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## A Restaurant Makes a Community

by David Larson

For over 30 years, Belvidere had a restaurant that was at the center of community life. That was common in Belvidere in the middle of the last century. The Dearth Brothers Restaurant was just that kind of a place. The owner worked in the restaurant and knew you and your family by name.

Seven brothers made a living by establishing a chain of restaurants in Belvidere, Sycamore, DeKalb and Rockford. Frank and Joe Dearth opened their first restaurant in Sycamore, followed by a restaurant in the DeKalb train station known as the Aurora/DeKalb Depot. This is where their younger brothers, Lou and Victor, learned the business. In 1922, the Belvidere location was established. Business was going well in DeKalb, and in 1923, the brothers remodeled the DeKalb restaurant. The local paper referred to the restaurant as a “lunch room”.

In 1937, the Dearth restaurant in DeKalb expanded into a larger space across the street from the depot. Finally, in 1947, the Dearth brothers opened a fourth restaurant in Rockford next to the Midway Theater and called it The Midway Restaurant. Willard and Phillip managed that restaurant.

In making the move to Belvidere in November of 1922, just four years after the 1918 pandemic, Lou and Victor Dearth bought out Ned Higgins Auto Inn restaurant at 112 Logan Avenue. Later brother Leo joined them here. The three of them are in this week’s picture. The building was a two-story located on the north side of Logan Avenue between the Julian House and State Street. Apartments were located on the second floor. Today it is a parking lot.

In 1931, an advertisement appeared, expressing the Dearth’s approval of the new concrete road that connected northern Boone County to the city. The business had become a part of the community and hosted many events.

One Tuesday evening, July 5, 1926 a couple passing through Belvidere in route to Chicago stopped at the Dearth Brothers Restaurant. The couple wanted to catch something to eat before heading out. They were coming from Rockford, which was the hometown of the groom, and they had just married. The grooms name was Salvatore Mandala a.k.a Sammy Mandell a.k.a “The Rockford Flash” because of his fast hands and foot speed a.k.a “The Rockford Sheik” because of his Rudolph Valentino good looks and he held the World lightweight Boxing Title from 1926 to 1930! Mandell developed his fighting skill in the Camp Grant barracks in Rockford. Despite being too young to join the Army, and only 105 pounds, he was allowed to spar with the troops because of his natural talent. He was known as a clever fighter who had a solid punch and good defensive skills. Sammy had just fought Rocky Kansas on Sunday at Comiskey Park, winning the world championship in his weight class, which he held for the next 4 years.

Sports award dinners were held at the restaurant. In 1946, when polio irradiation was in full swing, the local chapter to irradiate polio held a retirement party for its chairman. The list goes on and on because of the food and good spirit the brothers carried.



*Dearth Brothers Restaurant in Belvidere*

Leo, the youngest brother, married Mildred Rydbom in September of 1931. She is most likely the woman behind the counter in this family photo of the three brothers.

The Dearth Brothers were known for serving Sunday chicken dinners, but during World War II, particularly in 1944-45, the restaurant closed at different times, being unable to get the food needed to open. Perhaps they could have gone into the black market in order to profit, but apparently, they chose otherwise.

One might ask if today the Dearth Brothers would have abided by the Illinois Department of Public Health orders, or would it have been one of those restaurants who ignored them in 2020?

The Dearth’s were the victim of several crimes over the years. Early, in 1924, Lou had his Hudson Coach automobile stolen from the back of the restaurant at about 9PM. The restaurant was open usually 20 to 24 hours every day. The car was found a few hours later by motorcycle police officer Nester near the Coral Inn in McHenry County. A new dance hall had opened near there called Kuecker and the car appeared to have been used by local youths wanting to attend the dance. During the depression, counterfeit money was often passed in the restaurant. In 1943, burglars broke into the restaurant while it was closed between 2AM and 5AM. \$800 was taken from a safe. This was the second in a string of burglaries. The followed a Belvidere Post Office robbery, which netted the burglars \$1250, a thousand of which were war bonds. A third robbery was at Cornish Pharmacy, 601 South State Street.

By September 1952, the brothers decided to hang it up after 30 years in Downtown Belvidere. Lou and Leo were ready to retire, but Victor and his son Bob decided to change the name to Dearth Prime Rib. Victor worked the kitchen and Bob the front room. In 1956, Bob sold the restaurant to Robert Wait, who had a restaurant on the same block on Buchanan Street a.k.a “The Shortline”. Wait was quick to flip it to Ed Fisher 2 years later. Ed was the original operator of the Motel Belvidere.

## How Criminal Justice Bill Would Overhaul Officer Certification

*New standards will determine who can become law enforcement in Illinois*

by Raymon Troncoso Capitol News Illinois

A criminal justice package that passed both chambers of the General Assembly last month contains provisions that would grant the state increased power over police discipline and standards of conduct starting in 2022.

The omnibus package, which was backed by Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, has not yet arrived at the desk of Gov. JB Pritzker, although he has said he looks forward to reviewing the bill which needs only his signature to become law.

Pritzker campaigned on several issues in the bill and indicated his support, but has not yet said directly that he will sign it.

One of the more controversial provisions in the bill would expand the scope of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, or ILETSB, which currently oversees training and grant programs for law enforcement and correctional officers throughout the state.

Police certification standards would be made more robust under the legislation, with law enforcement officers placed into three categories: active, inactive and decertified. Only those with an active certification from ILETSB can be legally employed at an Illinois agency in a law enforcement capacity.

A decertified officer has 30 days to file a motion with the board for reconsideration, and all decertifications are subject to judicial review. Once an officer is formally decertified, they are prohibited from ever regaining certification.

Each officer will be responsible for keeping their certification active by submitting verification forms to ILETSB every three years

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE VOTERS OF BELVIDERE

There is a man running for Mayor of Belvidere on the Independent ticket in the election. His name is CLINT MORRIS.

After visiting with him for an afternoon, we believe he is the best man for the job! Clint has nothing but Belvidere's best interest.

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Cina Sr., Nicholas "Nick", 73, Belvidere, Jan. 25  
Driscoll, Jessica, 30, Belvidere, January 22  
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O'Sullivan, Patricia, 78, Belvidere, January 25  
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**Teresa "Teri" Ann Snow**, 66, of Belvidere, IL, passed away on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, IL. Daughter of the late Laverne and Margaret (Bennett) Nelson, she was born on Thursday, August 26, 1954 in Rockford, IL. She married the love of her life, Dan Snow, on Saturday, October 12, 2002 at St. James Catholic Church in Belvidere, IL. Teri attended St. James Catholic School and Belvidere High School, graduating with the class of 1972. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Belvidere, IL. She was very active in her community and would attend public meetings with her husband. Teri is loved and will be deeply missed by her beloved husband, Dan; son, Sebastian Snow; brother, Larry (Carol) Nelson; sister, Sandra Pease. She was preceded in death by her parents, Laverne and Margaret; brothers, Greg Nelson, Ted Nelson. There will be a visitation from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Friday, February 5, 2021 at Belvidere Funeral Home & Cremation Service. A funeral mass will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at St. James Catholic Church in Belvidere, IL. Interment will take place in Highland Garden of Memories in Belvidere, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Vincent dePaul. Donations can be dropped off at St. James Catholic Church in Belvidere, IL.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

**Boone County Community Foundation Adds Two Scholarships:** The Boone County Community Foundation (BCCF) is honored to announce two additional scholarship opportunities to graduating seniors. The Dave Graham Memorial Education Scholarship is a newly established scholarship. Dave Graham was a history teacher, librarian, and golf coach in District 100. As a lifelong learner and proponent of the value of education, Dave's legacy is to help future educators fulfill their dreams. Any graduating senior from North Boone, Belvidere North, or Belvidere High Schools who is pursuing their degree in education may apply. Two scholarships of \$2,500.00 will be awarded.

The second scholarship is an existing scholarship that has been entrusted to the Foundation to manage, oversee, and allocate awards. The NBF-PD #3 Fireman's Association Jake Schoepski Memorial Scholarship honors and remembers Jake Schoepski who was a dedicated firefighter for 48 years and served as trustee for 25 years. This scholarship awards \$500.00 to graduating seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in firefighting, EMS, medical, police or other first responder type profession. One recipient will be selected from North Boone and one from Belvidere North High Schools.

For a full list of eligibility criteria please visit

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the scholarship page on the Foundation's website at <https://boonecountycommunityfoundation.org/scholarships/> Students apply through their high school guidance office.

**Illinois Tollway Extends Popular Toll Violation Relief Program through June 30, 2021:** The Illinois Tollway is reminding drivers that they have through June 30, 2021 to take advantage of TOLLING 2020 by paying a reduced, \$3.00 fee per toll for passenger vehicles, a savings of 85 percent over the \$20.00 fines previously assessed. Visit [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) for more information.

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**Winter Parking Regulations for The Village of Cherry Valley:** Winter parking regulations will be in effect for the Village of Cherry Valley, Starting December 29, 2020 at 3 P.M.

**Lincoln Presidential Library Joins with State Board of Education for Art Contest.**

**Contest Showcases Young Illinois Artists:** Illinois children can showcase their artistic talents and consider the importance of art in our lives, thanks to a statewide art contest sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the Illinois State Board of Education.

The theme of the contest is "Art Surrounds Us." Illinois students from kindergarten through high school can let their imaginations run wild to create original works of art reflecting what the theme means to them.

Judging will occur across four levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. In each level a winner and three runners-up will be selected, and one piece will be selected as "Best in Show."

Artwork may be submitted now through Feb. 12. The winners will be announced in conjunction with Illinois Arts Education Week.

Submissions must be 11 inches by 14 inches and two dimensional. They cannot feature copyrighted characters or images. More details are available at [bit.ly/ALPLM-ArtContest](http://bit.ly/ALPLM-ArtContest).

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In 2020, eight scholarships totaling \$12,000 were awarded to aviation students in the Northern Illinois area. The information letter and application are on the Museum's website under the Education

**Online Learning Opportunities from University of Illinois Extension:**

University of Illinois will be offering webinar learning opportunities from January 26, 2021 through February 9, 2021. For more information, visit [extension@illinois.edu](mailto:extension@illinois.edu)

**Appearing Live Online for Dekalb Public Library Concert:**

Barb Sorensen presents: "Farm Art Concert" February 13, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Preregistration is required on the Library website to access the concert. Read more about the concert at <https://tinyurl.com/bsfarmart>

## Welch Seeks to Set a New Tone in Illinois House

*New speaker talks changes to House rules, path forward for General Assembly*

*by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois*

The election of Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch as Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives marked the beginning of a new era in state politics. Not only is he the first Black speaker in state history, he is also the first speaker in 24 years whose name is not Michael Madigan.

But Welch assumes the gavel at a precarious time in state history, a time marked by a deadly pandemic that has resulted in an economic crisis and a steep drop in state revenues, as well as a time of social unrest over racial inequities, many of which have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

"Well, I definitely agree that I'm taking over at a challenging time," Welch said during a podcast interview with Capitol News Illinois. "Any one of the things that you just mentioned makes for an interesting session by itself. And I'm inheriting a situation where we're going to have to deal with all of that all at once. And so I think that where you start is where have already started. And that's by putting a diverse leadership team in place, a team that reflects the diversity of our state, which is our strength."

Welch unveiled his new leadership team on Jan. 21. It includes a mix of old and new

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faces. Rep. Greg Harris, of Chicago, remains House Majority Leader and Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, of Peoria, remains deputy majority leader. But the team also includes some newer faces such as Chicago-area Reps. Mary Flowers, Jaime Andrade Jr., Robyn Gabel, Elizabeth Hernandez, Marcus Evans and Delia Ramirez, as well as Urbana Rep. Carol Ammons.

It will be some time, though, before the House is able to fully get back to work. Welch has already announced that the House will come back into session on Feb. 10 for the sole purpose of adopting new rules, which are expected to allow for remote committee meetings that will then occur regularly over the next couple of months. But other substantial action at the Statehouse in Springfield is unlikely to occur until at least sometime in April.

At that point, Welch said, he expects the General Assembly to move into high gear.

"As we approach April and May, as we're getting to crunch time, I anticipate being in Springfield a lot more than we have over the past year," he said.

Welch, 49, of Hillside, said he was born and raised in the 7th District that he now represents. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and the John Marshall Law School.

While at Northwestern, Welch also played baseball. A left fielder who was known for his speed, he wouldn't disclose his batting average, saying only that it was below .300, but he described the experience as "one of the best times of my life." But he did not play his senior year, saying he chose to focus on his grades that year "because I knew I wanted to go to law school."

As speaker, Welch faces a challenge distinguishing himself from his predecessor. That's because many members of the House were not even born yet the first time Madigan was elected speaker in 1983.

"I really speak very highly of Speaker Madigan," Welch said. "We wouldn't have 73 Democrats and a super majority in our chamber without Speaker Madigan. But I will say that I still have to be Chris Welch."

Madigan, through much of his tenure as speaker, was known for keeping a tight grip on the House. It was often said that no bill ever reached the floor of the House for a vote unless it had his blessing, including such issues as legislative ethics reform.

Welch, by contrast, has indicated he may try to govern with a softer hand by relaxing some of the House rules.

"We're being sincere in taking a quick, hard examination on these rules," he said. "But you know, we can't do much until rules are approved. And so our intent is to let this go on for the next

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to confirm they’ve completed all mandatory training and have no disciplinary actions taken against them that would result in decertification.

Under current Illinois law, officers can only lose their certification under very narrow circumstances. They must either be convicted of a felony or a limited list of “decertifiable misdemeanors” such as offering a bribe, theft and prostitution.

From 2009 to 2014, Illinois decertified 64 officers. Over the same period of time, Florida decertified 2,125 officers and Georgia decertified 2,800.

Raoul, in his testimony in House committee in support of the provision during January’s lame duck session, told lawmakers that while he does believe Illinois has the best trained and most upstanding law enforcement in the country, the massive discrepancy in the numbers has more to do with how hard it is to fire and decertify officers for blatant misconduct, even if the officers were known to be repeat offenders.

The new law would grant ILETSB broader discretionary authority to decertify officers that violate the new standards of conduct.

If the board determines an officer committed a felony or “decertifiable misdemeanor” that would normally result in automatic decertification, but the officer has not been charged or convicted, it can decertify that officer through the discretionary process.

Other misconduct that can result in discretionary decertification includes excessive force; failing to intervene in another officer’s use of excessive force or failing to render aid; tampering with dashboard and body cameras or their footage; committing perjury or making false statements in an investigation of a crime; and engaging in any unprofessional, unethical or deceptive conduct harmful to the public whether or not it caused actual injury.

While governmental agencies are required to submit violations to ILETSB within seven days of their occurrence, the provision would also allow for members of the public to submit a complaint about an officer, and they may keep their own identity confidential as well.

Decertification process

Opponents of the bill have claimed the ability to file complaints anonymously will result in officers being targeted by disgruntled citizens and criminals who will flood the system to get them fired.

Raoul contends the provisions of the bill prevent unwarranted termination by filtering complaints through several layers, and that confidentiality is important to preserve the integrity of the process.

“We have to realize there have been incidents throughout the country that make the public at large feel that they can’t have the greatest level of trust in law enforcement and we have to restore that public trust,” Raoul said in an interview with Capitol News Illinois last week. “Just like other professions where they may be whistleblowers that their identity is protected such that there’s no retaliation against them, but that doesn’t mean you don’t investigate the allegation thoroughly.”

When ILETSB receives a complaint about an officer, it will conduct a preliminary review to determine if there’s enough information to investigate. If the review finds there’s sufficient cause, the board will conduct a full investigation.

If the board’s investigation determines the officer may have conducted decertifiable conduct, it will submit a formal complaint to the Illinois Law Enforcement Certification Review Panel, a new entity created by the legislation with 11 members appointed by the governor and attorney general.

The complaint will result in a formal hearing before an administrative law judge who will hear the allegations in the complaint and testimony from the officer, their legal representation and

relevant witnesses to the case. The judge will then deliver their conclusion and a recommendation to the panel.

The panel then votes on whether to recommend ILETSB remove the officer’s certification or dismiss the complaint, with a simple majority vote needed either way. The recommendation is nonbinding.

Then, and only then, can ILETSB choose to decertify an officer through another majority vote.

Outside of this process, an officer’s certification can only be revoked if they’re convicted under the current decertification standards or rendered inactive if the officer fails to submit a valid verification form to ILETSB during their required reporting period.

Transparency database

The legislation also requires ILETSB to enhance transparency, both within law enforcement and for the broader public.

The Professional Misconduct Database, a private portal for chiefs and sheriffs, will be expanded and streamlined for all relevant governmental agencies, law enforcement entities and state’s attorneys. The portal will contain an officer’s certification history, reported instances of misconduct, suspensions and terminations.

Any agency looking to hire an individual in a law enforcement capacity would be mandated by law to view the individual’s entry in the database before offering employment.

ILETSB will also create and maintain two new searchable public databases in an accessible portal on their website. One will contain officers’ agencies, their certification status and confirmed instances of misconduct that led to decertification. The other will contain all completed investigations against law enforcement and correctional officers with any identifying information of the officers involved redacted.

The attorney general’s office will also have greater latitude to investigate systemic abuse in law enforcement agencies under the new provision. According to Raoul, his office can only do so under the current law if the abuse is a clear human rights violation based on race, gender, national origin or other protected classes but not if it is a general systemic issue.

Potential ‘clean-up language’

Republicans and law enforcement groups have voiced fierce opposition to the criminal omnibus legislation as a whole, urging Pritzker in a news conference last week to veto the bill once it arrives on his desk.

On police certification, Republican lawmakers take issue with the unfunded mandates involved in the new system and mandatory trainings for officers. The bill goes too far without providing more funding for police departments, they said, especially as the state is already hurting for revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the continued structural budgetary pressures.

The bill’s sponsors in the General Assembly, Chicago Democrats Sen. Elgie Sims and Rep. Justin Slaughter, have indicated budgetary issues and clean-up language can be addressed in follow-up legislation in the new session, which is why the bill’s effective dates are pushed back by a year or more instead of being effective immediately.

A release posted to the ILETSB website the day after the legislation’s passage reads “we have asked for our appropriations to be increased and funding secured to accommodate the increased trainings and duties associated with processing certification verifications, investigating statewide complaints, and seeking the decertification for reported misconduct.”

It continues, “we trust that in the upcoming months, discussions on this topic will be fruitful.”

Despite opposing the broader bill, law enforcement has been supportive of the certification provisions. Starting in June, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the Sheriff’s Association and state’s attorneys collaborated with the office of the attorney general and the governor’s office to craft the language. According to Raoul, the group met nearly 20 times.

“We were trying to work with the attorney general on this,” Joe Moon, president of Illinois Troopers Lodge 41, said at the Wednesday Republican news conference. “However, before that could happen this was all rammed together and shoved out in the lame duck session for a vote.”

While police certification was originally its own legislation, it was added to the criminal justice reform omnibus package on the final day of the lame duck session.

“With regards to people urging the governor to veto, I welcome discussion about specific elements of the bill and where there might be need for a follow-up, clean-up language and so forth. I think that is a healthy part of the legislative process,” Raoul said. “My participation has been to negotiate in good faith and to have the input of law enforcement along the way.”

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## US needs to step up its game or face losing the economic ‘Cold War’

by Jim Nowlan

I had lunch this past week with two civic leaders in their handsome small city in central Illinois. Both had moved to their present town for family reasons, after careers in other states. They are both concerned about the averageness of their local high school.

One is a successful, retired school man, from a Florida district that has sent more graduates to US service academies than maybe any other school in the nation. He recently made a proposal to the local high school that I figured couldn’t be refused.

The educator offered to fund the creation of an International Baccalaureate Curriculum (IBC) at the high school. This really rigorous program for talented high schoolers puts them on a path to success in our best universities.

“Nah,” said the school board and superintendent about the offer. “We’re doin’ just fine.”

But our average downstate high schools aren’t doin’ just fine. If you took Chicago kids’ scores out of the state averages, most downstate schools would be below average, some significantly so.

We have to step up our game, or we will lose the hot “Cold War” competition we are in with China for technological and economic primacy. Nothing wrong with competition, especially when you win it.

Yet, I fear most Americans are blithely unaware of what is going on. If they were, I would hope they would get about shaping up our nation, which has lost its edge.

As I reported in an earlier column, I still recall my first day in Shanghai, now 15 years ago, for one of three teaching stints at a prominent university in that city of 25-30 million. I was stretching my legs on that Saturday morning, after the grueling flight, outside my “foreign expert” guest quarters.

I noted several clutches of darling youngsters, in uniforms, heading down the neighborhood street toward what looked like a school building. Later, I asked my host professor what I was seeing. “Oh, they were going to school. We have school every Saturday until noon (and one hour more of instruction each weekday than in the US).”

I’ll bet that if the parents of those kids were told their kids couldn’t go to school on Saturdays, there would be riots in the streets. I fear that, if parents here were told their children had to go to school on Saturdays, there would also be riots in the streets.

We have to look beyond our understandable preoccupation with the pandemic and political turmoil, to the larger, even more important challenge of intensifying a commitment to education at all levels, and to firming up the growing, soft underbelly of low-achieving American society.

Otherwise, we will wake up one day in 15 years, or sooner, and find that we are dependent on China for rare earth metals, high-tech products and the software to run our world.

America and European nations, plus Japan, colonized and humiliated China and much of Asia in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The proud Chinese haven’t forgotten. Over thousands of years of history, a century ago to them is but yesterday. The Chinese are not evil in wanting to once again become the “Central Empire” of the world, any more than the West was when it tried to take over the world in the past couple of centuries. It’s called competition, and it’s brutal right now.

With four times as many people as in the US, they may have more honor students than we have students, and their people are “clever” (their English word for smart), but they aren’t necessarily world beaters. The Chinese are

experiencing ever more oppressive state control, which appears to be stifling some innovation. So, their best and brightest may well want to create and innovate in the West.

And their earlier one-child program has resulted in leaving China with a high and growing ratio of elderly-to-producer population.

The US has to become more strategic in how it spends its limited money. (We can’t print it forever, as we seem to be doing, without dire consequences for our grandkids).

For example, most Americans can do without the additional \$1,400 in pandemic largesse that will apparently be splashed onto us soon. That kind of money should instead go toward our research laboratories and into more IBC and AP (Advance Placement) programs in our high schools. Our students can handle the challenge of rigorous education.

The kids need to be challenged. Just as all of us need to step up our competitiveness game.

*For many years, Jim Nowlan was a senior fellow and political science professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. He has worked for three unindicted governors and published a weekly newspaper in central Illinois.*

## Pretrial Reform Efforts Continue in Illinois

by Robbin Stuckert

*Presiding judge, 23rd Judicial Circuit Chair, Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Pretrial Practices*

Comprehensive, sustainable reform takes courage, patience, diligence and faith. Building upon the Bail Reform Act of 2017, the General Assembly recently passed additional reforms of the state’s pretrial detention system. Importantly, the legislation includes a delayed effective date on many of its key provisions. This additional time will be critical to establish an effective statewide pretrial system to support these changes and ensure that individuals who pose a threat to public safety are detained pretrial.

The Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Pretrial Practices recognizes that for far too long our criminal justice system has criminalized poverty by often detaining low-level, nonviolent offenders simply because they cannot afford bail. A large percentage of accused persons who enter the criminal justice system are indigent, facing economic obstacles. The General Assembly is commended for addressing these difficult issues.

In December 2017, the Illinois Supreme Court took the unprecedented step of creating and convening the Supreme Court Commission

on Pretrial Practices, a multidisciplinary body comprised of criminal justice stakeholders from all three branches of government. The commission was charged with providing guidance and recommendations regarding comprehensive pretrial reform in the Illinois criminal justice system.

The Supreme Court’s directive placed Illinois among the leaders in a long and overdue national movement to rethink and improve effective and fair bail decisions and enact transformative pretrial practices.

The commission met for two years, studied national best practices, consulted pretrial reform experts from across the nation, held public forums, and collected feedback from stakeholders throughout Illinois. The commission issued its Final Report in April 2020 which contained a broad range of legislative and policy recommendations to bring about pretrial reform in Illinois.

Last summer, the Supreme Court established a task force to implement these recommendations. The task force, like the commission, is bipartisan and multidisciplinary. It has met biweekly since its creation.

Members of the task force were also in discussion with legislators and advocates regarding proposed criminal justice reform legislation. While we may not have agreed on everything, we listened to one another and worked to align the pretrial aspects of this bill as much as possible with the recommendations in the commission’s Final Report. I was honored to provide testimony before the Illinois House and Senate during subject matter hearings regarding HB3653.

Going forward, the Supreme Court has directed the task force to assume a leadership role regarding the implementation of this historic and courageous legislation. We will prepare guidance and training on the bill’s pretrial provisions and will identify areas in the bill for which amendatory language must be considered.

We look forward to continued dialogue with the legislative authors and we will work tirelessly to ensure comprehensive and sustainable pretrial reform is implemented throughout Illinois.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice:

Early Voting for the February 23, 2021 Consolidated Primary Election will begin on Thursday, January 14, 2021 and end February 22, 2021. This Primary Election is City of Belvidere Mayor, City of Belvidere Clerk, Alderperson in Wards 2 and 3 and Belvidere Township Trustees. There are no Democratic candidates running for this office, so this will be a Republican Primary only. Early Voting for Boone County residents will be conducted at the Boone County Clerk's Office, 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 5:00PM. The office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 18, 2021 and again on February 15, 2021 in observance of President's Day. The office will also be open on Saturday, February 20, 2021 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM

For more information about Early Voting please contact the Boone County Clerk's Office at 815-544-3103.

Julie A. Bliss  
Boone County Clerk & Recorder  
Published in the Boone County Journal Jan 1 thru Feb 19, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF BOONE - IN PROBATE  
In the Matter of the Estate of JARRETT M. POWELL, Deceased.  
No. 2020-P- 73

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS  
NOTICE is given of the death of Jarrett M. Powell on November 8, 2020. Letters of Office were issued to Martin Powell, Public Guardian and Administrator who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles G. Popp, P.C., 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before August 30, 2021, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
In The Interest of:  
No. 20-JA-30  
ENZO CAMACHO, minor  
ISRAEL CAMACHO/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on December 3, 2020, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Enzo Camacho, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30P.M. Central Daylight time on 02/11/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: January 11, 2021  
LINDA J. ANDERSON, Circuit Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA MR. COOPER, Plaintiff,  
vs. 20 ch 24  
VICTORIA VETTER AKA VICTORIA S. VETTER; Defendants,  
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street,, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commencing in the highway and thirteen rods South of the Northeast Quarter of Section Number Ten in Township No. Forty-five North, Range Number Four East of the Third Principal Meridian and running thence as follows, to-wit; West in a direct line twenty rods; thence South four rods; thence East Twenty rods; thence North four rods to the place beginning, situated in Boone County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 120 North Wooster Street, Capron, IL 61012.  
P.I.N. 04-10-226-008.

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

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 20-004264 F2

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

SUSAN HELEN HITT,Plaintiff  
-VS- CASE # 2020D-110  
RICHARD ALLEN HITT, Defendant  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
Notice is given to you, RICHARD ALLEN HITT, Defendant that this cause has  
Been commenced against you in this Court asking for DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE and other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Boone County, Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere Illinois, 61008 on or before the 16th day of March, 2021 a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Dated: 01-19-2021 Linda J. AndersonClerk of the Circuit Court  
17th Judicial Circuit Boone County, Illinois  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF BOONE - IN PROBATE  
In the Matter of the Estate of THEO L. HILDEBRAND, Deceased.  
No. 2021-P- 2

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS  
NOTICE is given of the death of Theo L. Hildebrand on December 7, 2020. Letters of Office were issued on January 11, 2021, to Julie Anderson, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles G. Popp, P.C., 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before September 1, 2021, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

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

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

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Notice of Public Hearing -  
Boone County Subdivision Code Amendment

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Boone County Administration Campus located at 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following:

- Amending Section 506 of the Boone County Subdivision Code to allow for the adoption of a temporary moratorium on Impact Fees collected by the County.
- Amending Section 506 of the Boone County Subdivision Code to update references to the Administrative and Legislative Committee with Administration Committee of the Whole.

All persons interested may appear at the hearing and be heard at the stated time and place.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOONE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:

The applicant, Jeffrey & Robin Winters, 3307 Rural Street Rockford, IL 61107, are requesting a variance pursuant to Section 3.5.4 (Lot Development Standards) of Section 3.6.6 (Residential Conservation District) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction in side setback to approximately 16 feet, 9 foot decrease at 962 Weatherfield Way Belvidere, IL 61008, unincorporated Belvidere Township, Boone County, IL. PIN: 05-18-227-008. Legally described: 18-44-3 STONEGATE LOT 3 S 143.04 W 354.78 N 140 E 326.63

The applicant, Richard and Pamela Franseen, 22799 Hwy 76 Poplar Grove, IL 61065, are requesting a text amendment pursuant to Section 2.10 (Text and Map Amendments, Comprehensive Plan Amendments) Sub Section 2.10.1 (General Procedure for Zoning Text Amendments) in regards to updating the zoning ordinance to allow an accessory dwelling unit with a special use permit in the A-1, Agricultural Preservation District.

All persons interested may appear at the hearing and be heard at the stated time and place.

Tony Savino, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The public test of the Unisyn voting tabulating equipment and program to be used at the February Consolidated Primary Election will be Monday, February 8, 2021 at 10:00AM in the Boone County Board Room, 1212 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois. The public, press, candidates and political parties are invited to attend.

Julie A. Bliss  
Boone County Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Reverse Mortgage Funding, LLC, Plaintiff,  
Vs. 19 CH 85  
Walter F. Gorham, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Jason Gorham, Unknown Heirs And Legatees of Walter F. Gorham, Donald Gorham, Douglas Gorham, Regina Gorham, Kirsten Gyorkos, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Monika Olmstead, Janice Ziebk, Defendants.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WALTER F. GORHAM UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

A LOT OF LOAN FRONTING 4 RODS WIDE ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF MADISON STREET AND RUNNING BACK ABOUT 8 RODS AND 5 FEET; BEING A PART OF LOT 6 IN ASSESSOR'S ADDITION TO BELVIDERE AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF SAID BOONE COUNTY IN BOOK 33 OF DEEDS, ON PAGE 551, IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3, EAST OF THE 3RD P.M., BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF EAST MADISON STREET AS EXTENDED FROM THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF BELVIDERE, 4 RODS NORTHEASTERLY FROM THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 6 IN SAID ASSESSOR'S ADDITION AND RUNNING THENCE ON SAID MADISON STREET LINE NORTHEASTERLY 4 RODS; THENCE PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 6 IN SAID ASSESSOR'S ADDITION SOUTHEASTERLY ABOUT 8 RODS AND 5 FEET TO A POINT MIDWAY BETWEEN SAID LINE OF MADISON STREET AND THE NORTHERLY LINE OF HURLBUT AVENUE EXTENDED FROM WHAT WAS FORMERLY CALLED EAST STREET IN CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO BELVIDERE; THENCE PAR-

ALLEL WITH SAID LINE OF MADISON STREET AND MIDWAY BETWEEN SAID STREET LINES SOUTHWESTERLY 4 RODS; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTLY TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BELVIDERE, IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WITH ALL ALLEY RIGHTS APPERTAINING FROM THE REAR OF SAID LOT AND SUBJECT TO ALL ALLEY RIGHTS ACROSS THE REAR FIVE FEET OF SAID LOT NOW EXISTING IN FAVOR OF ADJOINING OWNERS OR LOTS, OR THE PUBLIC.

ALL SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 811 E. MADISON ST, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

PIN # 05-25-153-007  
and which said Mortgage was made by:  
WALTER F. GORHAM, A SINGLE PERSON, the Mortgagor(s), to Challenge Financial Investors Corp DBA CFIC Home Mortgage as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of BOONE County, IL, as Document No. 2007R10277; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, on or before March 8, 2021, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp"](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp)www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,  
-v.- 19 CH 74  
BRUCE BIANCALANA AKA BRUCE J. BIANCALANA AS TRUSTEE OF THE DENI M. BIANCALANA AKA DENI BIANCALANA LIVING TRUST, DATED MARCH 23, 2013, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE DENI M. BIANCALANA AKA DENI BIANCALANA LIVING TRUST, DATED MARCH 23, 2013, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 19, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 9, 2021, 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:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION NINE (9), TOWNSHIP FORTY-THREE (43) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) EAST OF THE THIRD (3RD) PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SAID SECTION, 610.76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SAID SECTION, 377.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SAID SECTION, 610.76 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SAID SECTION, 377.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

Commonly known as 2349 GRAHAM ROAD, BELVIDERE, IL 61008  
Property Index No. 07-09-100-008  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$166,202.11.

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, or a 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 and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.

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 department, Diaz Anselmo Lindberg, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60563 (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit [www. AnselmoLindberg.com](http://www.AnselmoLindberg.com).. Please refer to file number F19040241.

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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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Attorney File No. F19040241  
Attorney ARDC No. 3126232  
Case Number: 19 CH 74  
TJSC#: 41-135

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
In The Interest of: Amir Price, minor  
No. 18-JA-11  
William Price/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on September 7, 2018, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Amir Price, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:30 P.M. central daylight time on 3/25/2021 & 6/17/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETTION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: January 25, 2021,  
Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA MR. COOPER; Plaintiff,  
vs. 20 ch 24  
VICTORIA VETTER AKA VICTORIA S. VETTER; Defendants,  
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Commonly known as 120 North Wooster Street, Capron, IL 61012.  
P.I.N. 04-10-226-008.

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

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 20-004264 F2

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

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,  
-v.- 19 CH 74

BRUCE BIANCALANA AKA BRUCE J. BIANCALANA AS TRUSTEE OF THE DENI M. BIANCALANA AKA DENI BIANCALANA LIVING TRUST, DATED MARCH 23, 2013, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE DENI M. BIANCALANA AKA DENI BIANCALANA LIVING TRUST, DATED MARCH 23, 2013, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 19, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 9, 2021, 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:

Commonly known as 2349 GRAHAM ROAD, BELVIDERE, IL 61008  
Property Index No. 07-09-100-008  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$166,202.11.

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.

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ASSUMED NAME

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This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a contracting engineering service design business in said County and State under the name of

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Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 12th day of January, A.D. 2021  
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Tree Hugger Services at the following post office address: 121 Scrivins Road, Kingston, IL 60145 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: Michael Madeen, 121 Scrivins Road, Kingston, IL 60145; phone #815-520-5538.

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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION  
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a media production business in said County and State under the name of Exposure Video

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## Welch

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couple of weeks. And Feb. 10, We will have a vote on the rules. I anticipate that there will be some changes to the rules from the past.”

Welch also said he hopes to repair the Democratic majority’s relationship with House Republicans, including Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, who led an effort last year to have Madigan removed from office over his role in a yearslong bribery scheme involving utility giant Commonwealth Edison.

Welch, who chaired the special investigating committee that was formed to investigate Madigan’s role in that scheme, played a key role in preventing the filing of formal disciplinary charges. But now, as speaker, Welch said he hopes to rebuild a working relationship with Republicans.

“And I actually called him this past Saturday (Jan. 23) to talk to him about the intent about going back to session to improve the rules on February 10, find out who his point person is on the rules,” Welch said. “And he was pleasantly surprised to receive a call from me on a Saturday morning.”

“That’s my style,” he added. “And that’s what I intend to do going forward is to keep an open line of communication. We actually live less than five miles from each other. When things open back up, we’ll probably meet regularly for coffee.”

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## Former GOP State Senator, Conservative Party Candidate for Governor Indicted

***Sam McCann faces fraud, money laundering, tax evasion charges***

A former Republican state Senator and Conservative Party candidate for governor on Wednesday joined the list of ex-state officials who have been indicted.

Springfield-area lawmaker Sam McCann, who frequently butted heads with Republican ex-Gov. Bruce Rauner and eventually challenged him as a third-party candidate in 2018, was indicted on charges of fraud, money laundering and tax evasion related to his alleged use of campaign funds for personal expenses, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office of the Central District of Illinois.

The indictment alleges that from May 2015 to June 2020 McCann “engaged in a scheme to convert more than \$200,000 in contributions and donations made to his campaign committees to pay himself and make personal purchases.” Further, McCann concealed his fraud from donors, the public, the Illinois State Board of Elections and law enforcement authorities, according to the news release.

McCann, of Plainview, was a state senator from 2011 until January 2019 following his unsuccessful third-party run for governor in which he received about 4.2 percent of the vote, or 192,527 votes.

According to the U.S. Attorney’s office, McCann organized several political committees which received over \$5 million in donations.

But in several instances, McCann used some of that money to purchase personal vehicles, pay personal debts, make mortgage payments and pay himself, according to the U.S. Attorney’s office.

That included \$60,000 spent on a 2017 Ford Expedition and a 2018 Ford F-250 pickup truck,

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and he later used campaign funds to pay for fuel and insurance for the vehicles.

The indictment also details an alleged scheme in which McCann purchased two recreational vehicles, later establishing an account with an RV rental business in Ohio through which McCann rented the vehicles to himself, paid for by campaign funds. That also led to a tax evasion charge.

“McCann caused a total of approximately \$62,666 in campaign funds be used to pay the rental cost of the vehicles. The rental business retained approximately \$9,838 for commission and paid McCann, as the owner, approximately \$52,827 by direct deposit to McCann’s personal checking account. McCann reimbursed the campaign accounts \$18,000, resulting in more than \$77,000 in campaign funds used to buy and rent from himself,” according to the news release from the U.S. Attorney.

McCann also allegedly cut himself a \$20,000 cashier’s check from the campaign account in 2016 to pay off a 2011 loan. From May 2015 to August 2020, McCann allegedly spent approximately \$64,750 in campaign funds on two separate personal mortgage loans.

His failed campaign for governor was lucrative as well, according to the indictment.

“McCann allegedly caused the Conservative Party of Illinois to issue approximately \$187,000 in payments to himself personally and an additional \$52,282 in payments for payroll taxes,” through June 2020, according to the news release. “Using a payroll service, McCann was allegedly able to conceal himself as the payee for the expenditures from the campaign account.”

The indictment also alleges the Conservative Party standard bearer spent \$50,000 in campaign funds on credit card payments related to a family vacation in Colorado and charges from Apple iTunes, Amazon, a skeet and trap club, Cabela’s, Scheels, Best Buy, a gun store and cash withdrawals.

McCann is scheduled to appear via telephone conference at 2 p.m. Feb. 16 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Tom Schanzle-Haskins for arraignment.

If convicted, McCann could face penalties up to 20 years in prison for each of the seven counts of wire fraud and one count of money laundering he faces. For tax evasion, he could serve up to five years.

Legislative  
Republicans Seek  
Measures Allowing  
Voters To Recall  
Lawmakers, Overturn  
State Law

Voters would need to amend state constitution for measures to take effect

by Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Republican lawmakers from both chambers of the General Assembly are promoting three legislative proposals to give voters greater authority to amend the state constitution, recall legislative leaders and other lawmakers, and repeal recently-passed state laws.

The “Voter Empowerment Project” includes three amendments to the state constitution, meaning each would need approval from three-fifths of lawmakers before it would head to voters for approval in a statewide election year. The threshold for approval from voters on a constitutional amendment is 60 percent of voters on the specific question or the majority of those voting in the election.

House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western

Springs, said whether or not the bills get to the floor for full debate in the upcoming legislative session may be dependent on what rules the House adopts under newly seated Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside.

“Right now, it’s a wait and see attitude, but I’m cautiously optimistic that we are in a better place because the past was clearly not good for Illinois and the operations of the House were anything but transparent,” Durkin said of the discussion of House rules.

The House is scheduled to return to discuss rules on Wednesday, Feb. 10. A frequent Durkin critique of former Speaker Michael Madigan was that he let bills he did not like languish before the House Rules Committee, meaning they would not gain a hearing at the substantial committee level or a vote on the House floor.

“The biggest impediment that we’ve had to reform or at least opening up state government

has been removed from state government,” Durkin said of Madigan. “I’m going to have to say that we still have a process in place where we can still amend the constitution to make changes, but this is an opportunity for the citizens to take greater control over how state governments going to be run”

When it comes to the measures discussed Wednesday, Durkin said, “We just want an up or down vote.”

A spokesperson for Speaker Welch did not respond to a request for comment on the proposals by deadline. Previously, Welch has indicated he is open to reforming House rules, and he and Durkin have spoken several times since Welch was inaugurated, according to both leaders.

Senate Minority Leader Dan McConchie, R-Hawthorn Woods, said he has brought up rule changes to Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, as well “in hopes of being able to negotiate a broader and kind of more inclusive process.”

One of the measures the GOP lawmakers want brought to the floor is contained in Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 3 and House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 4. That measure would expand the government officials subject to recall vote to include any executive branch officer, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the auditor general, members of the General Assembly and local government officials.

It would also decrease the number of signatures needed to recall a governor to 12 percent of the votes cast for governor in the previous election, down from 15 percent. That threshold would apply for speaker, auditor general and Senate president as well. For a lawmaker, it would require 12 percent of votes cast for governor within the lawmaker’s district.

A recall would need approval from 60 percent of voters to oust an elected official, who would then be forbidden from serving in the office they were recalled from for another 10 years.

The bill also eliminates the requirement that the recall effort receive bipartisan support from at least 20 members of the House and 10 members of the Senate.

Another measure, contained in SJRCA 2 and HJRCA 6, would give Illinois citizens an avenue to overturn laws recently passed by the General Assembly.

That would require a petition signed by 5 percent of the total number of voters who voted for governor in the last election, provided it is filed within 90 days of the law being enacted.

The third measure, contained in SJRCA 1 and HJRCA 5, would expand the scope of citizen initiative authority to amend the state constitution. Currently, the constitution allows for amendments via citizen initiative to “structural and procedural subjects contained in Article 4.” The amendment would strike that language.

While McConchie said he’d submitted the

documents to Harmon, a spokesperson for Harmon said in an email that questions from a reporter were “the most information we’ve received” on the measures, although they would be taken under review.

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