as Fields Land Trust No. 2013, Granite Lien Group LLC, and Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants that said action has been commenced in said Court by the Plaintiff, naming you as Defendant(s) therein and requesting an order declaring abandoned the property commonly known as 315 Hancock, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 PIN: 05-25-155-002, and legally described as: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF HANCOCK STREET, 8 RODS DISTANT NORTHWESTERLY FROM THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF BLOCK 6 IN S.S. WHITMAN'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF HANCOCK STREET, 4 RODS; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH MADISON STREET, 7 RODS, 12 FEET, 6 INCHES; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES SOUTHEASTERLY PARALLEL WITH HANCOCK STREET, 4 RODS; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES SOUTHWESTERLY, 7 RODS, 12 FEET, 6 INCHES TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Now, therefore, unless you file your answer or otherwise make your appearance in said action in this Court by filing the same in the office of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court - Boone County of 601 North Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008, by February 14, 2022, AN ORDER OF DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AND JUDGMENT ENTERED FOR PLAINTIFF. Circuit Court of Boone County Clerk. Published in the Boone County Journal January 13, 20, 27, 2022

ASSUMED NAMES

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a Repair credit and offer business opportunities to repair credit in said County and State under the name of CREDIT CLUB 1 at the following post office address: 2424 Winfield Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Dominique Brown, 2424 Winfield Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # (815) 670-1406.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 21st day of December, A.D. 2021

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journa, 12/30, 01/06, 13

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a Contracting/ Construction business in said County and State under the name of THAT GUY HOME SERVICES at the following post office address: 6070 Dewane Rd, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Nicholas A. Stewart, 6070 Dewane Rd., Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # (779) 513-1587.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 30th day of December, A.D. 2021

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend... to conduct and transact a ROOFING business in said County and State under the name of L & J PRO ROOFING CO. at the following post office addresses: 3198 Be Ver Kreek Lane, Belvidere, IL, 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Silvina L. Hernandez, 3198 Be Ver Kreek Lane, Belvidere, IL, 61008. Signed: Silvina L. Hernandez, 01/07/22
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 7th. day of January, 2022,
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk, by Sherry L. Blauert, Deputy
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend... to conduct and transact a Snow Plowing & Maintenance business in said County and State under the name of H & D Maintenance at the following post office addresses: 1529 James Ct., Belvidere, IL, 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Stacey Quinley, 1529 James Ct., Belvidere, IL, 61008. Signed: Stacey Quinley, 01/05/22
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 5th. day of January, 2022,
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk, by Giselle Lenover, Deputy
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BID NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR NORTH BOONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200

The following bid notice was published by North Boone Community Unit School District 200:

The North Boone Community Unit School District 200 Board of Education is accepting bids for mechanical upgrades to existing school buildings.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Scope of Work includes the removal and replacement of existing boilers at Upper Elementary School, and classroom unit ventilator replacement at Capron Elementary School, Manchester Elementary School, North Boone Middle School, and Poplar Grove School. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, electrical, masonry, interior finish, and casework modifications and replacement associated with the mechanical equipment replacement, as indicated in the Bid Documents.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The work is to be performed at the five (5) school buildings and is scheduled to take place between **June 2022 and August 2022.**

Complete sets of the Bid Documents may be obtained beginning January 18, 2022 from the District's Architect, Cashman Stahler Group, Inc. by emailing a request to Gregory Stahler at gstahler@cashmanstahler.com. Bid Documents will be made available to all Bidders who confirm they meet or exceed the District's bid qualifications.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for **2:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 25, 2022** in the District Administrative Offices located at 6248 N. Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, Illinois. All Prospective Bidders are required to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting. All Prospective Bidders are required to visit the project site prior to the submission of a Bid Proposal.

The public bid opening is anticipated at **2:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 7, 2022**, in the District Administrative Offices located at 6248 N. Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, Illinois. Prior to the public bid opening, sealed bids will be received by **2:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 7, 2022** at the District Administrative Offices.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any, and all bids, and to waive informalities to any bid when such is deemed by the Owner to be in the Owner's best interest.

This invitation is issued in the name of North Boone Community Unit School District 200.

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BID NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR NORTH BOONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200

The following bid notice was published by North Boone Community Unit School District 200:

The North Boone Community Unit School District 200 Board of Education is accepting bids for site improvements.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Scope of Work includes the removal and replacement of existing site improvements at the Capron Elementary School. The scope of improvements includes, but is not limited to, excavation, grading, removal and replacement of existing concrete paving, concrete sidewalks, asphalt pavement, fencing, and site utilities, as indicated in the Bid Documents.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The work is to be performed at Capron Elementary School, 200 N. Wooster in Capron, Illinois. Work is scheduled to take place between **June 2022 and August 2022.**

Complete sets of the Bid Documents may be obtained beginning **January 18, 2022** from the District's Architect, Cashman Stahler Group, Inc. by emailing a request to Gregory Stahler at gstahler@cashmanstahler.com. Bid Documents will be made available to all Bidders who confirm they meet or exceed the District's bid qualifications.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for **11:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 25, 2022** in the District Administrative Offices located at 6248 N. Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, Illinois. All Prospective Bidders are required to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting. All Prospective Bidders are required to visit the project site prior to the submission of a Bid Proposal.

The public bid opening is anticipated at **1:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 7, 2022**, in the District Administrative Offices located at 6248 N. Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, Illinois. Prior to the public bid opening, sealed bids will be received by **1:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 7, 2022** at the District Administrative Offices.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any, and all bids, and to waive informalities to any bid when such is deemed by the Owner to be in the Owner's best interest.

This invitation is issued in the name of North Boone Community Unit School District 200.

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he said of his meeting with university presidents. "And to see it showing up in their hiring practices at the universities is quite impressive as well. And there's certainly more work that can be done. And so we're working very closely with Chairman (LaShawn K.) Ford, who chairs (Senate) Higher Ed, and Chairman (Katie) Stewart who chairs (House) Higher Ed, to continue those efforts forward. And we really plan to make this year the year where we truly plant that diversity flag in Illinois."

Welch said his main priority for the 2022 session will be passing a budget, a task made easier this year by the state's improving revenue picture. At the end of December, the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability reported that base revenues through the first half of the fiscal year were up \$918 million from the previous year.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be a lot of competition for those new dollars, but Welch said he's hopeful of reaching a bipartisan consensus.

"We're going to convene Democrats and Republicans and we're going to see what the rank-and-file members believe are the priorities," he said. "We're going to ask them what the priorities are. But we certainly know that with COVID still being here, and the fact that we're in the midst of a surge, that we're going to still have to continue to address many of the things that we're dealing with, or have dealt with in the past. We know that we still have (American Rescue Plan Act) dollars that can be allocated. We did receive ARPA dollars, and we have four years to spend them. We've only spent \$2 billion out of \$8 billion. So we have some room that will allow us to continue to help people to deal with this pandemic. I think that's really a top priority."

Lawmakers had scheduled a shortened session this year so they can return to their districts in April to campaign for the June 28 primary. But the recent surge of COVID-19 cases brought on by the omicron variant have cut the number of scheduled session days even further. Both chambers are currently recessed until further notice.

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