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The Grandstand Experience

By David Larson

Prior to the Civil War and until 1867, the Boone County Fair was held on the, at that time, undeveloped area north of the courthouse. In 1867, it was then moved to what is today Spencer Park.

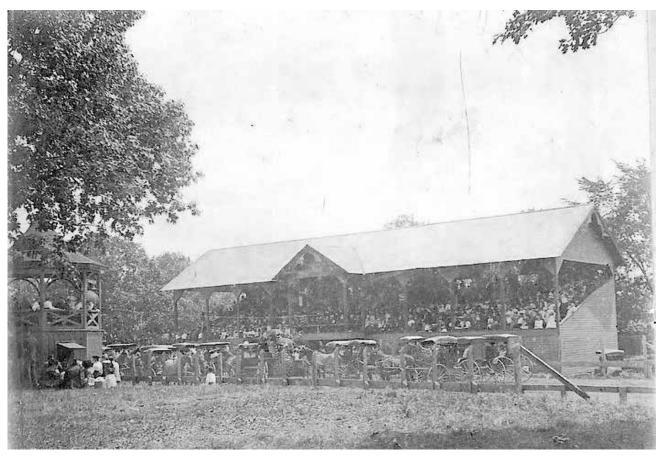
In 1900, the grandstand that we see in this picture was built there. The race-track used until then became more than a roped path to follow to the finish-line. Like the Derthick Opera House, it became another place—a summer place—for the community to gather.

In those early years, the economic opportunity that the country offered immigrants was exhibited in the products they produced both for amusement and for continued economic gain. One must remember that prior to the Civil War, immigrants, which was basically everyone, had very little sense of an American cultural heritage. Perhaps they were aware of the American Revolution, but not unless they went to a school in this country. James Madison or the Federalist Papers had no meaning in their lives. They did not believe that they were naturally endowed with wisdom as some might today. Their view was limited to the opportunity that the country provided: Allowing one to prosper with hard work. Immigrants came to America for the freedom to have that opportunity, as immigrants still do.

The fair was where a mixture of ideas about agriculture and commerce took place. Belvidere was merely a settlement, despite attempts to form a government, which did not happen until 1883. Boone County furnished a political structure to provide law and order.

With a central theme of agricultural advancement, the fair served as a catalyst for many other purposes, including social, political, and economic development.

The first president of the fair board, Allen Fuller, was a lawyer and banker who often brokered land deals. Allen Fuller established the first successful bank in Boone County in Belvidere. He was not a farmer, yet he served as the head of The Boone County Agricultural Society, the body which produced the Boone County Fair until 1938. The community was small, and the fair represented a time to celebrate the end of the production year, being held in early October. It was a time to rub shoulders and do business. In those early days of Boone County, things moved at a quicker pace. The pioneering spirit quickened the time between events, things changed rapidly, and growth followed. In less than 50 years, Belvidere went from nothing to most of what it is today. In those early years, those who rested lost, rather than being admired. After the Civil War, the sense of franchise took on a visceral meaning, particularly in Boone County, where so many



The Grandstand at the Fair Grounds at the end of West Lincoln Avenue.

young boys lost their lives in the war. The Union seemed more real than before. Government represented a greater purpose than regulating commerce. Slavery had ended, which many here strongly opposed. The idea of owning another person was incomprehensible to people who had no experience with it, and had based their whole lives on freedom of opportunity. There became a pride of belonging. News came in bits and pieces in newspapers and while nationalistic chauvinism did still ring out; but, by and large, the idea of a nation was an inter-community and personal emotion.

By the time this grandstand came into existence, the feelings of loss had calloused over - just as many a few weeks ago felt similar feelings of remembrance at the memorial renaming of Logan Avenue for Jeff Smith. Jeff lost his life in Vietnam in 1968.

Horse Racing was the main event at the fair. In the early 1950s, a match race is what saved the fair from going under.

It is impossible to know what for nearly 100 years, Boone Countians felt and experienced in this grandstand. If their experience was different than ours is today we can only guess. Nostalgia has told many lies, but one cannot help but be somewhat envious of the simplicity and closeness to nature that one must have felt living in this community.

The opening of an occasion in the grandstand with a brass, persecution, and string bands of local musicians playing the Battle Hymn of the Republic gave peace and purpose. Oratory without a microphone, where everyone expected quiet as an understood social courtesy.

The characters whose personalities bonded the community and lead the transitions into different events before the grandstand during fair days remain with us today.

County Considers Measures to Preserve Fresh Water

By David Larson

On August 10th, The Boone County Board Finance Committee discussed the long-term supply of water in Boone County. Jason Thomason from the Illinois State Geological Survey, which is a part of the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois, presented a project for the county to consider in order to preserve fresh water for Boone County.

Boone County has experienced a drop in the water level of its aquifer. This aquifer reaches from Wisconsin to Joliet. It is shaped like a cone, with its deepest level at Joliet.

At Joliet, the water level of the aquifer has dropped 800 feet. Joliet, which is heavily industrialized and uses a lot of water, and has been forced to spend several billion dollars to begin pulling water from Lake Michigan.

The outflow of water from Boone County through the aquifer is around 6 million gallons per day. Water that recharges the aquifer in Wisconsin eventually reaches Joliet. It is a matter of physics, according to Thomason.

In the last 100 years, the the aquifer has gotten smaller and smaller. The aquifer cone looks like a 400-foot-deep valley that flows southeast toward Joliet, according to Thomason.

Thomason proposed that Boone County consider doing a 3D geological survey of the county at a cost of \$450,000. This would provide the information the county needs to make critical decisions. Thomason explained that the work on the study would take a minimum of two years beginning with an aerial electromagnetic striping

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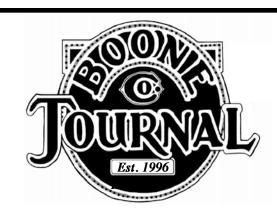
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of the counties surface by helicopter to collect an image much like an MRI used in medicine. The image would measure to a depth of 500 meters. He said that it would take ayear to interpret the data and an additional year to create a comprehensive report.

The report would aid Boone County in developing a comprehensive plan to engineer a system of land usage that recharges, rather than diminishes, the aquifer. Boone County would be able to understand what it uses, loses, and contributes back to the aquifer. "This is a regional problem," Thomason said. In response to Board Member Ryan Curry, he stated that the Federal government has had its eye on the issue for a long time and, recently, both Illinois senators have earmarked funds to expand this kind of research.

Sherry Branson, District 3, commented that she has learned that Boone County is one of three of the most sensitive areas for ground water contamination in the State according to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. She noted



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that, with several contaminated sites and a soil that radically recharges the aquifer, the county has, over a 5-year period, paid over \$310,000, for just one of the contaminated sites, to comply with IEPA testing requirements. She said that there was no end in sight to those recurring costs. It is her hope that R1 request and coordinate with McHenry and Winnebago Counties to expand the analysis of the aquifer.

Dave Wiltse, District 1, commented, "It was clear to me in in the suburbs in the 70s that water was going to be an issue...It is astounding (that Joliet's water level has dropped 800 feet)." Wiltse also complained that the county has no way to dispose of sensitive material like batteries, which are very bad for the environment.

Karl Johnson, District 2, while asking what is the purpose of the study was, expressed his judgement that what we do here to recharge the aquifer is for the benefit of Joliet, which is experiencing hyper-industrial growth.

No motion was made on the issue.

Pritzker Signs Bills Expanding Protections For Native Americans

Signing ceremony takes place on land that could return to tribal hands

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker signed a package of bills Friday extending cultural protections to Native Americans in Illinois and requiring the teaching of Native American history in public schools.

At a bill signing ceremony in Schaumburg, Pritzker highlighted three historic sites that were significant in Native American history in Illinois – the Buel House along the Cherokee Trail of Tears in Pope County; the Pierre Menard Home in Randolph County; and the Kincaid Mounds that contain the remains of a Native American city – and said Illinois needs to acknowledge its role in a dark chapter of history.

"All three of these sites are located within our state's borders and they represent some of the ugliest parts of our history," he said. "It's up to us to right the wrongs of the past and to chart a new course, one that educates our people so we won't repeat the sins of the past."

House Bill 3413, the Human Remains Protection Act, establishes procedures for handling human remains and gravesites that are uncovered in Illinois. It also authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to work with the Illinois State Museum and representatives of tribes with historical ties to Illinois to establish a cemetery for the reburial of repatriated Native American remains and materials.

Illinois has the second-largest collection of unrepatriated Native American remains in the U.S., housed by the Illinois State Museum. The museum holds that collection despite the 1990 passage of the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

Senate Bill 1446 requires school districts to allow students to wear items of cultural, ethnic or religious significance at their high school graduation. It was prompted in part by an incident in 2022 when a Native American student, Nimkii Curley, at Evanston Township High School was told he could not walk across the stage to receive his diploma with an eagle feather and bead work on his cap and gown.

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in Native American history in all social studies courses that teach American history and government.

Among those attending the bill signing Friday was Joseph "Zeke" Rupnick, chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. That nation was once based in DeKalb County, Illinois, but the U.S. General Land Office seized that land in 1849 and sold it at a public auction.

The nation is now headquartered in northeast Kansas where it operates a hotel and casino, but legislation pending in Congress would return more than 130 acres to the Potawatomi and provide them with about \$50 million in settlement funds that could be used to reacquire additional land on or near the original reservation.

"The bills signed here into law today make it clear that Illinois understands, it is not enough for us to merely exist in a country, in a state built on Native American land, but we must be included as part of the society with equal rights and respect," Rupnik said.

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As Perjury Trial Draws To Close, Ex-Madigan Aide Leans on Memory Science, Wife In Defense

Closing arguments expected Wednesday in trial of Tim Mapes

By Hannah Meisel Capitol News Illinois

In more than two weeks of his obstruction of justice and perjury trial, one fact about the long-time chief of staff to former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan came up time and again: Tim Mapes was detail-oriented.

Mapes not only served as Madigan's top aide for more than 25 years, but he also worked for two decades as executive director of the Democratic Party of Illinois under Madigan's chairmanship. He also spent the last seven years of his career – until it abruptly ended in 2018 after sexual harassment allegations against him – as clerk of the Illinois House, making each day of legislative session run in the manner

Madigan wanted it.

Seven witnesses who worked with Mapes in Springfield testified that he was an incredibly detail-oriented person; a former state representative who served for 31 years described his attention to detail as "meticulous."

Federal prosecutors asked that question of their witnesses as a way to bolster their case that Mapes lied to a grand jury in 2021. The grand jury was investigating Madigan and his inner circle, including Mike

McClain, an influential former lobbyist and a close friend of the former speaker.

Mapes – who was testifying under an immunity order – repeatedly told the grand jury that he either couldn't recall or didn't know that McClain was working on Madigan's behalf after he retired from lobbying in late 2016.

After eight days of the prosecution making its case – including playing the two-plus hours of Mapes' March 2021 grand jury testimony and dozens of wiretapped calls that seemed to contradict his answers – the defense on Tuesday tried to cast Mapes' detail-oriented reputation in a new light.

Mapes' attorneys hired an expert witness in learning and memory, who told the jury that factors like stress or busyness can negatively affect a person's ability to encode and store memories.

Illinois State University psychology professor Dawn McBride said that a person who is detail-oriented probably has a good short-term memory, but that has no bearing on the person's long-term memory.

"Having a good working memory may mean you are paying attention to many things at once, so more things get caught up in that bottle neck and not make it into long-term memory," Mc-Bride said.

On cross-examination, however, Assistant U.S. Attorney Julia Schwartz asked McBride if forgetting the specifics of a conversation is "different than forgetting what your best friend was doing three years ago?"

"Yes, that's different," McBride acknowledged.

McBride also acknowledged it was possible for someone to "fake memory loss," as Schwartz put it, but declined to answer questions the prosecutor posed about a psychological concept known as "malingering," repeating that she was not a clinician and didn't have expertise about that subject. The fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disease defines malingering as "intentional production of false or grossly exaggerated physical or psychological symptoms, motivated by external incentives."

The jury has heard McClain and Mapes on many wiretapped calls from 2018 and early 2019 – both before and after Mapes' abrupt departure from his jobs – discussing what was on their professional to-do lists.

McClain told Mapes about how he was helping Madigan, and even consulted with Mapes in late 2018, roughly five months after Mapes was forced to resign, about House committee assignments.

On one wiretapped call from May 2018, Mc-Clain told Mapes about an "assignment" he had to get the General Assembly to approve a land transfer from the state to the city of Chicago so a developer could buy the parcel and build a hotel in the city's Chinatown neighborhood.

In another call from October 2018, McClain told Mapes that his "assignment is to tell Lou Lang he has no life in the House anymore," referring to former state Rep. Lou Lang, D-Skokie. Lang testified last week that after a conversation with McClain the following month, he decided to retire, as he understood McClain's message that he "really oughta move on" to be coming from Madigan.

"Mr. McClain was the person who was dispatched to tell members things that (Madigan) didn't wanna tell them," Lang said.

The obstruction of justice charge alleges Mapes gave false testimony about more than a dozen topics, including whether he knew McClain communicated with Lang in 2018, with some of those communications at Madigan's direction.

"I have no knowledge or recall of that," Mapes told the grand jury when prosecutors asked if he knew whether McClain was in contact with Lang.

Prosecutors cited Mapes' answers to seven questions during his grand jury testimony as the basis for the single count of perjury. That included his answer to a question about whether he knew McClain "acted in any capacity as a messenger for (Madigan)" from 2017 onward.

Mapes answered that he was "not aware of any" such circumstances.

The defense on Tuesday also called a former Democratic Party of Illinois employee to testify. Emily Wurth served as the state party's operations manager and later the chief financial officer after Mapes' departure. She testified that she did not believe a fundraising program Mapes and McClain had started for politically vulnerable Democratic candidates was an assignment from Madigan.

"I had always understood it to be something that Tim and Mr. McClain did in support of the speaker, but not for the speaker," she said.

After Mapes' ouster from Madigan's orbit in early June 2018, Wurth said she was worried about his mental health "because mine wasn't good."

Another person who was very worried during that time: Mapes' wife, Bronwyn Rains. Rains testified on Tuesday about the severe depression she watched her husband fall into after he was "ejected" from his job, as she put it.

"He was in a dark place," Rains said. "I was working during the day, so when I would come home, he was still in the same position, more or less, in the darkened basement than where I left him in the morning. That speaks volumes, both as a wife and as a practitioner."

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Rains is both a clinical psychologist and professor in Springfield, but the judge told the jury to disregard her reference to her career, as she was not on the stand as an expert witness.

Eventually, Mapes established his own consulting firm, though he only ever got one contract, Rains testified. So she urged him "to do something that was completely out of his wheelhouse," she said.

Mapes got a part-time job at UPS filling the gas tanks on trucks at night so they'd be ready to go for the next day, and then a job as a driver transporting workers to and from barges on Illinois waterways.

Rains also testified that the Mapes family was not as close to the McClain family as the prosecution had portrayed them to be. Later, however, the defense played a wiretapped call in which McClain told Wurth that the Mapes family visited the McClains in Quincy "at least once every summer."

The defense also produced a chart summarizing the most frequent callers to and from McClain's wiretapped cell phone in 2018 and 2019. Defense attorneys sought to show that the 60 calls – which included a few voicemails – between McClain and Mapes paled in comparison with the number of times McClain spoke to others on the phone.

Former state Rep. David McSweeney, R-Barrington Hills, was the most frequently listed contact on McClain's list with 622 calls between the two men, although the vast majority of them weren't actually answered. Number one in completed and recorded calls with McClain was John Bradley, a former Democratic House member-turned-lobbyist. Madigan also made the top 10, though his son Andrew ranked higher in the number of calls both made and recorded by the FBI on McClain's wiretapped phone.

The trial continues at 9 a.m. Wednesday, when the jury will get their instructions and sit through several hours of closing arguments before being sent off to deliberate.

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State to Put \$20 Million Toward Grants for Grocers, Research into Food Insecurity

New law aims to alleviate 'food deserts' throughout the state

By Andrew Adams Capitol News Illinois

Communities across Illinois that lack access to nearby stores that sell high quality food may soon see that change.

Gov. JB Pritzker on Friday signed a bill that sets up a program to distribute \$20 million for grants and technical assistance for grocery stores as well as funding research into food insecurity.

The grants will go to grocery stores that are independently owned, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations, co-ops and grocery stores owned by units of local government.

The program's proponents say supporting gro-

cers with state funds will be a boon for residents and struggling local economies.

"When our residents struggle to keep a roof over their head, can't put food on the table, or have to choose between paying for basic medical care and keeping the lights on – that's a failure of the system," Pritzker said in a Friday news release

According to 2021 data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, at least 3 million Illinois residents live in food deserts as defined in the new law, although the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity can designate additional areas as food deserts.

Data collected this spring by the U.S. Census Bureau also revealed that food insecurity affects multiracial, Hispanic and Black households at higher rates than white households.

Officials declined to announce a specific timeline for when the grants will become available but said that updates would be published on the DCEO website when about the grant application process is finalized.

"We're moving as fast as we can because we know there's a need across the state," Pritzker said at a Friday news conference.

One of the bill's chief sponsors, freshman state Rep. Mary Beth Canty, D-Arlington Heights, said in an interview with Capitol News Illinois that she also views the bill as a step toward reducing violence.

"When there's a lack of investment in communities, that's when you start to see incidents of violence rise," Canty said.

She also noted that she hopes to revisit food availability through further legislation or other state programs.

"Some of the things we've talked about are looking at this from a public health perspective," Canty said. "On the business side of things, we're looking at our licensing structures."

While the Grocery Initiative originated among Democrats, it passed the Senate unanimously in May, something Pritzker credited to Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg. Fowler noted that areas of his rural district struggle with food access.

"An entire county in the 59th district that I represent does not have one single grocery store," Fowler said on Friday.

In the House, however, there was more conservative opposition leading to a 96-17 vote, splitting the Republican party.

Among the dissenters was Rep. Martin Mc-Laughlin, R-Barrington Hills, who took a hardline stance against the bill, saying the proposal was a "horrendous idea" during floor debate on the bill in May and likening government support for grocery stores to socialist countries like Venezuela and Cuba.

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Unity – Not Trump – Is the Message at Illinois State Fair Republican Day

Former president present on signage, rarely in speeches

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

During Republican Day at the Illinois State Fair Thursday, state party leaders sought a message of unity ahead of the 2024 presidential election.

One apparent strategy in driving home that message was to not mention former President Donald Trump, who is facing four criminal indictments. While Trump's name and political slogans were visible on signage and clothing at the fair rally, the speakers generally kept their focus on the policies of Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker.

Senate Republican Leader John Curran, R-Downers Grove, criticized several Pritzker policies, alluding to the passage of a criminal justice reform law that eliminated cash bail and the governor's recent veto of a bill that would have allowed construction of new nuclear power in Illinois.

"Gov. Pritzker thinks he, not judges and our heroes in law enforcement, should decide which victims deserve justice and which criminals walk free," he said, later adding Pritzker is "more concerned about special interests than reducing energy costs for families and businesses."

Curran's Senate Republican Caucus holds just 19 seats compared to 40 for Democrats. The state House has a 78-40 Democratic majority, and Democrats hold all statewide elected offices.

Curran contended that the way to turn the tide in the General Assembly is "one seat, one door, one new voter at a time."

"We don't need everyone to agree with us on every issue. We just need them to vote Republican," he said. "Because the only way to really change anything is by winning general elections and getting more people, good people in our Statehouse."

With "better teamwork and less infighting," state Republican Party Chair Don Tracy said during a speech to the Republican State Central Committee prior to the rally at the fair, the GOP can be "the voice of fiscal sanity, common sense and reason." He contrasted that to Democrats, who he claimed are touting an "exceedingly radical agenda."

House Minority Leader Tony McCombie, of Savanna, echoed that sentiment.

"I think it's extremely important that Republicans don't spend time beating up on other Republicans," McCombie said at the committee meeting

But the minority party is navigating a political landscape that, for many voters, still revolves around Trump, who is once again seeking the GOP presidential nomination – and leading in many polls.

The former president was most recently indicted this week in Fulton County, Georgia with 18 other individuals for allegedly leading a criminal conspiracy to overturn the 2020 presidential election.

While the GOP General Assembly leaders didn't mention Trump in their speeches, they were asked about the former president's role in the party by reporters.

Regarding Trump's indictments, Republicans often pivoted to corruption charges faced by Democratic Illinois politicians. Former House speak-

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er and Democratic Party chair Michael Madigan awaits trial on charges that he ran a criminal enterprise through his various positions of power, exchanging legislative wins in Springfield for benefits to his law business and his associates. His chief of staff, Tim Mapes, is currently on trial in Chicago on perjury and obstruction of justice charges.

"It's gonna play itself out in the court system," Curran said of Trump's legal cases. "Like we're seeing the corruption trial coming out right now with the Madigan machine. So, I mean, that'll play itself out. We have a process going on right now, in the primary, you know, we'll see where that ends up."

Tracy questioned the timing of the Trump indictments and the party of the prosecutors that brought them.

"I can't figure out what these Democrat prosecutors are trying to do with Trump," Tracy said. "I can't figure it out. They're trying to take him down or promote him by helping him raise money and be in the news all the time."

But he appreciated the prosecution of Illinois Democrats.

"With Madigan and Tim Mapes, you know, I'm so grateful that they are doing that prosecution, which was started by a Republican appointee, a Trump appointee, John Lausch, started all that and fortunately, it has continued. But it sure does seem to make a difference if you're Democrat if your last name is not Biden."

President Joe Biden's son Hunter is facing criminal charges for firearm possession and receiving more than \$1.5 million annually in 2017 and 2018 on which he did not pay income taxes. U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland appointed a special counsel in the case last week.

U.S. Rep Darin LaHood, who hails from the Peoria area, suggested the younger Biden received different treatment in the legal system than Trump has.

"I'm not in the business of saying who should run for president and not run for president," he said when asked if the party would have a better chance with someone other than Trump as nominee. "I will say this as a former federal prosecutor, I believe in the rule of law, but I don't believe in the unequal application of the law."

Other party leaders also deflected on the question of whether Trump's presence on the ballot would hurt the party in 2024.

"That remains to be seen," Tracy said curtly.

Illinois' National GOP Committeewoman Demetra DeMonte, meanwhile, strategized on how to deal with the issue of abortion.

"Abortion is a topic that kind of sounds tough to talk about," she said. "And that's pretty much what our candidates did in 2022."

While the U.S. Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade put the decision on abortion rights back to the states, DeMonte said, Republicans should push back against claims that it did more than that. And they should pressure Democrats to define the acceptable limits for abortion, she said.

"The Democrats won by spewing lies in 2022," she said. "Make no mistake, abortion will be their number one on their playbook in '24. Why change a winning strategy? We are the ones that must change – we Republicans must put Democrats on the defensive on abortion."

In another apparent shift from past elections, Republican rallygoers embraced vote-by-mail strategies – a component of recent elections that Trump has repeatedly cited in his debunked voter fraud claims.

"We will be working hard to bank as many

pre-Election Day votes as possible next year, because the political party that votes for weeks and months will mathematically beat the party that only votes for one day," Tracy said.

Later he contended it wasn't a shift in party strategy and Republicans had embraced vote-bymail in previous elections, even though "it's really hard to have a safe or secure election vote by mail."

"But that is the rule in Illinois," he said. "We gotta live by the rules before we can change it to a more fair, secure election system."

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Trump, Rauner, Policy Wins on Democrats' Minds During State Fair's Political Festivities

Pritzker calls Illinois a 'beacon for national success' when it comes to 2024 elections

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Donald Trump and Bruce Rauner remained popular punching bags for Illinois Democrats as they rallied in Springfield Wednesday, while the party also touted a long list of recent policy wins.

"Illinois Democrats have done more in the last five years to push back on the wave of authoritarian, anti-democratic MAGA Republican nonsense than in any other place in the country," Gov. JB Pritzker said at an Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association event.

The annual brunch is one of the largest gatherings of state Democrats, which takes place prior to Governor's Day festivities at the Illinois State Fair. Republicans will have their own rally on Thursday.

Democrats highlighted that Trump is currently facing four criminal indictments, including allegations that he tried to overturn the 2020 election after he was defeated by President Joe Biden. On Monday, a grand jury in Georgia charged Trump and 18 others on racketeering counts, alleging that the effort to overturn the election in that state were part of an organized conspiracy.

"Let me make one thing clear: Everyone indicted or accused in America is entitled to a presumption of innocence and every right under the due process clause of our Constitution," U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, said at the IDCCA event. "But having said that, the charges against Donald Trump are not just another political wrinkle in the campaign – the charges against Donald Trump are the most serious charges ever made

against a public official in America."

Pritzker said
Illinoisans rejected
Trump and statewide
candidates that
associated themselves
with him because
Illinoisans "have a low
tolerance for bullshit,"
riling up the crowd at

the Bank of Springfield convention center.

"You know the old story about the emperor who had no clothes?" Pritzker said. "Well, he couldn't get 10 feet in the South Side Irish Parade or in the Bud Billiken parade or at the State Fair without someone here telling him he's naked."

Pritzker contended that Illinois' rejection of Trump, along with its actions to bolster unions, protect abortion rights and control guns, all contributed to Illinois being chosen as the site of the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

"We are a beacon for national success," Pritzker said. "We are Barbie when everyone else is just Ken."

As for Rauner, Pritzker referred to his predecessor's administration as "co-conspirators of incompetence." And Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, recalled "the bad old days when Gov. Rauner was here and everything was broken," referring to a line often used by Rauner to describe state government.

Harmon and House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, took the stage together, listing off Democratic policy wins, from increased education funding to balanced state budgets to energy reforms aimed at creating a carbon-free energy grid by 2045.

"You won't hear anything of substance from the Republicans tomorrow," Welch said. "And that's because they want to take us back. But we refuse to go back."

Still, the speeches were shorter and milder than previous iterations of the State Fair's political days, as the next general election is 15 months away.

The IDCCA event's featured speaker was U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, D-Nevada. Her narrow reelection in 2022 helped Democrats keep a majority in the U.S. Senate.

She said her constituents were motivated by the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade decision, which had for nearly 50 years protected access to abortion care nationwide. Even though Nevada codified Roe v. Wade in state law in 1990, Cortez Masto said she heard from constituents who were concerned about a potential federal ban on the procedure.

"Everywhere I went around the state – I don't care if you were Democrat or Republican, non-partisan, I don't care if you're from an urban area or a rural area – everyone in Nevada was concerned," she said. "They knew this was a threat to our freedoms."

Cortez Masto said in 2024, "Democrats need to show up and stand with working families. We need to continue to work to protect our reproductive freedoms to fight for our democracy."

Durbin, meanwhile, said when it comes to Democratic enthusiasm for 2024, "a great deal depends on the Republican nominee."

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVID-

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVID-UAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 AC-QUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. 22 FC 46 UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JIMMY E. WOODARD; KIM-BERLY ANN TUREK AKA KIMBERLY A. TUREK AKA KIMBERLY TUREK INDIVIDUALLY AND EXECUTOR OF THE WILL OF JIMMY E. WOODARD; WENDY SHAVER; DONALD SHRIVER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JIMMY E. WOODARD; UNKNOWN OWN-ERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Fore-closure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, September 14, 2023, 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:

LOT FOUR (4) IN BLOCK THREE (3) IN COHOON'S ADDITION

TO BELVIDERE; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 815 WHITNEY BLVD, BELVIDERE, IL 61008. P.I.N. 05-36-111-010.

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

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 The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. 1446-184225

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC PLAINTIFF,

Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Floyd Singleton a/k/a Floyd D. Singleton, Deceased; Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Anaya Taylor a/k/a Anaya S. Taylor, Deceased; Candlewick Lake Association, Inc.; John Vincent La Bonte, Jr.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Floyd Singleton a/k/a Floyd D. Singleton, Deceased; Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Anaya Taylor a/k/a Anaya S. Taylor, Deceased; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Occupants.

Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT ONE HUNDRED FORTY THREE (143) IN CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 8, A SUBDIVISION SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, IN LINEST ACCOUNTY.

ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-3073; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 219 Thornhill Drive SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 Permanent Index No.: 03-27-155-018 and which said Mortgage was made by Floyd Singleton, unmarried man

and Anaya Taylor, unmarried woman Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Loandepot.com, LLC as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, Illinois, Document No. 2022R03354.

And for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, e-file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is September 16, 2023. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day 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 https://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, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 ILNOTICES@logs.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff,

-v.- 23 FC 12 BRADLEY L KAHL A/K/A BRADLEY KAHL A/K/A BRADLEY L HAHL, SR. A/K/A BRADLEY HE KAHL Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 18, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 20, 2023, 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 EIGHTEEN (18) AS DESIGNATED UPON SHEFFIELD GREEN PLAT NO. 7, PHASE III, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN PART OF

THE E 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 92-1144 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1411 12TH AVENUE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-35-331-020

The real estate is improved with a single family residence with a two

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

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 I AW

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

MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

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

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E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 23-14079IL_883562 Case Number: 23 FC 12

TJSC#: 43-2110

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 # 23 FC 12 I3227095

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
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22 FC 46 UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JIMMY E.WOODARD; KIM-BERLY ANN TUREK AKA KIMBERLY A. TUREK AKA KIMBERLY TUREK INDIVIDUALLY AND EXECUTOR OF THE WILL OF JIMMY E. WOODARD; WENDY SHAVER; DONALD SHRIVER AS SPECIAL ERPRESENTATIVE FOR JIMMY E. WOODARD; UNKNOWN OWN-ERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, NOTICE OF SALE

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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 The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. 1446-184225
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,

-v.- 23 FC 17 JEFFREY LYLE STAPLETON A/K/A JEFFREY L. STAPLETON, WYVONDA L. STAPLETON Defendant NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 13, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 28, 2023, 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 188 AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 4 OF PRAIRIE GREEN OF POPLAR GROVE, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH WAS RECORDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AS DOCUMENT 2004R11613 IN PLAT INDEX FILE ENVELOPE 303-B IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 542 SPRINGMEADOW DRIVE, POPLAR

Property Index No. 05-11-227-021

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$249,641.38.

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).

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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 22-097965.

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7 day status report of pending sales. LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301 Bannockburn IL, 60015 E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com Attorney File No. 22-097965 Case Number: 23 FC 17

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, Belvidere City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 upon the following:

Application of Alliance Development Corp., 1510 N. Country Club Parkway, PO Box 1015, Elkhorn, WI 53121 on behalf of the property owner, Donald Busch, 6677 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 for a special use to permit a planned development in the HI, Heavy Industrial District (pending annexation and rezoning approval) at 1686 US Route 20, Belvidere, IL 61008. The planned development will allow for the following departures: Section 150.105(C)(9)(G)(2) (E) allowing for the maximum primary building height to be increased from 45 feet to 90 feet; Section 150.105(C)(9)(B)(2) allowing for non-building mounted solar installations for export of energy for use by a Public Utility; Section 150.105(C)(9)(G)(2)(C) allowing for the minimum pavement setback to be reduced from five feet to zero feet in order to allow for a cross-access drive;

Table 150.604 allowing for the required building foundation landscaping to be installed elsewhere on the subject property; Section 150.702(J) allowing for the maximum width of the combined three driveways with flares to be increased from 45 feet to 275 feet; Section 150.707(E)(1) allowing the maximum luminaire height to be increased from 30 feet to 50 feet; Section 150.716(C)(1) allowing for the waiver of screening mechanical equipment; Section 150.1003 allowing for the maximum size of direction signs to be increased from 3 square feet to 100 square feet; Section 150.1003 allowing for the maximum size of a logo on a directional sign to be increased form 1 squarefoot to 35 square feet; Section 150.1006 allowing for the maximum height of a directional sign to be increased from five feet to 8.5 feet; Sections 98.22/151.41(E)(2)/151.65(1) allowing for the waiver of installing sidewalks in the public right-of-way; Section 118.132 allowing for grasses and native plantings to exceed 8 inches in height in the undeveloped portions of the property; and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures. The planned development is being requested in order to construct a distribution center. The subject property is legally described as:

Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 32, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the third principal Meridian, Boone County, Illinois, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast quarter of said section 32; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 56 seconds East along the West line of said Southeast quarter, a distance of 130.00 feet to the point of beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land; thence continuing North 00 degrees 15 minutes 56 seconds East along said West line, a distance of 1563.47 feet (1507.42 feet deeded) to a point on the Southerly right-of-way line of a railroad designated Union Pacific Railroad (formerly the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad); thence North 75 degrees 03 minutes 18 seconds East along said Southerly rightof-way line. A distance of 2066.96 feet (2074.86 feet deeded) to the East Line of the West-half of the East-half of said Southeast quarter; thence South 00 degrees 32 minutes 02 seconds West along said East line a distance of 1994.31 feet (1929.53 feet deeded); thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds West. Parallel with the Northerly right-of-way line of a public road designated U.S. Route 20, a distance of 84.06 feet; thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 16 seconds East, perpendicular with the last described course, a distance of 90.00 feet to a point on the Northerly right-of-way line of U.S. Route 20; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds West along said Northerly right-a-way line, a distance of 1902.25 feet (1901.7 feet deeded) to the point of beginning. All situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois. PIN: 05-32-400-007.

All persons interested in the petitions may attend and be heard at the stated time and place

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Carl Gnewuch, Chairman,

Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission

The Boone County Housing Authority has updated the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan . A 30 day comment period has been established beginning 08/21/2023 Throughout 09/11/2023. Throughout the public comment period, the plans may be seen at 2031 N State Street Belvidere, IL 61008 during normal business hours. A public hearing will be held on 0915/2023 at 9:00 am at 2036 N. State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008. Any comments should be submitted in writing to the attention of Debbie Alfredson, Deputy Director and delivered to 2036 N. State

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Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District #100, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry Counties, Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Board of Education offices, 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois from and after 8:00 a.m. on the 25th day of August, 2023.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 26th day of September, 2023, at the Board of Education offices, 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2023.

Board of Education

Community Unit School District #100, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry Counties, Illinois

Jorge Herrera

Secretary, Board of Education

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF,

NO. 23 FC 60

Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Mary L. Cox, Deceased; Candlewick Lake Association, Inc.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS

PUBLICATION NOTICE The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Mary L. Cox, Deceased; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Occupants.

Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain

Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT NUMBER 62 IN UNIT NUMBER 8 OF THE CANDLEWICK LAKE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-3073 IN THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE IN SAID COUNTY, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 313 Briar Cliff Street SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 Permanent Index No.: 03-27-317-012

and which said Mortgage was made by Mary L. Cox Mortgagors, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, Illinois, Document No. 2021R07504. And for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court

against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending. Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, e-file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is SEPTEMBER 25, 2023. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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Application of Alliance Development Corp, 1510 N. Country Club Parkway, PO Box 1015, Elkhorn, WI 53121 on behalf of the property owner, Donald Busch, 6677 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 for a map amendment (rezoning) on approximately 86 acres commonly known as 1686 US Route 20, Belvidere, IL 61008 from RH, Rural Holding District (pending annexation) to HI, Heavy Industrial District pursuant to the Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Section 150.903 Amendment to Official Zoning Map. The subject property is legally described as:

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All persons interested in the petitions may attend and be heard at the stated time and place.

Carl Gnewuch, Chairman,

Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission

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Notice

The following amount must be paid no later than 5 p.m. September 7, 2023. FULL payment of CASH or MONEY ORDER ONLY, accepted by APPOINTMENT at:

Danndi Storage 13537 IL Rte. 76 Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Or the contents of the below listed units, located at 13511 Harvest Way, Poplar Grove, IL., will be sold at auction or otherwise disposed of on or any day after June 4, 2022.

Marion Berntsen - Unit #137 - Amount due 827.12 plus advertising Published in The Boone County Journal: 8/24, 8/31/2023

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ASSUMED NAMES

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

No. DBA4165 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a TRUCKING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of KJE TRUCKING that its location is or will be 14983 KB ROAD, in Capron 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: 815-651-7051

Kenneth Eichholz, 14983 KB Road, Capron, Illinois 61012

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: August 11, 2023

Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder Published in Boone County Journal 8/17, 8/24, 8/31 - P

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

No. DBA4164 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a EQUESTRIAN business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of PRO EQUO SADDLERY that its location is or will be 524 HUNTER ROAD, in Caledonia 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: 815-312-6612 Kelly Joesten Theisen, 524 Hunter Road, Caledonia, Illinois 61011

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: August 10, 2023

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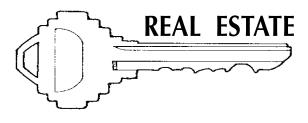
No. DBA4166 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a GENERAL business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of MLCH HOLDINGS that its location is or will be 1110 EAST MADISON STREET, in BELVIDERE in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) 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: 779-203-2980 MICHAEL JOSEPH HAVENS, 1110 EAST MADISON STREET BELVIDERE, IL 61008

LISA CAROL HAVENS, 1110 EAST MADISON STREET BELVIDERE, IL 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: August 23, 2023 Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder Published in Boone County Journal 08/24, 31 09/07



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDI-VIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff,

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JIMMY E.WOODARD; KIMBERLY ANN TUREK AKA KIMBERLY A. TUREK AKA KIMBERLY TUREK INDIVIDUALLY AND EXECUTOR OF THE WILL OF JIMMY E. WOODARD; WENDY SHAVER; DONALD SHRIVER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JIMMY E. WOODARD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Fore-closure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, September 14, 2023, 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:
Commonly known as 815 WHITNEY BLVD, BELVIDERE, IL 61008.
P.I.N. 05-36-111-010.

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

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by

rtified funds. No refunds The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz

Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. 1446-184225

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

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff,

PEINT IMAC LOAN SERVICES, ELECTIONISM,
-v.- 23 FC 12

BRADLEY L KAHL A/K/A BRADLEY KAHL A/K/A BRADLEY L

HAHL, SR. A/K/A BRADLEY HE KAHL Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of

Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 18, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 20, 2023, 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 1411 12TH AVENUE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-35-331-020

The real estate is improved with a single family residence with a two car garage.

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 Con-

dominium 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 FORECLO-SURE 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

MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a

7 day status report of pending sales.
MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC

One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200

Chicago IL, 60602 312-346-9088

E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com

Attorney File No. 23-14079IL_883562 Case Number: 23 FC 12

TJSC#: 43-2110

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 # 23 FC 12 I3227095

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,
-v.- 23 FC 17

JEFFREY LYLE STAPLETON A/K/A JEFFREY L. STAPLETON,
WYVONDA L. STAPLETON Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 13, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 28, 2023, 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 542 SPRINGMEADOW DRIVE, POPLAR GROVE. IL 61065

Property Index No. 05-11-227-021

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$249,641.38.
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.

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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 22-09796 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

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LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301 Bannockburn IL, 60015 E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com Attorney File No. 22-097965

Case Number: 23 FC 17

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Democrats

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"If it turns out to be Trump, trust me, we'll be fired up and ready to go."

He later clarified that he expects enthusiasm regardless of the candidate, but he acknowledged, "Trump takes us to a different level."

The Democrats' fair festivities in Springfield were ongoing at the same time as the federal perjury trial of the party's longtime executive director, Tim Mapes, who left that post in 2018 amid harassment allegations.

Mapes also served as the chief of staff to former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan for more than 25 years, and his perjury charges pertain to the alleged wrongdoing of his former boss. Madigan faces his own federal trial in April 2024 on allegations that he ran a criminal enterprise through his various positions of power, exchanging legislative wins in Springfield for benefits to his law business and his associates.

Asked about those indictments, the party's current leadership has largely said they are looking forward, not backward, and that all bad actors should be held accountable.

"I'm not gonna deny we have our, you know – is there corruption? It's there, but they've got their day in court," Democratic Party of Illinois Chair Lisa Hernandez said in an interview. "My concentration is bringing this party to another level. It's a new chapter."

Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias said he

didn't ever consider Madigan among his fans, and the former speaker's name "doesn't really come up" as his office is looking for ways to increase transparency.

"Yeah, I think people are sick and tired of scandal corruption," he said. "So anything we can do to increase transparency and let people know exactly what happens at every level is important."

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