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10k Illinois Noncitizens To Lose Medicaid Coverage Due to Federal Changes

State lawmakers pass bill that implements these new federal restrictions

Peter Hancock *Capitol News Illinois*

A bill that will soon head to Gov. JB Pritzker's desk will officially remove an estimated 10,000 people from the state's Medicaid program, leaving them without any form of health coverage.

That group is made up mainly of people who are not U.S. citizens but who are in the country legally, according to the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. That includes refugees and asylum-seekers, many of whom came to the United States with pre-existing health conditions.

"If they are enrolled, then they still have Medicaid up until Oct. 1," Edith Avila Hesser, ICIRR's health justice and policy director, said in an interview. "This adds to the number of uninsured populations that we have here in the state of Illinois, and so obviously we will be working to educate this community about the resources that are available to them through community clinics like FQHCs (Federally Qualified Health Centers) and free and charitable clinics available throughout the state."

Medicaid is a public health coverage program that is jointly funded by the federal government and the states.

In 2025, Congress amended the federal eligibility rules for Medicaid with passage of H.R. 1, commonly known as President Donald Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill Act." It removed eligibility for nearly all noncitizens except lawful permanent residents, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and migrants from certain Pacific island nations known as the Compact of Free Association.

Illinois' Medicaid bill

In order to comply with that change in federal law, Illinois lawmakers included language in this year's annual Medicaid omnibus bill, Senate Bill 3365, removing most groups of noncitizens from eligibility under state law.

They include, among others, immigrants who are honorably discharged U.S. veterans and their families, refugees and asylees, noncitizens identified as victims of trafficking, Amerasians from Vietnam, and American Indians born in Canada.

"We had to make that change to comply with H.R. 1 so that we didn't put our entire Medicaid program in jeopardy," Rep. Anna Moeller, D-Elgin, who chairs the House working group that wrote the omnibus bill, said in an interview.

Although Illinois also provides health coverage outside the Medicaid system that is funded entirely with state dollars, the language in this year's bill specifically states that it "shall not require any category of non-citizens or part thereof to be funded at state-only cost."

For example, in 2020, Illinois launched a program to provide Medicaid-like coverage known as Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors for non-citizens age 65 and over, regardless of their immigration status. The following year, it expanded that program with Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults, which covered adults age 42 to 64, regardless of immigration status.

But the latter program was closed in 2025 amid budget and political pressure and enrollment in the seniors program has been limited while many of its enrollees have been shifted to other subsidized coverage programs.

Stalled programs

Illinois also participates in a limited program that provides health benefits to asylum applicants and victims of torture, trafficking and other serious crimes. And to minimize the impact of the upcoming change in eligibility rules, immigrant rights advocates introduced legislation this year to expand that program.

House Bill 4824, sponsored by Rep. Dagmara Avelar, D-Romeoville, and Senate Bill 3462, sponsored by Sen. Graciela Guzmán, D-Chicago, would have extended coverage under that program to several additional categories of noncitizens who are in the country for various humanitarian reasons. But neither of those bills was ever assigned to a substantive committee.

Moeller said budget pressures were the primary reason the bills were not considered this year, and she said that is not likely to change anytime soon.

"We're looking at enormous budget pressures next year because of the cuts in H.R. 1 to the Medicaid program, which is going to affect our overall budget," she said. "Hopefully, at some point we can get many of the provisions that were contained in H.R. 1 overturned federally."

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Pritzker's Spring Wins Come with Caveats as BUILD, Megaprojects Bills Stall

The governor scored wins on junk fees, cellphones and insurance rates

Brenden Moore *Capitol News Illinois*

Over his 7½ years in office, Gov. JB Pritzker has largely gotten his way in the Democratic-supremacy Illinois General Assembly.

As he campaigns for a third term as Illinois' chief executive and weighs a possible 2028 Democratic presidential bid, Pritzker emerged from the spring legislative session once again achieving many but not all the goals he laid out in his State of the State address in February.

But there were some high-profile caveats that underscored the limits of his clout among his fellow Democrats who run the state legislature.

The governor was unable to muscle through the most far-reaching elements of his top legislative initiative: Building Up Illinois Developments, or BUILD — a comprehensive plan to spur homebuilding and drive down housing costs.

And he didn't land the plane on a long-sought megaprojects bill that would have enabled the Chicago Bears to negotiate and lock in a lower property tax payment on a stadium in Arlington Heights. Its failure could result in the Monsters of the Midway hiking across the Indiana state line to a former industrial site near Wolf Lake in Hammond.

Lawmakers also failed to approve a pause Pritzker sought in the state's data center tax credit, leading the governor to take executive action to freeze the program.

Asked during a news conference after the session adjourned why some of his high-profile initiatives stalled in the General Assembly this spring, Pritzker argued that major policy wins often take years to materialize.

"I've proposed bills that may not have passed this session, but remember: A whole lot of things, and in fact, I made a list for myself so I could remind you all, a whole lot of things that were important take years to get done," Pritzker said, proceeding to list his policy wins.

Indeed, many of the governor's policy achievements this session were multi-year efforts, from granting the state more regulatory power to review homeowners' and auto insurance rates to

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'Crock of S—': Transcripts Show Grand Jurors Dismissed for Disagreeing with Government's Case Against 'Broadview Six'

*Highly anticipated transcripts detail other
alleged prosecutorial misconduct that led to
case's collapse*

Hannah Meisel *Capitol News Illinois*

In the days following a marked escalation in the Trump administration's "Operation Midway Blitz" mass deportation campaign in early October — including the shooting of a U.S. citizen by a federal immigration agent and the National Guard's deployment to Chicago — a panel of grand jurors gathered once again behind closed doors in the Dirksen Federal Courthouse.

That particular group was nearing the end of its 18-month grand jury service, which began in June 2024, and had so far spent hundreds of hours hearing

evidence brought by various federal prosecutors and signing off on indictments. Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheri Mecklenburg, a near two-decade veteran of the Department of Justice, had appeared in front of that grand jury enough times to develop a sort of bond with the group.

That bond, she told the grand jurors on Oct. 9, 2025, led her to ask her superiors if she could wait to present "a very interesting case" to them.

"I said I want to go in front of the Thursday grand jury because I know you and I trust you, and you know me and you trust me, and I would never ask you to charge somebody if I didn't think there was probable cause," Mecklenburg told the grand jury. "And you know you've asked me before, 'Well, what about this person?' And I said, 'I don't charge people unless I'm absolutely sure.'"

With that, Mecklenburg introduced the case against a group of Democratic activists, local elected officials and candidates that would come to be known as the "Broadview Six."

But the afternoon did not go smoothly, as laid out in grand jury transcripts released Tuesday in an extremely rare move as part of an inquiry into how the now-imploded case came to be in the first place.

Mecklenburg and her partner, newly minted Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Skiba, played video footage for the grand jury from a protest two weeks prior outside of a federal immigration facility in Chicago's near-west suburb of Broadview. During the demonstration on the morning of Sept. 26, 2025, a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement vehicle advanced toward the ICE facility, driving slowly through the crowd, which responded by closing in on the SUV and banging on its sides. The encounter left the vehicle with broken windshield wipers and the word "PIG" scratched into its side, the grand jury was told.

But during that first session, grand jurors declined to indict the six protesters at the end of their session, handing up a rare "no bill" indicating members of the grand jury did not believe prosecutors presented enough evidence to establish probable cause for a crime.

Nevertheless, Mecklenburg and Skiba appeared in front of the grand jury again the next Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025. She began the afternoon session telling grand jurors that she "did not do my job" the previous week and didn't explain the law "well enough" to secure an indictment.

Not long into the presentation, however, one grand juror made clear their feelings on having to hear the same case again.

"I heard this case like last week and I thought it was a crock of s--- then and I still think it is," the grand juror said.

Mecklenburg then dismissed the grand juror, telling him to "have a good evening."

Prior to that exchange, transcripts show another

grand juror asked the prosecutors if they had "unlimited tries" to bring the case for indictment by the grand jury. Mecklenburg portrayed confidence that they were "going to be just fine," and Skiba joked that, "I think the saying is the second time is the charm."

But it would, in fact, take three tries before the grand jury ultimately indicted the group on Oct. 23.

Case collapse

U.S. District Judge April Perry OK'd the release of the grand jury transcripts nearly three weeks after the case fell apart in dramatic fashion in her courtroom just days before it was set to go to trial.

Lawyers for the protesters had been pushing to see the transcripts for months, but their calls got louder in March after prosecutors suddenly dropped all charges against two of the six defendants in the face of pressure to clarify the indictment.

Then in late April, on the same day Perry called a hearing to ask prosecutors for the unredacted transcripts, prosecutors made another surprise announcement: They'd decided to drop the felony conspiracy charge. While defense attorneys framed it as a win for their clients, they also suggested the feds' move was a strategic way to avoid having to hand over unredacted grand jury transcripts.

In the days leading up to the four remaining defendants' rare federal misdemeanor trial in late May, defense attorneys made a final plea for Perry to review the grand jury transcripts. And after she did, the consequences came swiftly.


After a closed-door hearing in which the judge rebuked prosecutors for both apparent misconduct in front of the grand jury and for having previously obscured parts of the transcripts that would have revealed the misconduct earlier, she canceled the trial.

According to minutes of that May 21 sealed hearing, Perry characterized Mecklenburg's opening statement urging trust of the case as "putting her personal credibility and trustworthiness on the line in support of the charges" — also known as improper prosecutorial

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vouching.

That same day, U.S. Attorney Andrew Boutros, President Trump’s highest-ranking deputy in Chicago, took the extraordinary step of appearing in Perry’s courtroom, moving to drop the remaining charges and taking responsibility for the alleged prosecutorial misconduct. Soon after, Mecklenburg was fired from her new job while other cases she’d previously overseen have come into question.

And Boutros has locked into a public battle with those who have called for his resignation, including Democratic members of Illinois’ congressional delegation, and those who have launched serious criticisms of his leadership, including more than 100 former federal prosecutors from the Northern District of Illinois.

In an open letter published Monday, 111 signatories, including two of Boutros’ predecessors who’ve held the job of Chicago’s top federal prosecutor, bemoaned that in the 14 months since Boutros was confirmed as U.S. attorney, “actions taken by leadership ... have tarnished the reputation” of the office.

The letter alleged that “once-forbidden political considerations are infecting prosecutorial decisions” and urged Boutros to develop “the courage to stand above and apart from political fealty.” The accusations come just a few days after defense attorneys filed a motion seeking any possible evidence of pressure from White House officials on the U.S. attorney’s office in Chicago to secure an indictment in the case.

In response, Boutros shot back in a social media statement boasting that in his time as U.S. attorney, his office has dramatically increased the number of indictments over previous years, despite the extraordinary turnover in prosecutors leaving the office.

“In every metric, we’ve vigorously brought the full weight of this Office and the federal government against dangerous criminals and serious fraudsters who previously got a pass,” Boutros wrote. “That’s because irrespective of factionalism, tribalism, or politics, the duty of a prosecutor is to charge good cases against worthy targets and to bring enough cases to discourage the public from committing crimes and to incapacitate specific offenders from re-offending.”

The U.S. attorney also claimed that when he began his job in April 2025, he “found an Office that was not well,” having “fallen to last place in virtually every metric tracked by the Department of Justice and the federal courts, including indictments per prosecutor, charged defendants per prosecutor, criminal cases per federal judge and case processing time.

But Boutros did not address the ethical concerns



Chicago’s 45th Ward Committeeman Michael Rabbit and his wife, Sarah, celebrate the remaining charges being dropped against him and his co-defendants in the Broadview Six protest case. (Capitol News Illinois by Hannah Meisel)

voiced by the 111 former federal prosecutors who signed the letter, including their claims that the “special report” the U.S. attorney’s office published last week that revealed Boutros had spoken to the Broadview Six grand jury “raises more questions than answers.”

“He took the extraordinary step of questioning the grand jurors about whether they were ‘struggling’ with immigration cases after they had previously rejected charges in the Broadview Six case,” the letter read. “The message he delivered effectively signaled that the head of the U.S. Attorney’s Office is unhappy with us and we did something wrong. That message is inappropriate.”

Dismissed grand jurors

The transcripts released Tuesday didn’t include Boutros’ approximately four-minute speech to the grand jury at the beginning of their Oct. 23, 2025, session, but Mecklenburg’s first recorded remarks echoed them.

“If you still feel like you are operating from feelings that prevent you from deliberating fairly with your fellow Grand Jurors and from applying the facts — the law to the facts here, then tell your fellow Grand Jurors that you can’t deliberate,” she admonished.

Mecklenburg then launched into a public acknowledgment of having talked to two grand jurors outside of the grand jury room prior to the beginning of the session, which she said “I’m not supposed to do.”

In both cases, she claimed the grand jurors apologized to her for their comments the previous week. It’s unclear whether either of the men Mecklenburg referred to

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bans on junk fees and students' use of cellphones in the classroom.

And Pritzker said what's past will be prologue, promising to keep fighting for BUILD and a solution that results in the Bears building their new stadium in Illinois.

"Absolutely, I'm going to be campaigning on this," Pritzker said of BUILD. "So, yes, it's a political issue. I believe that we need to do even more about housing in this state."

BUILD falters

There was no initiative Pritzker fought harder for this year than BUILD. He promoted the plan on his social media accounts nearly every week, penned op-eds, hosted roundtables and appeared in social media videos with real estate influencers, among several methods.

His political operation also boosted the "yes in my backyard" plan in a paid advertising campaign on social media platforms, a tactic that highlighted the Pritzker campaign's belief that it would be good politics on top of good policy.

"Oh no, I mean, are you kidding me?" Pritzker said when asked if BUILD would be an election-year liability for him. "The question is, do you want to elect somebody who's actually for building more housing or somebody who doesn't have any plan at all?"

But the merits of the centerpiece policies of BUILD fell on deaf ears in Springfield.

Perhaps most controversial was a proposed statewide zoning law that would have permitted multi-unit housing by right on nearly all properties zoned for residential use. The aim was to spur the development of more "middle housing" such as two-flats, townhomes and fourplexes.

The plan also called for the legalization of accessory dwelling units on all land zoned for residential use and establishing statewide timelines for inspections and reviews and allowing third-party inspectors if municipalities miss deadlines.

The plan was supported by the state's real estate industry but fiercely opposed by the Illinois Municipal League, the organization representing the state's cities and villages.

The Illinois AFL-CIO also opposed the proposals, especially the third-party review component. The statewide labor organization viewed it as a "nonstarter" because it would allow work traditionally performed by government employees — often unionized workers — to be outsourced.

As they poured through hours of testimony on the BUILD plan in hearings this spring, a bipartisan cadre of state lawmakers, many products of municipal government, expressed concerns about the preemption of local control and the one-size-

fits-all nature of the proposal. Many said they hoped for a more collaborative approach, including input from local government leaders.

"I applaud the governor's office for making an attempt," said Sen. Cristina Castro, D-Elgin, who chairs the Senate Executive Committee, during a hearing in the waning days of spring session. "And I mean it genuinely because I think there's a lot of people in this room that want to solve this problem and see a holistic approach to it. But I also feel like we have to work together."

That said, BUILD wasn't a total bust. Pritzker secured \$250 million in capital funding for grant programs that assist housing developers with sewer, stormwater, utility and other site prep work; fund middle housing development, and provide down payment and closing cost assistance to those who have faced institutional barriers to home ownership.

It was the least controversial aspect of the program, not touching delicate topics like local zoning control or replacing unionized labor.

Megaprojects falters

Pritzker's desire to add a megaprojects mechanism to the state's economic development toolkit long predates the Bears' pursuit of a domed stadium in Arlington Heights. He's often noted that 38 other states have some form of negotiated property tax payment for large developments.

But on the penultimate day of the spring session, Sen. Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, delivered the bad news: The megaprojects concept, a version of which passed the House in April, did not have enough support to pass the Senate.

The immediate focus was on the Bears, who announced last week that their board of directors "voted to advance" a stadium development in Hammond, Indiana.

But the governor, a former businessman who's fashioned himself as the state's chief marketing officer, warned that Illinois is "behind the curve" on the broader issue.

"They've always been negotiating about property taxes all across the country," Pritzker said of large developments. "It's just in Illinois where we have had a disorganized, dysfunctional endeavor forever, and now we're trying to organize it and make it work, so that businesses will want to come."

But the prospects of the tool being resurrected appear grim. Undoubtedly, there were Bears-specific concerns with the bill. But the statewide deployment of the tool, the potential impact it would have on revenue to local governments, and the property tax burden on surrounding residents and businesses may have done more to sink the bill.

And unlike BUILD, Pritzker took a more hands-off approach to megaprojects, putting together the "scaffolding of a deal" as he told reporters in April. But, a few weeks later in the waning days of the spring session, Pritzker said the bill was "in the legislature's hands."

In their hands, it died. Cunningham said the common sentiment in the Senate was that

the megaprojects tool "further breaks an already broken property tax system."

On the flip side of the coin, Sen. Seth Lewis, R-Bartlett, said Pritzker "did not show the Bears organization any sense of urgency or desire that lawmakers want to keep one of this state's top economic engines in Illinois."

"During this process we saw a complete lack of leadership by the governor, and if the Bears do indeed move to Indiana, it is a devastating loss, both economically and emotionally, that the Governor will own," he said.

Other losses

Beyond BUILD and megaprojects, Pritzker also came up short once again in his effort to allow some community colleges to offer four-year baccalaureate degrees.

Lawmakers also rejected Pritzker's proposal to reduce the percentage of income taxes local governments receive from the Local Government Distributive Fund flat. Instead, the share remains the same and, because of increased income tax receipts, LGDF will increase this budget year.

And lawmakers did not take up legislation reforming the state's data center policies despite Pritzker's urging. A specific proposal, House Bill 5513, known as the POWER Act, would have required data centers to pay for and supply their own renewable energy, track and report water usage and enter community benefits agreements with municipalities.

But the advocates behind the bill accused the governor's office of failing to engage on the issue, which never received a floor vote.

As a result, Pritzker unilaterally directed the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to pause all new state tax incentives for data centers "while we continue working with the General Assembly and stakeholders on a comprehensive framework that protects affordability, safeguards our natural resources, and ensures responsible growth across Illinois."

From 2020-24, there were 27 data centers that benefited by more than \$983 million in promised tax relief from these incentives, according to a state report.

"These complex legislative issues take time, and I do think we're going to eventually get there," said House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside. "And when we get there, it's going to be done right."

Legislative wins

But Pritzker didn't strike out this legislative session. In fact, the governor got much of what he asked for.

A two-year effort to ban junk fees — the charges added to the total cost of ticketed events, hotels, tech and other goods and services — finally bore fruit this session.

The bill, which would make it unlawful for any business to advertise, display or offer a price for goods or services that do not include all mandatory fees or surcharges before taxes, now just needs Pritzker's signature.

And after falling short last year on one of the centerpieces of his 2025 State of the State address, Pritzker last month secured legislative approval of a ban on students using cellphones during class time.

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And after stalling in last year's fall session, legislation giving the state's Department of Insurance authority to regulate premiums for homeowners and auto insurance got the green light. Pritzker first called for the homeowners insurance bill last summer after Bloomington-based State Farm Insurance, one of the largest homeowners' carriers in the nation, announced a 27.2% average rate increase across the state.

The governor was also successful in pushing a pair of social media initiatives. One would impose a tax on social media companies based on the number of users the platform has in Illinois. Another would require social media companies to verify a child's age on the device's operating system and use stricter features for minors like limiting location-sharing and nighttime notifications.

The state's fiscal year 2027 spending plan also largely matches the blueprint Pritzker outlined in February, including raising revenue through the social media tax and lowering the cap on corporate net operating loss deductions for business. But it avoided incorporating more far-reaching revenue proposals pitched by progressives.

Programs championed by Pritzker, including the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the Illinois Medical Debt Relief Program, also continued to be funded.

Lawmakers also authorized the two-year extension of the state's pension buyout program. Though created during Gov. Bruce Rauner's tenure, Pritzker has supported its extension three times now. Thus far, about \$2 billion buyout payments have resulted in about a \$2.6 billion reduction in the state's long-term pension liabilities.

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enced were the same grand jurors she dismissed during the Oct. 16, 2025, session.

"The Grand Juror apologized to me from last week, and I told the Grand Juror that I accepted his apology," Mecklenburg said of a grand juror she ran into in the elevator. "I wasn't mad. I understand people have feelings. The Grand Juror said at that time that he did have feelings, and he's sure that he's right, but he shouldn't have walked out the way he did."

Transcripts from that previous week's session detail both dismissals.

Before characterizing the case as "a crock of s---," the same grand juror asked Mecklenburg if she was "actually presenting any new actual facts or just a different viewpoint on your side?"

The prosecutor responded that she was "feeling the skepticism already" and asked the grand juror whether they were "going to be able to listen with an open mind," urging them to "tell me the truth."

"I — no," the grand juror replied.

"Okay," Mecklenburg said. "Then you have to go."

Later, another grand juror told Mecklenburg, "I don't think I can vote" on the indictment.

In contrast to her earlier dismissal of the other grand juror, Mecklenburg merely said, "Okay," and then asked the foreperson if the grand jury would still have 16 members after the second departure, the minimum number of grand jurors needed for a quorum.

In his May 21 appearance in front of Perry, Boutros said he was aware of Mecklenburg's dismissal of grand jurors at the time, telling the judge that "as soon as I became aware of it, I called off that grand jury session," he said.

Indeed, the Oct. 16, 2025 session's transcript ends abruptly in the middle of testimony from the ICE employee who drove the SUV into the crowd of protesters.

But Boutros claimed that he was unaware of Mecklenburg's alleged prosecutorial vouching nor her communications with grand jurors outside the grand jury room until late April. When he found out, he said, he made the decision to drop the felony conspiracy charge.

'It was not luck'

From the beginning, grand jurors made clear their doubts about the case. During the first session on Oct. 9, 2025, members of the grand jury only heard from an FBI agent, and not the ICE employee who drove the SUV.

"Couldn't he have stopped?" one asked, to which Mecklenburg reminded the grand jury of an FBI agent's testimony to the group that the driver, an ICE employee, was "afraid to stop" for fear of the crowd breaking the vehicle's windows and pulling him out.

"So if the person comes and stands in front of my car, do I have the right to drive against him?" a grand juror asked a little later, sparking a back-and-forth with Mecklenburg.

"We are not going — we don't need to address that today because it didn't happen," she said. "It did not happen that he drove into any of them such that any of them were actually knocked over, hit."

When the grand juror retorted that the reason no one was injured was "just luck," Mecklenburg vehemently disagreed.

"No, it wasn't luck. Oh, no, it wasn't — sir, it was not luck," she said. "It was his calmness and his judgment to drive as slowly as possible as he could and not hit anybody. It wasn't just luck," she said, according to the transcript.

Later this week, Perry is also likely to release the portion of the Oct. 9, 2025, grand jury transcript in which that FBI agent testified. The judge said she "was a little surprised" to see the agent's testimony included

in the parties joint filing Friday laying out the redactions they agreed to.

"The FBI agent is laying out the government's case against you," Perry said during Tuesday morning's hearing. "If it's released, it's out there in the world forever."

Without making explicit reference to it, the judge alluded to Boutros' statements in open court late last month just moments after he said his office would be dropping the entire case — a few days before it was set for trial.

Though the U.S. attorney took responsibility for the apparent prosecutorial misconduct from his deputies on the case, Boutros also said the just-cleared defendants' alleged actions were "unacceptable in a civilized society." At the time, Perry told Boutros that he was "significantly undercutting your mea culpa here by standing behind the charges and continuing to vilify these particular defendants."

The former prosecutors' Monday letter characterized Boutros statement that day of violating "DOJ protocol and basic considerations of fairness" and criticizing his office-wide email that was quickly obtained by the *Chicago Tribune*.

"By portraying the episode as a courageous effort by individual prosecutors, himself, and top supervisors, and by reaffirming his personal belief that a crime was committed, it sent an entirely wrong message to impressionable and inexperienced AUSAs," the letter said.

On Tuesday, Perry warned that the agent's testimony "will perhaps be used" against the former defendants "if the government continues to persist that crime was well-founded and charges were just."

But defense attorneys said they were in favor of releasing the FBI agent's testimony, while Terence Campbell, a lawyer for Andre Martin, one of the Broadview Six defendants, even advocated for the release of audio recordings from the grand jury proceedings.

"Let's release the audio," he said. "Let's let everyone hear what was said."

"Let's start with the transcript," Perry replied.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TO: James M. Grisanzio; James A. Grisanzio; Occupant; Kayla E. Eisman; Melania Villela; Karen M. Grisanzio; Amy Ohlsen, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

**TAX DEED NO.: 2026TX16 FILED: 5/11/2026
TAKE NOTICE**

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold: October 30, 2025

Certificate No.: 2024-00098

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2024

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 12357 Cameron Court, Caledonia, IL 61011

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 03-32-476-013

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 4, 2026.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 4, 2026.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County in 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008, Room 3, on November 24, 2026 at 9:30 AM.

You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 4, 2026 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

1212 Logan Ave., Suite 103

Belvidere, IL 61008

(815) 544-3103

Private Equity Group, LLC.

Purchaser or Assignee

May 12, 2026

I3287208

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TO: Steiner Management Group Inc.; Illinois Secretary of State for Steiner Management Group Inc.; Carl Triplett as R/A for Steiner Management Group Inc.; Carl Triplett as R/A for Steiner Management Group Inc.; Dawn M. Moyer; Dawn M. Moyer; Occupant; Rebecca L. Carlson; E-Z Towing; Esy Towing Recovery; Logan Automotive & Tire; Auction Z 2 Inc.; Greg Bingham as President for Auction Z 2 Inc.; Eeservices, Inc., as R/A for Auction Z 2 Inc.; Nikles of Petersburg, Inc.; Franks Gerkin Ponitz Greeley P.C., as Attorneys in 2022AR11; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Attorney General for State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Department of Employment Security; Attorney General for the Illinois Department of Employment Security; Reno & Zahm, LLP as Attorneys in 2023FC9; City of Belvidere c/o City Clerk; City of Belvedere c/o City Council; Logan Auto Body, Inc.; Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company; Northern Illinois Community Development Corporation; John J Phelps as R/A for Northern Illinois Community Development Corporation; William Lee; Amy Ohlsen, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

**TAX DEED NO.: 2026TX18 FILED: 5/11/2026
TAKE NOTICE**

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold: October 30, 2025

Certificate No.: 2024-00224

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2024

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 1011 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 05-36-206-062

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 4, 2026.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 4, 2026.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County in 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008, Room 3, on November 24, 2026 at 9:30 AM.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

1212 Logan Ave., Suite 103

Belvidere, IL 61008

(815) 544-3103

Private Equity Group, LLC.

Purchaser or Assignee

May 12, 2026

I3287209

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TO: Steiner Management Group Inc.; Carl Triplett as R/A for Steiner Management Group Inc.; Carl Triplett as R/A for Steiner Management Group Inc.; Illinois Secretary of State for Steiner Management Group Inc.; Dawn M. Moyer; Dawn M. Moyer; Occupant; 30 60 90 Tools Espinoza S Tires; Alpha Autos, Inc.; Belvidere General Rental Center; Espinoza's Tire Shop Inc.; Genoa Heating and Air Conditioning; Logan Auto Sale Inc.; Seven Day Auto; State Street Automotive; Woodruff's Body Shop; Xa Team Testing; Auction Z 2 Inc.; Eeservices, Inc., as R/A for Auction Z 2 Inc.; Greg Bingham as President for Auction Z 2 Inc.; Nikles of Petersburg, Inc.; Franks Gerkin Ponitz Greeley P.C., as Attorneys in 2022AR11; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Attorney General for State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Department of Employment Security; Attorney General for the Illinois Department of Employment Security; Reno & Zahm, LLP as Attorneys in 2023FC9; City of Belvidere c/o City Clerk; City of Belvedere c/o City Council; Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company; Northern Illinois Community Development Corporation; John J Phelps as R/A for Northern Illinois Community Development Corporation; William Lee; Amy Ohlsen, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

**TAX DEED NO.: 2026TX17 FILED: 5/11/2026
TAKE NOTICE**

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold: October 30, 2025

Certificate No.: 2024-00223

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2024

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 1007 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 05-36-206-061

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 4, 2026.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 4, 2026.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County in 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008, Room 3, on November 24, 2026 at 9:30 AM.

You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

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Suite 103

Belvidere, IL 61008

(815) 544-3103

Private Equity Group, LLC.

Purchaser or Assignee

May 12, 2026

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS – CHANCERY DIVISION

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs. Case No.: 2026FC38

JOSEPH M. KRIEGL; LISA J. KRIEGL; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Property Address:

337 West Boone Street, Belvidere, IL 61008

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING,

UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

BEGINNING AT AN IRON STAKE IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT THREE (3) IN BLOCK FIVE (5) OF ISAAC MILLER'S ADDITION TO BELVIDERE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF BOONE STREET, NINETY (90) FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AT A RIGHT

ANGLE WITH SAID STREET LINE, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT AND FORTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (148.45) FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY, PARALLEL WITH SAID STREET LINE, NINETY (90) FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT AND FORTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (148.45) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PREMISES INCLUDED A PART OF BLOCK 71 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF BELVIDERE, SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND PART OF LOTS 2 AND 3 IN BLOCK 5 OF ISAAC MILLER'S ADDITION TO BELVIDERE, SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 337 West Boone Street, Belvidere, IL 61008
Names of the titleholders of record: Joseph M. Kriegl.

Date of the Mortgage: April 23, 2007.

Name or names of the mortgagors: Joseph M. Kriegl; Lisa J. Kriegl.

Name of the mortgagee: Countrywide Home Loans, Inc..

Date and place of recording: May 3, 2007; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Boone County, Illinois.

Identification of recording: Document No. 2007R04913.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before July 2, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. 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 <http://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Joseph M. Kriegl 16582-4563

_____/s/ Meaghan Diaz de Villegas, Esq. ____

Meaghan Diaz de Villegas, Esq.

Counsel of Record for Plaintiff

ARDC # 6340688

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TAKE NOTICE

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

CASE NO. 2026TX14

To: Estate of Robert Armbruster, Jr., deceased; Amanda Armbruster; Joshua Armbruster; Unknown Heirs/Devises of Robert Armbruster, Jr., deceased; Amy Ohlsen, Boone County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at: 570 Warren Ave, Belvidere, IL

Property Index No. 05-25-386-007

Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-00137

This property was sold on October 26, 2023 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2022. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 10, 2026.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 6, 2026. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Belvidere, Illinois on October 20, 2026 at 9:30 AM before Judge Balogh via Zoom (Meeting ID: 963 9791 8024; Passcode: None), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, INC., Petitioner

Angela L. Tucker, Esq.

JICTB, INC.

1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100

Champaign, IL 61821

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TAKE NOTICE

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

CASE NO. 2026TX13

To: Ennis Montgomery; Spouse of Ennis Montgomery; Dwan Montgomery; Integrity Investment REO Holdings, LLC; Boone County, as Trustee; Ally Financial, Inc.; Amy Ohlsen, Boone County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at: 1210 E Madison St, Belvidere, IL

Property Index No. 05-25-129-002

Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-00117

This property was sold on October 26, 2023 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2022. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 10, 2026.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 6, 2026. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county

in Belvidere, Illinois on October 20, 2026 at 9:30 AM before Judge Balogh via Zoom (Meeting ID: 963 9791 8024; Passcode: None), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, INC., Petitioner
 Angela L. Tucker, Esq.
 JICTB, INC.
 1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100
 Champaign, IL 61821
 Published by The Boone County Journal Jun 2, 9, 16, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SELF STORAGE AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that Boxed Up Self Storage, or its affiliates, on behalf of the Owner of the facilities indicated below, intends to hold its public sale to satisfy a lien by selling personal property belonging to those individuals listed below for cash on June 24, 2026, at approximately 7pm CST.

Boxed Up Self Storage – Poplar Grove
 4431 IL Route 173, Poplar Grove, IL 61011-9754
 Unit # - Tenant
 # 250 – Boykin, Bob
 # 311 – Delong, William
 # 326 – Herriman, Robin
 Boxed Up Self Storage – Belvidere
 1930 W Chrysler Dr, Belvidere, IL 61008
 Unit # - Tenant
 # 516 – Goldsmith, Taleah

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. See website for terms and conditions. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on www.storage-treasures.com. A buyer's premium up to 15% and a cleaning deposit will be charged per unit. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at Boxed Up Operations Center located at 1511 E Riverside Blvd, Loves Park, IL 61111 to complete the transaction. Boxed Up Self Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. All sales are final.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 HOLCOMB STATE BANK AKA HOLCOMB BANK, Plaintiff,
 -v.-2025 FC 75

BRUCE K. HOBSON Defendant

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE PUBLICATION NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 10, 2026, the Sheriff of Boone County will at 10:00 AM on July 17, 2026, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main, (West door), BELVIDERE, IL, 61008, sell at a public in-person auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 647 WEST LINCOLN AVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-26-379-001 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$128,073.63. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and is "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 the 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 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. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: James E. Stevens, BARRICK, SWITZER, LONG, BALSLEY & VAN EVERA, LLP 6833 STALTER DRIVE, ROCKFORD, IL, 61108, 815-962-6611. Please refer to file number 71575.110. E-MAIL: jstevens@bslbv.com CASE # 2025 FC 75 Published in The Boone County Journal JUNE 9, 17, 25, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Change in Schedule of Rates to Customers of Aqua Illinois, Inc.
 Dear Aqua Illinois Customer:

Aqua Illinois, Inc. hereby gives notice to the public that it has filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) a proposed change in its rate schedules for water and wastewater service in certain areas of Kankakee, Vermilion, Will, Boone, Knox, Lake, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Ogle, Winnebago, McHenry, and Champaign counties.

AQUA ILLINOIS' RATE REQUEST

If this rate request is granted, in full as filed, an average combined monthly residential wastewater (collection and treatment) and water bill (4,000 gallons) would increase by \$23.79 (\$0.79 per day) to \$177.99. If this rate request is granted, in full as filed, an average combined monthly residential wastewater (collection only) and water bill (4,000 gallons) would increase by \$23.27 (\$0.78 per day) to \$102.15.

The estimated bill impact may vary based on multiple factors, including, but not limited to, meter size, usage volume, and public fire protection charges. The bill impact also will depend upon the nature of the service received and will differ for those customers taking wastewater service only, water service only, or wastewater service on a flat rate charge instead of a usage-based charge. The proposed changes in wastewater rates are set out in Tariff ILL. C.C. No. 50, Section 6 filed with the ICC and the proposed changes in water rates are set out in Tariff ILL. C.C. No. 49, Section 8 filed with the ICC.

This request will undergo a review by the ICC for up to 11 months.

The approximate date of the change(s), if approved by the ICC within the statutory 11-month process, is April 26, 2027. However, the effective date of any change(s) approved by the ICC will differ for those systems that may not be subject to full consolidated rates as of that date in accordance with the terms and conditions of certain Asset Purchase Agreements approved by the ICC. If the request is approved by the ICC, the changes would result in an increase to base rates of \$19,471,600 for all classes of water service statewide and \$7,028,658 for all classes of wastewater service statewide.

THE RATES YOU PAY DIRECTLY BENEFIT YOUR COMMUNITY

Aqua Illinois' improvements have increased reliability and enhanced process improvements for source-of-supply and water treatment. They have included distribution system improvements to enhance water quality. Depending upon the nature of service provided in your community, examples may include:

- Wastewater**
 - Wastewater treatment plant improvement projects to replace aging and deteriorating equipment, which will prevent service interruptions and improve operational efficiency
 - Lift station replacement projects to replace undersized and/or aged equipment to reduce and minimize service interruptions and backups
 - Infiltration and Inflow reduction projects to extend service life of infrastructure and reduce costs associated with treatment
 - Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) projects to replace obsolescent data collection and historian equipment to increase service reliability and operational effectiveness

Water

- Water treatment plant additions to improve water quality, increase capacity and reliability, and accommodate industrial growth
- Improvement of well pumps and equipment to increase reliability and sustainability
- Replacement of aged water meters to improve accuracy of water usage data and reduce non-revenue water
- New and replaced fire hydrants to improve fire protection and water quality due to additional flushing capability
- Replacement of aging and deteriorating water mains to improve water quality, pressure, service reliability, and fire protection services
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) projects to replace obsolescent data collection and historian equipment to increase service reliability and operational effectiveness

For customers other than single-family residential customers receiving water and wastewater service from Aqua Illinois, an option exists to install a separate irrigation meter to mitigate volumetric wastewater charges on irrigation and other outdoor uses. Aqua Illinois will provide the irrigation meter; however, customers are responsible for any applicable charges, such as plumbing necessary to accommodate the irrigation meter, proper backflow prevention, and monthly customer charges.

For single-family residential customers receiving water and wastewater service from Aqua Illinois, summer wastewater usage charges generally are based on the average water usage in winter months, a period in which outdoor watering activities are minimized. This methodology for calculating wastewater usage charges is known as historical based consumption and is detailed further in the Company's Tariff.

Customers can receive more information or request an irrigation application by calling 877.987.2782.

ICC ROLE

Please be advised that the ICC may alter or amend the rates or conditions of service after hearings held pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200, and may increase or decrease individual rates in amounts other than those requested by the company.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

Any interested party may file a petition to intervene in the hearings pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200. Pursuant to Section 8-306 of the Public Utilities Act, 220 ILCS 5/8-306, customers may request that the ICC hold a public hearing related to the company's rate request. A copy of the proposed change in rate schedules may be inspected by any interested party at the business office of the company at 1000 South Schuyler Avenue in Kankakee, IL. All parties interested in the matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from Aqua Illinois or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

At Aqua Illinois, water quality and customer service are our highest priorities. We strive every day to listen to you, our customer, and invest in system improvements and enhancements. Our management and staff are always here to assist you. If you have any questions, please contact Aqua Customer Service at 877.987.2782 or visit www.AquaWater.com.

David C. Carter, President, Aqua Illinois, Inc.
 Published on the 2nd and 16th of June in The Boone County Journal

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, 601 NORTH MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE, IL-LINOIS

ESTATE OF Larry Layman, DECEASED.
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Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Diane Pelayo, 25024 Illinois Route 173, Harvard, Illinois 60033, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Terrence E. Davey, Malman Law, 205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before December 16, 2026, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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 <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

Terrence E. Davey

Malman Law
 205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1700
 Chicago, Illinois 60606
 (312)629-0099
 l3288853
 Published in The Boone County Journal Jun 16, 23, 30, 2026

MECHANIC'S LIEN NOTICE

TO: CHRIS HUDSON
 Notice is hereby given that a 2000 Yamaha Vstar 650 Classic VIN # - JYAVM01E5YA020072 – work performed by Hammertime Sports, Inc., 2252 Anderson Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008. The amount due \$749.61.

The owner Chris Hudson,
 This notice is for a Mechanic's Lien being placed on the above subject vehicle per Chapter 770 ILCS 45/1 et seq. Or 90/1 et seq. unless payment is received by 06/28/2026.

SALE DATE: 06/26/2026 AT BELVIDERE FAIRGROUNDS.
 Mechanic's Lien holder is Hammertime Sports, Inc., 2252 Anderson Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008.
 Published in The Boone County Journal: 06/16/2026

MECHANIC'S LIEN NOTICE

TO: JAKE ORTIZ
 Notice is hereby given that a 2009 Honda Rebel 250 VIN # - JH2MC13009K504907 – work performed by Hammertime Sports, Inc., 2252 Anderson Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008. The amount due \$398.75.

The owner Jake Ortiz,
 This notice is for a Mechanic's Lien being placed on the above subject vehicle per Chapter 770 ILCS 45/1 et seq. Or 90/1 et seq. unless payment is received by 06/28/2026.

SALE DATE: 06/26/2026 AT BELVIDERE FAIRGROUNDS.
 Mechanic's Lien holder is Hammertime Sports, Inc., 2252 Anderson Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008.
 Published in The Boone County Journal: 06/16/2026

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RICHARD A. BRITTON, Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-9

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of Richard A. Britton. Letters of Office were issued on February 17, 2026, to Janis Thelen, 8225 White Oaks Road, Harvard, Illinois 60033, who is the legal executor of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Nancy Grimme Schilling, Schilling Law, LLC, 973 Featherstone Road, Suite 350, Rockford, Illinois 61107.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before December 23, 2026, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk-Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. 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 (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: June 12, 2026.
 Janis Thelen, Executor,
 By: Schilling Law, LLC
 By: Nancy Grimme Schilling

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

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: HARMONY MORGAN, Petitioner,
 v. Case No. 2026DC7
 AUSTIN MORGAN, Respondent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to AUSTIN MORGAN, Respondent, whose last known address is 520 Benton Ave, Janesville, Wisconsin 53545, that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed in the above-captioned case in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, County of Boone, State of Illinois, by HARMONY MORGAN, Petitioner.

The Petitioner seeks, among other relief: dissolution of the marriage; allocation of parental responsibilities and parenting time with respect to the minor children of the parties; child support pursuant to 750 ILCS 5/505; equitable distribution of marital property and debts; award of non-marital property; and such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, AUSTIN MORGAN, file your answer or otherwise appear in this action on or before the date that is 30 days after the last date of publication of this Notice, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date, and a judgment for dissolution of marriage and all other relief requested in the Petition may be entered.

Your response must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Boone County at 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

PAMELA CODUTO
 Clerk of the Circuit Court, Boone County, Illinois
 Attorney for Petitioner:

Mason S. Crosby
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3815 N. Mulford Road, Suite 4
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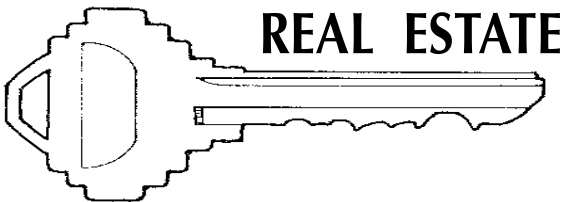
ASSUMED NAMES

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. DBA4285 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a INSURANCE AGENCY business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of MAPS MEDICARE AND PRESCRIPTION SERVICES that its location is or will be 10511 SADDLE PATH ROAD in BELVIDERE in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-885-2301
CARL E. RITZ 10511 SADDLE PATH ROAD
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008
I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: May 20, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED
NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. DBA4286 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a RESALE business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SHARON5195 that its location is or will be 5195 COUNTY LINE ROAD in MARENGO in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-494-0115
SHARON ANN JOHNSON 5195 COUNTY LINE ROAD
MARENGO, ILLINOIS 60152
I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: June 8, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HOLCOMB STATE BANK AKA HOLCOMB BANK, Plaintiff,
-v.-2025 FC 75

BRUCE K. HOBSON Defendant
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE PUBLICATION NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 10, 2026, the Sheriff of Boone County will at 10:00 AM on July 17, 2026, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main, (West door), BELVIDERE, IL, 61008, sell at a public in-person auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 647 WEST LINCOLN AVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-26-379-001 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$128,073.63. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and is "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 the 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 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. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: James E. Stevens, BARRICK, SWITZER, LONG, BALSLEY & VAN EVERA, LLP 6833 STALTER DRIVE, ROCKFORD, IL, 61108, 815-962-6611. Please refer to file number 71575.110. E-MAIL: jstevens@bslbv.com CASE # 2025 FC 75
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Republicans Hope to Reengage Bears With New Proposals

Pritzker says he's open to special session as he takes calls from Bears

Ben Szalinski Capitol News Illinois

As pressure ramps up on Illinois lawmakers to find a legislative solution to convince the Chicago Bears to stay in Illinois, Republicans are adding proposals to the mix.

Rep. Dan Ugaste, R-Geneva, plans to file legislation that follows the megaproject bill model passed by the House in April with more restrictions on the types of projects that would qualify. Rep. Martin McLaughlin, R-Barrington Hills, is also drafting a bill that would allow for more infrastructure funding for the team's development.

Their proposals come days after the Bears announced they are shifting their focus away from building a stadium in Arlington Heights to Hammond, Indiana, after Illinois lawmakers failed to pass legislation giving the team property tax certainty. Meanwhile, Indiana legislators earlier this year approved a framework authorizing more than \$1 billion in public subsidies for construction of a new stadium across the state line. The team has left the door open to further negotiations in Illinois, however.

While the GOP's superminority status makes the specific proposals unlikely to advance, the lawmakers behind them say they're trying to jumpstart talks.

"This is a crucial moment for us," Ugaste told Capitol News Illinois. "This is a large project, economic development, that we do not want to lose. We need much more of that in this state."

Gov. JB Pritzker, speaking to reporters in Chicago Tuesday for the first time since the Bears' Indiana announcement, said he would be "happy" to call a special session if lawmakers can unite behind a bill.

He also said he's been fielding phone calls from the Bears, though he has not spoken with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

He said he's told the Bears to "decide what their priorities are for the state, ask what they're going to ask for."

"And then we want to make sure that they're talking — as you know, my team has been in the room the entire time and will continue to be — that they're talking together with the legislators," Pritzker said.

The governor said he thinks the Bears are "re-grouping" and made some "fumbles" over the years that have stopped Springfield from moving a bill forward. Those include holding a 2024 news conference proposing a massive renovation of Soldier Field financed by the state, and recent meetings the team had with Chicago officials that led some state lawmakers to believe Chicago was still a viable location for a new stadium.

"They didn't show up for the end of session," Pritzker said. "You got to work the hallways, as you know, in a very, very busy session, you've got to really talk to every legislator if you want to get something done."

The GOP plans

Ugaste did not vote for the megaproject bill in the House earlier this spring over concerns residents would be hit with higher property tax bills.

His plan would maintain provisions for local governments to negotiate a payment in lieu of taxes, or PILOT, with a developer. However, it would raise

the threshold for minimum private investments for a megaproject to \$500 million, rather than \$100 million under the original House-passed plan. That threshold would have little impact on the Bears, which plan to invest \$2 billion for a stadium. The projects must also be for commercial use and, like the original bill, would exclude data centers.

Ugaste's plan also prevents a project from qualifying as a megaproject if it includes residential development. He said it would prevent school districts from incurring more costs from new residents and help them keep their tax levies down. The Bears' proposal in Arlington Heights does envision some form of housing being built on the 326-acre Arlington Park site.

"If you include residential development, then you're allowing a resident to move in, take full advantage of all services and not have to pay the same as everybody else," Ugaste said.

He added that nothing in his legislation would prohibit Chicago from conceiving a megaproject deal with the Bears, as it would apply statewide. Belief that Chicago could still mount a competitive bid for a new stadium helped sink prospects for a Bears bill at the end of May.

The megaproject framework wasn't popular in the Senate, Sen. Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, the lead negotiator of Bears-related legislation in the chamber, told reporters at the end of May.

"Why would anyone oppose economic development in any of our communities?" Ugaste said. "It's a benefit to everybody. But mine will also have actual property tax relief for all taxpayers in Illinois."

Ugaste said he has not presented his proposal to the Bears or legislative Democrats while some details are still being worked out, including how developments could use Sales Tax and Revenue, or STAR, bonds. Those are bonds that can be used by local governments to finance large tourism or entertainment projects.

He also proposed additional requirements such as mandating new referendums for renewing bonds and only holding property tax levy referendums during November general elections.

Arlington-only plan

McLaughlin's plan calls for allowing the Bears to spend up to \$2.5 billion to build a stadium that the team would own and the state to spend \$1.2 billion on infrastructure. Lawmakers had generally been considering about \$800 million in infrastructure for Arlington Heights had legislation moved forward.

McLaughlin's bill would not include the PILOT and instead would set a value for the property that would increase by 2.5% each year over a 30-year deal. McLaughlin told Capitol News Illinois it would also include an oversight committee to ensure local governments don't shift additional taxes toward other residents and businesses.

McLaughlin said his bill would only apply to Arlington Park, calling it the only viable site for a new stadium in Illinois. He said the municipality demonstrated its ability to host large events when the former horse racing track occupied the site.

"It really answers a lot of the uncertainty questions that the Bears had and I'm hoping that it incentivizes the Bears to maybe rethink Illinois because I think we made the deal too complex," he said.

McLaughlin was one of a handful of House Republicans to support the original megaproject bill and he represents a northwest suburban district that he said he believes will see regional economic benefits from having NFL games and other major events.