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Historic Lack of Demand for Passenger Train Service in Belvidere

By David Larson

Many different private and public transportation companies have served Belvidere. The most successful was the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad, which was both a freight and passenger service. In 1864, it merged with the Chicago & North Western Railway. With the invention of cars and trucks, reductions of the volume of rail freight and the need for passenger service declined.

Eventually, The shift to cars and trucks caused service to end permanently. Passenger rail has never been enough to support a railroad stop in Belvidere. The last passenger train left Belvidere with an average daily ridership of 2.5 riders, and that was before Interstate 90 was built.

When Interstate 90 opened in 1958 everything changed. When the modern O'Hare Airport was built shortly thereafter, everything changed again, and that is where we are today.

Even by the 1930s it was clear that the brief moment of passenger rail was becoming a novelty. In the United States, the freedom of the automobile was the direction of the future. Rail became useful for long-distance freight and as high-density intra-urban people movers like subway trains and commuter rail.

In 1932 the Chicago & North Western Railway agreed to meet with Belvidere business leaders. The railroad had announced that it was considering ending passenger service in Belvidere. This news did not sit well with Belvidere's business leaders. The business leaders had become accustomed to having a passenger train at their disposal. In 1932, a passenger train left Belvidere in the morning and traveled to Chicago. In the evening, it returned from Chicago to Belvidere.

A group of community leaders from Belvidere committee spent over two hours in C&NW President Fred W. Sargent's Chicago office discussing the problem. The Belvidere contingent consisted of Raymond List, President of the National Sewing Machine Company, Hugh Funderburg of the Keene-Belvidere Canning Company and President of the Farmers State Bank, James Gough, President of the Belvidere Park Board, and Clare Johnson from the Chamber of Commerce. In the course of the conversation, Raymond List suggested that the railroad supply a bus with a route between Belvidere and Harvard to meet the 8:10AM Harvard train to Chicago, and a return bus to Belvidere from the 6:20PM Harvard train from Chicago. Sargent said he would take it under consideration. Nothing came of the proposal.

A newspaper article of the time pointed out that "Low fares are in effect from Harvard to Chicago. For a 10-ride ticket, the cost is only \$1.26 each way and for a 30-ride ticket, less than a dollar. The train service is fast and no doubt the trip from Belvidere via bus to Harvard and



A crowd gathering to meet the train in Belvidere around the turn of the century

then by train to Chicago would not require any longer time than the present schedule between Belvidere and Chicago."

The railroad reversed the Chicago route by leaving for Chicago in the evening and returning in the morning to gain revenue from postal freight in an attempt to maintain Belvidere passenger

service. The railroad finally ended Belvidere service in 1950.

Today, 74 years later, passenger rail service in Belvidere is on the drawing board. The State of Illinois has plans to start service in 2027 at a construction cost of \$275 million. Two daily trips to and from Chicago are proposed.

Court Upholds Law Limiting Where Child Sex Offenders Can Live

Kane County man was ordered to move after first being told he could buy home

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois Supreme Court has ruled that a state law restricting where previously convicted child sex offenders can live is constitutional, although it left open the possibility that it was improperly applied to one individual.

In a 6-0 decision, the court found the residency restriction "does not infringe upon a child sex offender's fundamental rights" and that there was a "rational basis" for the state to restrict where a person convicted of such a crime can live.

"The legislature has a legitimate interest in protecting children from neighboring child sex offenders and sexual predators," the court said in an opinion written by Justice David Overstreet. "The Residency Restriction bears a reasonable relationship to furthering the State's public interest in protecting children by creating a buffer between a child day care home and the home of a child sex offender to protect children from the harm for which child sex offenders have been convicted."

The case involved Martin Kopf, a Kane County resident, now in his 50s, who was convicted in

Bill Ending State's Tipped Wage Advances But Prospects Uncertain Amid Pushback

Opponents Say Eliminating The Tip Credit Will Lead To Decreased Hours And Layoffs For Staff

By Cole Longcor Capitol News Illinois

An Illinois House committee advanced a measure that would end the state's subminimum wage for tipped workers amid bipartisan opposition this week, but the bill's sponsor said she'd seek further compromise before presenting it for a vote.

Current Illinois law allows employers to pay their tipped workers 60 percent of the state's minimum wage. That amounts to \$8.40 hourly, compared to the minimum wage of \$14 per hour. If their wages plus tips do not equal minimum wage, the employer must make up the difference. However, advocates say, employers don't always do that.

House Bill 5345, sponsored by Rep. Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez, D-Cicero, would mandate that tipped workers are paid at least minimum wage, not including tips. She said the bill will eliminate "subminimum wage, not tips."

Hernandez made her comments during

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Robert Bahling

Robert Leo Bahling, 87, of Belvidere, IL went to be with his Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ, Saturday, March 30, 2024 (the night before his 88th birthday) surrounded by his family at Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford, IL. He was born March 31, 1936 in Belvidere to Frank and Anna (Bann) Bahling. He graduated from Belvidere High School and then served our country in the United States Army. Robert married the love of his life, Glenda Kay Moore on November 17, 1956 at St. James Catholic Church in Belvidere, where he was a life-long member.

Bob worked many years at Sundstrand Aviation as a contract administrator. He felt a patriotic pride for the work he did involving the F-16 and B-1 aircrafts. He and Glenda also owned and operated Bob Bahling's Paint & Wallpaper in downtown Belvidere. He was elected to three terms as a Belvidere Alderman and three terms as Belvidere City Treasurer. After retiring he served multiple terms on the Bonus Township Board. He also volunteered on the boards of Crimestoppers, Belvidere Keen Age Center, Parkside Manor, Ida Public Library, and Boylan High School.

Bob was a Life Member of the Belvidere VFW. He enjoyed many years golfing in the YMCA Golf League, and enjoyed pheasant hunting, watching wildlife, parades, and fireworks. He truly appreciated God's creation, and his happy place was at the cabin on Kusel Lake, Wild Rose, Wisconsin.

Most of all Bob loved to spend time with his

family. Bob is loved and will be deeply missed by his wife of 67 years, Glenda Bahling; children, Richard (Tammie) Bahling, Andréa (Mitch) Bankord, Stuart (Angela) Bahling; grandchildren, Caleb Moore (Beth) Bankord, Lianna Mae Bankord, Brooks Mitchell Bankord, Maxwell Robert Bahling, Colton Raymond Bahling; great grandson, Grayson Eugene Bankord. He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Bernard Bahling, and Eileen Carlson.

The family insists that there are no real flowers, perfume, cologne, or scents at the visitation or services, due to Glenda's serious medical condition. There will be a visitation Friday, April 5, 2024 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church in Belvidere, IL. There will be a second visitation Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. also at the church. A funeral service will begin at 11:00 A.M. Interment in Belvidere Cemetery in Belvidere, IL.

In Lieu of Flowers, a memorial fund has been established in the family's name. The family insists that there are no real flowers, perfume, cologne, or scents at the visitation or services, due to Glenda's serious medical condition. Condolences can be shared with the family at www.belviderefh.com.

City Approves City-wide Garbage Service and Annual Budget

By David Larson

Addressing the Belvidere City Council prior to the city-wide garbage service vote, former alderman Percy Gordon recalled the past history of the city regarding landfills and cleanups. Gordon's message to the council was to be careful of environmental liability in making a decision. Gordon reminded council members of the millions of dollars the city has spent as a result of liabilities it incurred when it had not left the service entirely to private enterprise. Gordon noted that the city has been named in three superfund sites in the past, despite only owning one landfill on Appleton Road. Gordon admitted he did not know the present state of the law, but this possibility concerns him as a citizen. In closing, Gordon said, "Protect us, if you can, from paying for the cleanup."

Alderwoman Wendy Frank, Ward 3, asked City Attorney Mike Drella to explain the city's legal exposure if the measure were to pass.

Drella cited two EPA policy decisions in 1989 and 1998. Drella stated that the EPA had declared that household trash is not hazardous. The contract for city-wide garbage service with Rock Vally Disposal is only for single or duplex homes. The city will not be including commercial waste in the contract, so the chance of liability is slight, said Drella.

Drella reported that in the contract with Rock Valley Disposal, the city will be a beneficiary of a 5- million dollar environmental insurance policy, protecting the city should any environmental liability issues develop.

When the vote was taken, a 5-5 tie was broken in favor of passage by the Mayor. Mayor Morris remarked that this is one of eight or nine things he wanted to do as mayor.

In other action, in the April 1st Belvidere City Council meeting, the annual budget for the city was approved with last-minute amendments.

Alderman Dan Snow, Ward 2, made two motions to include items in the budget. The first was to provide for the city's Sister Cities program in the amount of \$2,000. It was seconded by Alderwoman Marsha Freeman, Ward 5. The motion failed 4-6. Snow's second motion was to increase funding for Growth Dimensions from \$20,000 to \$55,000. The larger amount was what Growth Dimensions had requested, as was the Sister City's proposed by Snow. Alderman Snow has been a longtime advocate of both city initiatives. Both have been the first to get cut in budget cutting in recent years. It was seconded by Natalie Mulhall, Ward 2. The second motion also failed with a tie vote, in which the mayor abstained from breaking the tie.

The budget vote passed 7-3, with the Mayor making a non-tie breaking yes vote.

OBITUARIES

Louis Anderson, 91, Poplar Grove, April 1

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Foster Secures Over \$13 Million for 11th District in Community Project Funding

Press Release

Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) announced that all 14 of the Community Project Funding (CPF) requests he made on behalf of the 11th Congressional District of Illinois have been funded for a total of \$13,361,356. Project funding was included in the appropriations packages that were signed into law by President Biden.

Under guidelines issued by the Appropriations Committee, each Representative could request funding for up to 15 projects in their community for Fiscal Year 2024. Projects are restricted to a limited number of federal funding streams, and only state and local governments and eligible non-profit entities are permitted to receive funding. Additional information and guidelines on Community Project Funding is available here.

In compliance with House Rules and Committee requirements, Congressman Foster has certified that he and his immediate family have no financial interest in any of the projects selected. Links to these certification forms are available here.

“Since I was elected to Congress, I’ve remained committed to ensuring communities in Illinois and my district receive their fair share of federal resources,” said Foster. “That’s why I’m proud I secured over \$13 million this year for 14 worthwhile projects back home. These initiatives will help strengthen infrastructure throughout the district, provide law enforcement with cutting-edge tools, and equip our youth with the resources they need to succeed. I’ll continue working to ensure the Illinois communities that I represent receive their fair share of federal resources.”

City of Belvidere Appleton Road Grade Separation Amount funded: \$1,666,279

Project description: This funding will be used to build a grade-separation structure over two existing Union Pacific Railroad crossings along South Appleton Road in the City of Belvidere. Building these structures will allow nearby manufacturing plants to expand and will improve safety for emergency vehicles and commuters using this road.

State Rep. Maurice West Announced Home Modification Program to Help

Illinoisans with Disabilities Live Independently At Home Program supports people with disabilities and saves taxpayer dollars

Press Release

State Rep. Maurice West (D-Rockford) will be joined by RAMP, Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living, and the Illinois Department of Human Services to announce the implementation of the Home Modification Program, an effort by the State of Illinois to assist people with disabilities by providing grant funding for modifications to their homes to allow them to live independently instead of being required to move into a costly care facility. The program, created by legislation sponsored by Rep. West, received \$7.5 million in state funding and allows individuals to remain in their homes at a substantially lower overall expense for taxpayers. With a growing shortage of nurses and caregivers, home modifications can reduce the need for home support and mitigate stress on the healthcare system.

“The Home Modification Program will allow people with disabilities to live comfortably at home while saving taxpayers money and relieving stress on our caregiver shortage” said State Rep. Maurice West.

Who: State Rep. Maurice West (D-Rockford), John S. Herring, Sr. (Executive Director of the Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living), Eric Brown (Systems Change Coordinator at RAMP), Director Rahnee Patrick (Director of the Division of Rehabilitation Services at the Illinois Department of Human Services)

What: Announcement of the implementation of the Home Modification Program, a state-funded initiative to assist people with disabilities by providing grant funding for modifications to their homes, enabling them to live independently.

When: April 8th, 2024 at 9:00am

Where: RAMP - 202 Market St, Rockford, IL

For more information about potential funding, interested Illinoisans should contact their local Center for Independent Living, which can be located at: incil.org.

Bills in State Senate Would Further Regulate Battery Storage and Disposal

Measures passed committee unanimously

By Cole Longcor Capitol News Illinois

Two bills that would regulate battery disposal and storage are awaiting action from the full Illinois Senate after unanimous committee approval.

Senate Bill 3481, sponsored by Sen. Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, would require facilities that store electric vehicle batteries to register with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by February 2026. The state’s Pollution Control Board would set the regulations for the proper storage of EV batteries.

IEPA Deputy Director James Jennings said the change “parallels” a state program for used tires.

“The primary distinction is that there are going to be some battery storage locations that don’t accept tires,” he said. “And historically speaking, those have been the sites that have been more prone to fires,” he said.

Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, said she had concerns about fire safety as lithium batteries were the cause of a fire in Morris on June 29, 2021. The fire prompted intervention from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Witnesses who testified at a committee hearing on the bills earlier this month said registered and regulated facilities practicing proper storage procedures would limit the risk of fires.

Senate Bill 3686, sponsored by Sen. Dave Koehler, D-Peoria, would require battery producers and importers to implement an IEPA approved battery stewardship plan starting in 2026. Retailers would be encouraged — but not required — to serve as collection facilities.

The plan would regulate the disposal, storage and recycling of certain removable batteries and portable batteries. The bill applies to most types of batteries, with some exceptions. These include liquid electrolyte batteries and lead-acid batteries, like those used in cars.

It would also regulate “medium-format” batteries, which include certain batteries based on their weight and watt-hours.

Producers would be responsible for implementing the program, with the IEPA approving and monitoring the plans. Under the bill a \$100,000 annual fee would be imposed on the producers.

“The main responsibility is with the producers,”

Koehler said in an interview. “But there’s also responsibilities that retailers have. So, if you’re involved in selling these batteries, then you also have commitment to being able to recycle those.”

Koehler said that the fee is intended to cover the agency expenses but could be used to start community battery recycling centers in the future. The ability to recycle materials from the returned batteries could help offset the program costs to

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Sex Offender

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2003 of aggravated criminal sexual abuse for an incident involving a 15-year-old boy. According to a published report of the incident, Kopf was a high school basketball coach at the time and sexually abused a member of his team during a sleepover at which he allegedly served the boy alcohol.

Kopf served three years' probation and reportedly has not reoffended since that incident. But he is permanently required to register as a sex offender, which, among other things, entails legal restrictions on where he is allowed to live.

In 2018, Kopf and his wife bought a home in the village of Hampshire, in Kane County. But before doing so, they checked with both the Illinois State Police and the Hampshire Police Department to make sure it complied with his residency restrictions. Records indicate both agencies told him that it did.

Three months after moving in, however, they were told a day care facility was located within 500 feet of their home – a violation of the state's residency restrictions – and, as a result, they would have to move.

Kopf, who represented himself in court proceedings, challenged the law as unconstitutional, and in 2021, Kane County Circuit Judge Kevin Busch agreed. Busch wrote the law was both unconstitutional "on its face," meaning it would violate constitutional rights under any circumstances, and "as applied" to Kopf.

But in an opinion released March 21, the Illinois high court disagreed, overturning Busch's ruling that the law was facially unconstitutional, and saying there was no factual evidence in the record to support a finding that it was unconstitutional "as applied" in Kopf's case.

The court therefore sent the case back to Kane County for the sole purpose of determining whether there was evidence to find the law unconstitutional "as applied" to Kopf.

Courts generally use one of two standards in deciding whether a law is constitutional. In cases involving a "fundamental right," the standard of "strict scrutiny" applies, meaning the government has to show the law serves a compelling state interest and that it is narrowly tailored to achieve that interest.

But in cases involving rights that are less than fundamental, courts use a "rational basis test," meaning the government only has to show a rational connection between the law's means and its goals.

Citing language first coined by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo in a famous 1937 opinion, the state's high court said the right to live where one pleases is not "fundamental" because it "is not 'deeply rooted in this Nation's history and tradition' or 'implicit in the concept of ordered liberty' such that 'neither liberty nor justice would exist if [it] were sacrificed.'"

Therefore, the court said, the state only needed to show a rational basis for residency restrictions.

Kane County Judge Busch said the restrictions failed the rational basis test, citing studies that

have shown there is little or no evidence to suggest such restrictions reduce the chance of someone reoffending.

But in its March 21 ruling, the Supreme Court reversed that decision, saying such studies don't matter because the legislature's judgment in drafting a statute "may be based on rational speculation unsupported by evidence or empirical data and are not subject to judicial factfinding."

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a lengthy hearing Wednesday in a packed committee room filled with advocates on both sides of the issue. She ultimately promised to not bring the bill to a vote in the full House without first negotiating amendments on it, but she also noted one of those changes would better address inequity within the industry and add punitive measures against "bad actors."

Proponents of the bill said that not all employers follow the law and dependency on tips perpetuates inequalities. A 2014 report from the Economic Policy Institute think tank found at that time 66 percent of tipped workers were women and the poverty rate of tipped workers was almost double that of nontipped workers.

"Depending on tips to make a basic living wage is a system that exposes workers to poverty, to inequity and to harassment," Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, said at the committee hearing Wednesday.

While the bill is intended to increase wages for tipped workers and address inequities within the industry, much of the roughly two-hour debate in the committee hearing focused on how the proposal will impact businesses and employees.

At a Capitol news conference earlier Wednesday, a coalition of tipped workers and representatives of the state's restaurant and retail trade associations shared concerns about the proposal. They claimed the change would drive up prices at restaurants specifically.

Illinois Restaurant Association President Sam Toia said increasing the cost of labor will lead to owners reducing staff and increasing prices. Toia said many businesses are still recovering from the recession brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"A business that used to be a business of nickels and dimes is now a business of pennies and nickels," he said. "The proposal would only increase that stress on operators."

Dominique Juarez, a server at Alexander's Steakhouse in Peoria, said at the news conference she opposes the elimination of tip credit and that the bill "corners us into a no-win situation."

She said that eliminating tip credit could lead to higher menu prices, which would in turn impact her relationship with regular customers, which she described as "the heart of what dining is all about."

Currently, seven states — Alaska, California, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington, along with Washington D.C. — have laws in place to guarantee tipped workers make minimum wage.

Chicago enacted similar legislation in October, which phases out the city's tip credit over five years, culminating with tipped employees receiving minimum wage in 2028.

"Chicago's passed this," Rob Karr, president of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said Wednesday. "We should wait and see how it plays out over the next five years before rushing into a similar proposal statewide."

While the measure passed on a 17-11 vote, one of the committee's 19 Democrats, Rep. Jawaharial Williams of Chicago, voted against it. Rep. Marty Moylan, D-Des Plaines, was recorded as not voting. Democrats, who control the General Assembly, subbed out seven members on the Labor and Commerce Committee before the vote.

Other Democrats spoke out against the measure at the Wednesday news conference.

That included Rep. Curtis Tarver, D-Chicago, who said the idea that tipped employees don't make minimum wage is false, and warned the proposal would have adverse effects.

"This is more legislation chasing a solution to a problem that does not exist," he said. "Eliminating tip credit is going to hurt the very people that this legislation purports to help."

Tarver also said that while there may be some "bad actors" who aren't paying their employees minimum wage, the current law should be enforced rather than eliminating the tip credit.

The One Fair Wage advocacy group, which has for years been pushing for an end to the tipped wage, celebrated the committee vote as a "historic step towards justice."

"A direct legacy of slavery, the subminimum wage for decades has been used as a tool to force service industry workers, particularly women and people of color, to live in poverty," Saru Jayaraman, president of One Fair Wage, said in a news release.

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producers. Producers and retailers are prohibited from charging consumers a point-of-sale fee to cover program costs.

“We need to take and mine out the useful ingredients, the minerals that that make up batteries, and just make sure that they don’t end up in the landfills,” Koehler said in an interview.

Christina Seibert, the executive director of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, said collection facilities would be within 15 miles of most residents. She also said that mail back programs could be included in collection plans. Storage and recycling locations would be determined in each stewardship plan and approved by the IEPA.

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Pritzker Names Sen. Ann Gillespie New Head of State Insurance Oversight Agency

Governor calling for sweeping changes in regulation; report shows state facing skyrocketing costs

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker on Monday announced a change in leadership at the agency in charge of regulating the state’s insurance industry.

State Sen. Ann Gillespie, D-Arlington Heights, will take over as acting director of the Illinois Department of Insurance starting April 15, replacing Dana Popish Severinghaus, who has held the job since 2021.

“Dana has served the state of Illinois admirably, helping protect consumers against predatory insurance practices and reforming the system to work for the people of Illinois,” Pritzker said in a statement released Monday afternoon “She was a champion for Illinoisans who otherwise would have struggled to navigate vast, complex insurance systems, and I’m grateful to her for service.”

The announcement came in the middle of a legislative session in which Pritzker is proposing sweeping changes in state regulation of the health insurance industry. His proposed Health Care Protection Act calls for giving the department authority to approve or reject rate increases in the large-group insurance market.

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It also calls for banning “step therapy” in prescription drug coverage as well as banning prior authorization requirements for in-patient mental health treatment.

Speaking at an unrelated news conference Tuesday, Pritzker said there was no connection between his legislative proposal and the department’s upcoming change in leadership. But he offered no additional details about what prompted the change.

“It was just that as you move along in an administration, people have spent a number of years in the positions that I’ve appointed them to, and it can be time for a change,” he said. “And a good time, by the way, is leaving people an opportunity to have a few years at least until the end of this term, not knowing what the next term would look like or who’s running

for governor, who the next governor might be, whether it’s me or somebody else.”

Gillespie has served in the General Assembly since 2019, representing a portion of Chicago’s northwest suburbs. She serves on the Senate Insurance Committee and last year sponsored legislation to establish a state-based health insurance marketplace. Outside the legislature, she has worked as a health care attorney and consultant in the health care industry.

“It’s an honor to be asked to serve the state of Illinois in this new capacity, and I am eager to begin working with the Department of Insurance to make sure the system works for Illinois consumers,” she said in a statement. “My experience in the healthcare field underlies decades of advocacy and public service, and I’m thankful for the opportunity to continue that work.”

The announcement of a new director also came just as lawmakers received a new report showing the state facing a 16.5 percent increase, or \$533 million, in state employee health insurance costs – the largest single-year increase in several years and one that analysts said is due in part to new coverage mandates that lawmakers have enacted in recent years.

The report did not provide details of the specific coverage mandates driving the cost increases, but it mentioned “medications not otherwise guaranteed to be covered, such as certain weight-loss medications” as being among the factors.

The report was delivered Tuesday to a meeting of the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, a legislative body that, among other things, monitors the state’s financial condition throughout the year and conducts oversight over its insurance programs for state employees.

Sen. Dave Syverson, R-Cherry Valley, argued that the report shows Illinois has gone too far in mandating various kinds of coverage, and he warned against adopting any new mandates like those Pritzker has called for in his Health Care Protection Act proposal.

“We’re making health insurance so good in Illinois that no one can afford it,” he said in an interview after the meeting.

But Sen. David Koehler, D-Peoria, who chairs CGFA, said in a separate interview that he supports the mandates Illinois has imposed.

“State mandates are usually done for a reason,” he said. “Those issues come before the legislature because ... we’re hearing a lot of issues in our communities about why those things need to change.”

Both Syverson and Koehler said they were surprised by the change in leadership at the Department of Insurance, but both said they support Gillespie’s appointment to the job.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs. **CASE NO. 2024FC18**

BARBARA M. MARCANTEL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE BARBARA M. MARCANTEL REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2014; BARBARA M. MARCANTEL; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE BARBARA M. MARCANTEL REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2014; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

Property Address: 214 Goodrich St. Belvidere, IL 61008
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, BARBARA M. MARCANTEL; BARBARA M. MARCANTEL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE BARBARA M. MARCANTEL REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2014; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE BARBARA M. MARCANTEL REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2014; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY LINE OF GOODRICH STREET AS NOW LOCATED WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT ONE (1) OF BRISTOL'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS, AND RUNNING THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF GOODRICH STREET THREE (3) RODS, THENCE WESTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF HURLBUT AVENUE FOUR (4) RODS, THENCE SOUTHERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF GOODRICH STREET, THIRTY ONE AND SIXTY-EIGHT ONE HUNDREDTHS (31.68) INCHES, THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES WESTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF HURLBUT AVENUE TWO (2) RODS; THENCE SOUTHERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF GOODRICH STREET FORTY-SIX (46) FEET, TEN AND THIRTY-TWO ONE HUNDREDTHS (10.32) INCHES TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT THREE (3) OF SAID BRISTOL'S SECOND ADDITION, THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES EASTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF HURLBUT AVENUE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOTS THREE (3), TWO (2), AND ONE (1) OF SAID BRISTOL'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BELVIDERE, COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N.: 05-26-451-018

Said property is commonly known as 214 Goodrich St., Belvidere, IL 61008 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2013R04069, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Boone County on or before April 29, 2024, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment 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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME – DO NOT IGNORE THIS DOCUMENT. By order of the Chief Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, this case is subject to Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program. For further information on the mediation process, please see the NOTICE OF MANDATORY MEDIATION on file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court by contacting the Plaintiff's attorney at the address listed below.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC Plaintiff,
vs. **23 FC 16**

LARRY SUHR; DAMON RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SHIRLEY M. SUHR, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHIRLEY M. SUHR DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; 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, April 18, 2024, 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:

THE NORTHERLY ONE-HALF (1/2) OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PLACE OR PARCEL OF LAND: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF MENOMINIE STREET TWELVE (12) RODS WESTERLY FROM THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF BLOCK SEVENTY-TWO (72) IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF BELVIDERE, RUNNING FROM THENCE NORTHERLY PARALLEL WITH BAKER, FORMERLY PEARL STREET, SIXTEEN (16) RODS, TO THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID BLOCK SEVENTY-TWO (72); THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF JACKSON STREET FOUR (4) RODS; THENCE SOUTHERLY PARALLEL WITH SAID BAKER STREET SIXTEEN (16) RODS TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF MENOMINIE STREET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF MENOMINIE STREET FOUR (4) RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE NORTHERLY FOUR (4) RODS OF THE EASTERLY TWO FEET; HERETOFORE CONVEYED TO HENRY BLIETZ AND MARY BLIETZ, AS APPEARS OF RECORD IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 67, OF DEEDS AT PAGE 463, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BELVIDERE, COUNTY OF BOONE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N. 05-26-254-002.

Commonly known as 318 WEST JACKSON STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008.

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 Mr. Chad Lewis at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 205 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 22-087255 IJSC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13239683

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: 4-3-2024
PROJECT: Roof replacement for the Belvidere Township building
LOCATION: 8200 Fairgrounds Road Belvidere, IL 61008
OWNER: Belvidere Township 8200 Fairgrounds Road Belvidere, IL 61008
ARCHITECT: Ollmann Ernest Martin Architects 200 South State Street Belvidere, Illinois 61008 Tel: 815/ 544-7790
SCOPE: Bids for single contract INCLUDING: General WORK HVAC WORK ELECTRICAL WORK

DATE DUE: Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. CDT on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 8200 Fairgrounds Road and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

PRE-BID MEETINGS: Prospective general contractors and subcontractors are invited to attend a pre-bid meeting held at 2:00 P.M. CDT, on Thursday, April 18, 2024 At 8200 Fairgrounds Road.

SITE INSPECTION: All prospective general contractors are required to inspect the existing conditions at the project site, prior to submitting a bid. Prospective contractors will have an opportunity to inspect the site at the time of the pre-bid meeting.

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

Belvidere Township Belvidere, IL

BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Bidders may secure 1 set of bidding documents. Bidders may also request a pdf copy of the bidding documents from the office of the architect, (after receiving a hardcopy set of bidding documents from township) for the purpose of making reproductions pursuant to specification section 000114 "Ownership and Use of Instruments of Service".

BID FORM: submit bids in duplicate on forms issued by Architect.

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

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

TAXES: BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP is a tax exempt entity.

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

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening of bids without written consent of the owner. By the order of Belvidere Township, Illinois

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PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE: Belvidere CUSD 100

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BELVIDERE CUSD 100, TO DISCUSS THE DECISION TO POSSIBLY CLOSE A SCHOOL BUILDING.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the community of Belvidere CUSD 100. The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the 15th day of April 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will be held at The D100 District Office 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive input from the community, to discuss the potential reconfiguration of our school buildings, and to discuss the decision to possibly close Perry Elementary School, 633 W. Perry Street, Belvidere, IL. By order of the President of the Board of Education of Belvidere CUSD 100.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the community of Belvidere CUSD 100. The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the 4th day of May 2024, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at the D100 District Office 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive input from the community, to discuss the potential reconfiguration of our school buildings, and to discuss the decision to possibly close Perry Elementary School, 633 W. Perry Street, Belvidere, IL. By order of the President of the Board of Education of Belvidere CUSD 100.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the community of Belvidere CUSD 100. The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the 6th day of May 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will be held at Perry School 663 W. Perry Street, Belvidere, IL. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive input from the community, to discuss the potential reconfiguration of our school buildings, and to discuss the decision to possibly close Perry Elementary School, 633 W. Perry Street, Belvidere, IL. By order of the President of the Board of Education of Belvidere CUSD 100.

NOTE: You must be present in order to participate - the hearings will not be livestreamed. Spanish language translation services will be available at all hearings. Should you need other translation services, please reach out to the District Office at 815-544-0301.

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2021-GS1 Plaintiff,
-v- **2023 FC 64**
SHIRLEY A. JACOBSON, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 21, 2024, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Lot Forty-Eight (48) as designated upon Plat No. 4 of Washington Heights Subdivision, being a part of the East Half (1/2) of the West Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 35, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third P.M., as platted and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois, on October 22, 1974 as Document No. 74-2373 in Plat File Index Envelope #2, situated in Boone County, State of Illinois.

Commonly known as 621 RUTH CIRCLE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-35-454-018

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$75,391.88.

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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

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

For information, contact MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700. Please refer to file number 23-007321.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

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

MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC

ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250

Chicago IL, 60601

312-651-6700

E-Mail: AMPS@manleydeas.com

Attorney File No. 23-007321

Case Number: 2023 FC 64

TJSC#: 44-517

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

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

-v- **19 CH 113**

LAURA J. ANDERSON A/K/A LAURA J. BARRY A/K/A LAURA JEAN ANDERSON A/K/A LAURA JEAN BARRY A/K/A LAURA WIEDL, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF ROBERT G. ANDERSON, DECEASED, TARA DOYLE, KYLE R. ANDERSON, KOLIN R. MAYBORNE A/K/A ROYLE R. ANDERSON, TIM MILLER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ROBERT G. ANDERSON, DECEASED, ONEMAIN FINANCIAL OF ILLINOIS, INC. F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 22, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 30, 2024, 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:

THE NORTHERLY 1/2 OF THE EASTERLY 1/2 OF LOT 14 IN ASSESSOR'S SECOND ADDITION TO BELVIDERE, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 412 WEST MADISON STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-26-406-006

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$134,010.13.

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

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 19-091405.

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Attorney File No. 19-091405
Case Number: 19 CH 113
TJSC#: 44-732

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Case # 19 CH 113
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NOTICE

Belvidere Community Unit School District #100 is seeking bids for the Main Entry Door Access Control Modification project.

Prospective bidders are expected to have a thorough knowledge of the existing conditions prior to bid. For a site visit please email Purchasing@District100.com.

All bids are due by 1PM local time Monday, April 29th 2024. All bids must be submitted through the SECUREBIDS website. Link to CUSD 100 website - <https://colbisecurebids.com/agency/bcUSD100>. The bid opening will be in person only at the Administration Building – 1201 Fifth Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008.

Specifications may be obtained at the Administration Building, by emailing Purchasing@District100.com or by phoning 815-544-8616.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Jorge Herrera
Clerk Board of Education

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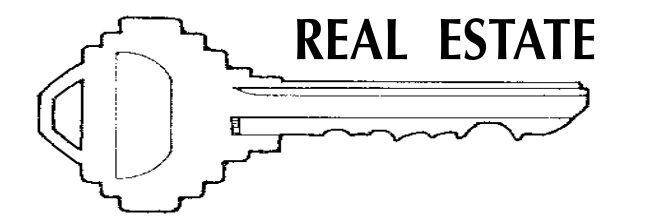
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4191 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a ONLINE GIFT SALES business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of NET GOODIE that its location is or will be 9962 Whisper Ridge Lane, 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: 815-703-9822

Ivy W. Brynolf, 9962 Whisper Ridge Lane, Belvidere, Illinois 61008
I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: April 2, 2024

Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
23 FC 16

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-v.-
19 CH 113

LAURA J. ANDERSON A/K/A LAURA J. BARRY A/K/A LAURA JEAN ANDERSON A/K/A LAURA JEAN BARRY A/K/A LAURA WIEDL, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF ROBERT G. ANDERSON, DECEASED, TARA DOYLE, KYLE R. ANDERSON, KOLIN R. MAYBORNE A/K/A KOLIN R. ANDERSON, TIM

MILLER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ROBERT G. ANDERSON, DECEASED, ONEMAIN FINANCIAL OF ILLINOIS, INC. F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 22, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 30, 2024, 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 412 WEST MADISON STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-26-406-006

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$134,010.13.

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

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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

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

For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 19-091405.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

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

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Case Number: 19 CH 113
TJSC#: 44-732

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

Case # 19 CH 113
6088-940822

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2021-GS1 Plaintiff,
-v.-
2023 FC 64

SHIRLEY A. JACOBSON, Defendant

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Commonly known as 621 RUTH CIRCLE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-35-454-018

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$75,391.88.

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

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For information, contact MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700. Please refer to file number 23-007321.

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Police Report

On March 26, 2024 at approximately 10:27 pm the Belvidere Police Department responded to the 400 block of Van Buren Street for a report of shots fired. The incident left one person hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries due to a gunshot wound.

The Belvidere Police Department has gathered evidence leading to arrests for the following individuals:

Mauricio A. Carreon, 22 years old of Belvidere, was arrested for

- Aggravated Battery with a Firearm – Class X felony,
- Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm – Class 1 felony,
- Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon – Class 3 felony,
- Violation of the Firearm Owners Identification (2 counts) – Class 3 felony, and
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon – Class 4 felony.

Juvenile, 17 years old, was arrested for Aggravated Discharge of a Weapon (2 counts) – Class 1 felony.

Belvidere Police Detectives have obtained an arrest warrant for the following individual and the Belvidere Police Department is asking for the publics help in apprehending this individual:

Salvador Cano-Gutierrez, 18 years old of Belvidere is wanted for

- Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (2 counts) – Class 1 felony,
- Violation of the Firearm Owners Identification (2 counts) – Class 3 felony,
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon – Class 4 felony and
- Mob Action – Class 4 felony

The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are possible.

A Class X felony is punishable by 6-30 years in the Department of Corrections. A Class 1 felony is punishable by 4 - 15 years in the Department of Corrections. A Class 3 felony is punishable by 2-5 years in the Department of Corrections. A Class 4 felony is punishable by 1 - 3 years in the Department of Corrections.

The Belvidere Police Department encourages anyone with information or security video pertaining to this shooting to contact the Belvidere Police Department at 815-544-2135, The Belvidere Investigations Unit at 8/15-547-6381 or to provide information anonymously contact Boone County Crime stoppers at 815-547-7867 or online at boonecountycrimestoppers.com. Information leading to an arrest can be subject to a cash reward of up to \$1000.00.



Capitol Briefs:

Tax credits for children, manufacturers among new legislative proposals, insurance coverage for fertility treatments, child internet regulations also introduced

By Andrew Adams Cole Longcor & Alex Abbeduto Capitol News Illinois

After failing to pass a child tax credit last year, advocates returned to Springfield Wednesday to propose a scaled back version of the policy which they say would still reduce child poverty and spur economic growth.

The proposal, contained in House Bill 4917 and Senate Bill 3329, would create a \$300 per-child refundable tax credit for families who earn less than the state's median income – about \$75,000 per year for couples and \$50,000 for single parents.

The policy would cost the state about \$300 million, according to Erion Malasi, Illinois policy director for the Economic Security Project, an advocacy group backing the proposal.

A January report from the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, a union-backed think tank, found that a \$300 tax credit would cost the state about \$471 million, although that estimate doesn't account for cost reductions in other state programs, like the earned income tax credit or the supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children, known as WIC – and it assumes that 100 percent of eligible families will claim the credit.

Frank Manzo, an economist with ILEPI and co-author of that report, said a \$300 per-child credit would be lower than in the other 15 states that have similar policies. Utah, Minnesota and Oregon – which enacted a similar credit last year – all offer \$1,000 or more in credits.

“But it does comport with some budgetary realities in the state of Illinois,” he told Capitol News Illinois on Wednesday.

In December, Gov. JB Pritzker urged a “careful” approach to next year's budget after his budget office projected a \$891 million deficit.

Omar Aquino, the chief Senate sponsor of the proposal, said Wednesday he hopes the program, if passed, can be scaled up in the future.

The bills, which were introduced Wednesday, await substantive committee assignments, a necessary step before they can be voted on by the full legislature.

Manufacturers' agenda

Tax credits were also included in a wide-ranging legislative agenda put forth by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

House Bill 4670 creates a pilot program to allow manufacturers to create onsite child care programs and provide tax credits to those who do.

“We know that the lack of available child care is a hindrance to getting and keeping people, especially women, in the workforce,” sponsor Rep. Amy Elik, R-Godfrey, said.

The IMA reaffirmed support for three bills filed last spring, including two tax credits – one sponsored by Democrats, the other by Republicans. The IMA did not provide cost estimates for the tax credits.

Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel, D-Shorewood, filed Senate Bill 1313 to create a tax credit for businesses that assist their employees in repaying student loans.

“Student debt is a huge issue. This proposal would allow an employer to help offset about

five thousand dollars per year,” IMA President and CEO Mark Denzler said. “It's a great opportunity to help those individuals struggling with college debt while also making sure we have a great workforce.”

Sen. Donald DeWitte, R-St. Charles, filed Senate Bill 163 would make a temporary research and development tax credit permanent, rather than expiring every five years. The current credit will expire in 2027.

House Bill 3307 would amend graduation requirements for students entering high school in 2028, allowing them to fill the requirement of two foreign language courses with career-focused courses.

Fertility treatments

Members of the state Senate Democratic Caucus introduced three bills Wednesday aimed at increasing access to infertility treatments and fertility preservation.

If passed, the bills would require insurance companies to cover the diagnosis and treatment of infertility, certain prescription medications, and preservation of reproductive cells by amending the Illinois Insurance Code.

Senate Bill 2572 would require insurance coverage of procedures used to diagnose and treat infertility, as well as injectable medications used to treat prediabetes, gestational diabetes and obesity – all of which can make it harder to conceive and carry a baby to term.

Senate Bill 2623 would require insurers to cover the freezing of an individual's reproductive cells without restriction or exclusion.

Another measure, Senate Bill 2639, would prevent insurance companies from denying infertility treatment coverage when recommended by a physician.

Safe screens initiative

Another pair of bills introduced this week aim to create a safer online environment for children.

Sen. Sue Rezin's, R-Morris, proposals mostly affect children's data and privacy and how content is moderated.

The amended Age-Appropriate Design Code Act is a privacy law based on a similar one in California that Rezin said will help parents set stronger privacy settings and change how companies use children's data, which she said can facilitate the development of addicting content.

Senate Bill 3355 would require social media companies to have a customer service line where concerned users can report inappropriate content that would need to be removed within 3 days.

Rezin said a third bill, which is still in development, would “require social media platforms to create an identity verification process.”

The senator compared social media to the tobacco and opiate industries, saying people cannot trust them to regulate themselves. She also said Illinoisans cannot wait for the federal government to take action.

“Parents are mad,” Rezin said. “They want us to act and pass legislation to protect their children. They don't care if it's a federal issue or a state issue.”

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Mississippi River Drought Over, But Situation Still Shaky

By Tammie Sloup FarmWeek

The drought that plagued the Mississippi River basin since 2022 and resulted in ag shipment delays and higher transportation costs is officially over.

“I'm happy to report there are no draft restrictions on the Mississippi River for the third week and we do not have dredges operating for low water,” Brigadier General Kimberly Peeples, commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division, said last month. “The Dredges POTTER, HURLEY and JADWIN have completed dredging operations and are on a 72-hour response if needed.”

Low water conditions began in the region in September 2022. The Corps maintained 9-foot navigation throughout the system, working with other industries to identify problem spots on the river, and respond with necessary dredge assets.

The low water levels, a result of dryness across the Midwest and South, reduced the ability for barges to effectively navigate, driving up farmers' transportation costs as they sought storage and marketing options for their recently harvested crops the past couple years.

The Mississippi River is one of the busiest waterways in the U.S. Of its 4,267 miles of navigable channels, 589 million tons of cargo move on the system each year with cost savings in transportation at \$12.5 billion, according to the USACE.

But as river levels are bouncing back, the chance of drought hasn't dissipated.

“While river levels have rebounded over the past couple months, river gauge readings are considerably lower compared to years such as 2018, 2019 and 2020,” said Mike Steenhoek, executive director of the Soy Transportation Coalition. “In addition, much ground in the Midwest remains severely dehydrated, which means that it will require significant and persistent precipitation to occur to recharge the soil and provide residual water to maintain water levels on the river.”

“Any prolonged period of dry weather could quickly usher in a return of low water levels. This will clearly be an area of focus in the weeks to come.”

The USACE also is wrapping up public scoping meetings for the Lower Mississippi River Comprehensive Management Study, which is a five-year, \$25 million mega-study that will deliver recommendations for effective and practical management of the Mississippi River from Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to the Gulf of Mexico.

The purpose of the study is to identify recommendations for the comprehensive management of the region across multiple purposes, including hurricane and storm damage reduction, flood risk management, structure and nonstructural flood control, floodplain management strategies, navigation, ecosystem and environmental restoration, water supply, hydropower production, recreation and other purposes as determined by the Secretary of the Army.

The study area encompasses seven states: Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

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