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Is There Value in Our Heritage?

David Larson

Why do we find these photographs interesting?

The children shown above were assembled in front of the American flag on a spring day as they took a break from classes at the original Washington School. The chance to get outside and away from the blackboard and Miss Julia Sullivan, who stood on the far right and ran her classes with a firm hand, making certain that everyone knew what three times six was, for some, reason enough to suffer through the class photograph.

The children were in the various grades there before advancing to high school classes. In the late 1800s, there were no junior high schools or middle schools, and they were not even a thought on the mind of any teacher.

But there was a problem for some with sitting for the photograph. The picture was shot late in the 1800s when many children and adults had limited wardrobes. Though word was given the day before that the photographer would arrive to shoot the class picture, some forgot the impending event anyway. If those that forgot cared about the class photograph, they could do nothing about the situation except to spend a little more time in the bathroom with water and a comb in front of the mirror to set their hair before assuming their pose.

Then the interminable process of arranging everyone according to height followed and the photographer had to decide where to place Miss Sullivan and, in particular, John Lawson.

Mr. Lawson distinguished himself in the school system of that age as a man that did a lot to keep the schools open. He was the man that was called when problems occurred with the water in the chemistry lab. If there was a problem with the heat, he made certain that everyone was warm. He also sensed problems with most mechanical devices and knew how to repair the problem so that life moved on without interruption. Some call such sensitivity a gift and, yes, it was a gift. Mr. Lawson was always included in the class photograph as if to assert that he deserved to be recognized.

Today his residency in Belvidere is memorialized in a mural on North State Street. It is interesting to note a young Afro-American girl on the right side of the photo. Other black families must have lived here then after the Civil War.

The inclusion of Mr. Lawson said more

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Belvidere South Washington School - Room Number 4 shown on the sign



Belvidere South Washington School staff

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Goodbye
Perry School



Dennis Lee Osterberg

Dennis Lee Osterberg, adoring husband and partner of Rebecca Osterberg, passed away on April 6, 2026 in Madison, Wisconsin, Dane County. He was 77.

His death, at William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, following a brief ICU hospitalization, was attributed to a severe and long-time pulmonary illness his doctors correlated to military exposure to Agent Orange. In the presence of his family, Dennis was offered a final salute at the hospital's nurses station as Taps played during the emotional farewell.

Dennis is survived by Rebecca; his children and grandchildren: Matthew and Rebecca Keller (Luke), Tina Little (Sehana Llean), Joshua and Stacey Osterberg (Sariya, Maddox, Sofie and Collins), Jacob and Kelly Osterberg (Reese and Theo), his dear friend and the mother of his children, Gail Osterberg; his brother Robert Osterberg, his sisters-in-law Sharon Osterberg and Cindy Osterberg and countless family, from his cousins to his nieces and nephews, to his brothers and sisters-in-law, who he considered his own.

He was born on November 22, 1948 to Russell and Maxine (Freitag) Osterberg. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings Gary (died in infancy), Mary (Terry) White, Dale (Sharon) Osterberg, Brian (Cindy) Osterberg, and his sister-in-law Valerie (Robert) Osterberg. He crosses the infamous Rainbow Bridge to join Tippy, StarBuck, SmokeyBear and Archer, his adored canines.

Dennis served as a light weapons infantryman in the 1st Cavalry Division, 2nd of the 7th U.S. Cavalry, as part of the first U.S. Army troops deployed to Vietnam. In a valiant act of love and brotherhood, Dennis demonstrated selflessness and care to a fellow soldier. When his outpost was attacked, and his dear friend Vernon Rainey was shot, Dennis carried him to a helicopter with consciously caring and disciplined demeanor.

While his friend passed away, the act of not leaving anyone behind lived on in the memories of those who recall the situation.

His military awards and recognitions include: The National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster Air Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Sharpshooter (Rifle), Sharpshooter (M60 MG), Sharpshooter (Pistol), Expert (M-79 GL). Dennis was deeply appreciative of his fellow veterans for "being there with and for me," including Lonnie L. Leech, Dean Reisch, Ron Montgomery, James Ferrone, and Vern Rainey.

Dennis, affectionately known as Denny, was a 1966 graduate of Belvidere High School, and studied at Northern Illinois University. He worked in the aerospace and defense sector following his military service, dedicating decades of his professional career to Textron and Woodward Governor. Dennis was "a trusted advisor, decision maker, and a key player in the day-to-day operations as well as providing unique strategic input for complete reorganization of the operations... that made us one of the most productive organizations that eventually ended up in Woodward," according to his former supervisor and friend, Bill Neely.

An advocate for mental healthcare in his retirement, Dennis was active in a Vietnam Veteran mental health support group in Northern Illinois. In previous years, he coached baseball, volunteered as a swim officiant for the YMCA, and loved all of Chicago's sports teams.

Dennis, an avid fisherman since his youth, felt most alive with a fishing pole in hand at his family's vacation home at Big Rock Resort on Leech Lake. He and Rebecca bought a spot where he spent his youth. He loved woodpeckers, hummingbirds and any other birds that made themselves visible at his feeder stations there or at home. Squirrels and Dennis, however, they didn't see eye to eye. He was known to feel like a kid while on the water – especially when in the company of Rebecca, his children and his grandchildren. Some of his favorite catches included jumbo perch, northern pike, walleye, smallmouth and rock bass.

Dennis was a tissue donor and his gift will offer life to others. Those who are interested in becoming tissue and organ donors are encouraged to register in his honor.

Join in honoring the life of Dennis at the 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. visitation on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at the Belvidere Funeral Home, 203 Logan Ave., in Belvidere, Ill with a service and military honor guard ceremony at 2 p.m. A late lunch will follow at the Belvidere VFW Hall, 1310 W. Lincoln Ave., of which he was a lifetime member. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2026 at East Bonus Cemetery, 10732 County Road 11, in Garden Prairie, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, tribute donations are requested to be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org.

His family thanks the VA doctors, nurses, and staff for the support, dignity, and care they provided to him in his final days.

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School

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about the teachers than it said about the day. Remember, in the 1870s, people of different races and different ethnic backgrounds were not always welcomed in quite the same way they are today. The original sin of slavery had infected even the minds of many Northerners. The problems of Reconstruction in the South in the 1870s (despite the radical Republicans and President Grant), had made the North tired of the conflict which had taken the lives of so many of their own. Mr. Lawson must have been considered a "colleague" by these professional teachers for him to have been included in the annual "class photographs."

Mr. Lawson would have especially remembered those spring days because he was said to have had a memory for facts.

The lower photograph had the teachers from Belvidere South High School who taught there at about the same time in the late 1800s. This photograph was their class yearbook in one image.

A century-plus-ago, Belvidere already had two high schools. There was Belvidere North on North Main Street at the courthouse square, and Belvidere South High School on Pearl Street. The men and women shown in the photograph above were the faculty of the Belvidere South High School on one unidentified spring day in the late 1800s. The full faculty of the school posed there as 12 women and one man. The other gentleman in the photograph stood in the center of the back row. He was John Lawson, the school janitor, as mentioned above.

Being a teacher was one of a small number of jobs that women typically held in that era at the end of the 19th Century. In those days women served as teachers, nurses, and as

secretaries.

The women who taught at Belvidere South High School were focused on their work. They were taught that the rote method of education would produce an educated person. And in the late 1800s, the variety of courses available were limited.

It was the time when industrial education was born. A time which invented the Pledge of Allegiance to cultivate patriotism in immigrant children. The building of a myth, partly true and partly false, aimed at creating a national identity. Late 19th Century education focused on teaching children how to read and how to write with proper spelling and grammar, how to calculate mathematically, to become aware of the sciences, and to learn to skip across the clouds of philosophic and patriotic thought.

Mr. Lawson was a valuable member of the educational team and most likely possessed some of the wisdom that the teachers sought to teach their students. There was no denying his and their understanding of the mutual respect they must have had for each other. Even though he did not manage a classroom, Mr. Lawson was treated as if he had a hand in the education of students; the teachers must have understood that was an asset

within his character.

Today the debate in District 100 is about the viability of Perry School. Recently the District chose to close Perry School. Perry School lacked the accoutrements of the newer schools in Belvidere. Those schools, however cannot capture the historical heritage that Perry School offered the district. Perry School's presence recalls the educational progress and educational tradition of Belvidere. Educational excellence is a value that District 100 has struggled with for decades. It cannot be denied that our test scores are in the basement, and we that have made no progress in solving the problem. Bean counters have had their shot and have yet to hit their target. Culture plays a role in educational excellence, as does faculty and administration. Perry may have been a corner stone of that culture positiveness.

What is the goal of this district?



State Education Officials Present \$10.9B Budget Request to Fund Public Schools

Evidence-Based Funding formula designed to shift cost burden away from local property taxes

Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

State education officials presented their case this week for a \$10.9 billion budget to fund pre K-12 public schools for the next fiscal year, saying the Evidence-Based Funding formula that has been in place for nearly a decade is now paying dividends.

"Graduation rates are at a 15-year high," Steven Isoye, chair of the Illinois State Board of

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Ed Funding

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Education, told a House budget committee Tuesday. “Achievement gaps are narrowing. Student growth exceeds pre-pandemic levels and Illinois eighth graders now outperform national averages in reading and math.”

Funding for public schools is one of the largest single categories in the state’s annual budget, accounting for nearly one-fifth of all state general revenue fund spending.

State Superintendent of Education Tony Sanders said ISBE’s request for FY 2027, at \$10.9 billion, represents a reduction of \$278.5 million from this year, due mainly to the transfer of early childhood block grants to the new Department of Early Childhood. After accounting for that shift, he said, the request represents a net \$469.7 million increase for other areas of pre K-12 education.

“We are very conscious of the state’s tight fiscal environment, and so we prioritized the most crucial funding streams and those investments that will have the most direct impact on student success,” Sanders said.

The upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1, will mark the 10th year of funding under the Evidence-Based Funding formula that lawmakers approved in 2017. That formula is intended to shift a greater share of the cost of funding public schools onto the state, and away from local property taxes.

The plan called for adding at least \$300 million in new state funding to public schools each year, plus an additional \$50 million in property tax relief grants for certain high-tax districts.

It was also intended to achieve greater equity in school funding by establishing an “adequacy target” for each school district — an estimate of how much it should cost to operate the district, based on cost-related factors like student enrollment, poverty rates and the percentage of English language learners in the district — and giving the bulk of the new funding to districts with the greatest financial need.

Since enactment of that law, general revenue fund spending for public schools has grown from \$8.2 billion in Fiscal Year 2018 to nearly \$11.2 billion this year. Also during that time, Isoye said, out of 851 school districts in the state, the number that are funded at or above 90% of their adequacy target has grown from 194 to 313.

ISBE’s request includes the full \$350 million for Evidence-Based Funding and property tax relief grants as well as increases in transportation and other mandated categories of spending that are not covered by the EBF formula.

That request is higher than Gov. JB Pritzker’s proposed budget which, for the second straight year, did not include funding for the property tax relief grants.

Speaking to reporters at a news conference in March, Pritzker said he was committed to addressing the inequities in the property tax rates people pay to fund their local schools, but he did not believe the relief grants called for in the EBF law were addressing the issue.

“We’ve got to figure out, how do we do that better, and I don’t think we have the answer quite yet,” Pritzker said. “But it didn’t seem appropriate for us to just throw the money into the program without having a better potential outcome.”

Republicans on the appropriations panel ques-

tioned why the increased spending under the EBF system hasn’t resulted in lower property taxes throughout the state.

“I’m just wondering, if they’re 90% adequate, and we’ve got probably 25% of the schools in the state of Illinois that are at full financial adequacy, why aren’t we seeing property taxes come down?” asked Rep. Blaine Wilhour, R-Beecher City.

“I know that Evidence-Based Funding has been a great boon for school districts across the state,” Sanders replied. “We still do not have all school districts to 90% or greater. We still have a lot of districts that are far away from 90% adequacy.”

Sanders also pointed to the other mandated categories of spending such as transportation, for which the state only pays prorated portion of the total cost.

“So as costs increase for fuel, bus driver salaries, special education salaries — when the state’s share is not made up, then it has to go someplace,” he said. “You don’t pick that up through your Evidence-Based Funding formula, so you turn to your local property taxpayers.”

The committee took no action on the budget request. The panel’s ultimate recommendation for pre K-12 school funding will be included in the final budget bill that lawmakers will vote on at the end of the legislative session, which is scheduled to conclude May 31.

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Waymo Begins Testing In Chicago as Bill Seeks to Legalize Autonomous Vehicles

Labor, driving unions are raising concerns over safety, job loss

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In Downtown Chicago, people have been spotting Google’s Waymo automated vehicles testing and mapping the Windy City’s streets. For now, the autonomous vehicles must be driven by a human, as the industry seeks the endorsement of state lawmakers.

For the last year, legislators in Springfield have been trying to work through a variety of issues raised by skeptics of the autonomous vehicles, known as AVs. Rep. Kam Buckner, D-Chicago, said AV legislation has a long road ahead to address constituent concerns over safety, insurance and job losses for rideshare and cab drivers.

In January, he introduced the Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Project Act, which would open counties in Illinois with over 1 million residents, as well as the counties of Sangamon, Madison, St. Clair, and Monroe, to automated commercial vehicles. But the bill has since been held up in the Rules Committee, an early step in the process

that means it’s far from passage, especially in the current legislative session. Other bills supporting the industry also have yet to get the necessary support.

While Waymo has started testing its vehicles with safety drivers in Chicago, the company has not yet announced plans to bring the robotaxis to counties other than Cook, according to Waymo spokesperson Chris Bonelli.

Automated Vehicle legislation in Illinois

Waymo only fully operates in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia and Texas — warm weather states where concerns about handling icy conditions are not as big an issue.

The company has faced significant questions over the safety of its vehicles and fully automated taxis. A subsidiary of Alphabet, Waymo is under multiple federal investigations for traffic violations, including illegally passing stopped school buses. Company vehicles have also made headlines for blocking emergency vehicles and hitting a child near an elementary school.

In a statement, Bonelli said Waymo is committed to “continuous improvement,” adding, “While rare incidents will occur over the more than four million miles we drive every week, our entire fleet can learn from these events and continue to make our roads safer.”

According to company data, Waymo vehicles are involved in 92% fewer crashes with serious injuries compared to an average human driver in the same city.

Among some legislators and observers, it seems a matter of time before legislative compromises eventually produce a bill that will pass to allow AVs to operate without the safety drivers.

Rep. Brad Stephens, a Republican who is also the mayor of suburban Rosemont, introduced his own AV bill last Spring. He said he sees a bright future for AVs in Illinois, but he acknowledged that it might not pass this session.

“It’s going to be a challenging two-and-a-half months with a lot of other issues,” Stephens said.

‘Still in the negotiation phase’

P.S. Sriraj, director of the Urban Transportation Center at University of Illinois Chicago, outlined a host of challenges for AV safety in the state, but he also said he believes the vehicles eventually will become part of life here.

State officials, he said, should look for ways to implement new automations responsibly.

The public benefit of AVs includes widening options for people who live in areas where there are few rideshare drivers or taxis. People with mental or physical disabilities around the state also could greatly benefit from AVs.

“All of the mobility needs of a population are so diverse that these types of technological advancements could play a role,” Sriraj said.

But, like others, he said he understands there are real concerns about safety, especially if AVs are to be allowed in smaller towns and counties.

“If the infrastructure is not set up to support this kind of a technology, for example, if there is no lane marking visible, at least to the naked eye, on a rural road, then what will happen to the technology?” he said.

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Labor lobbyist groups are at the forefront of opposition to Waymo, arguing that automation will threaten driver and laborer jobs.

Ronnie Gonzalez, a representative of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said it's vital that labor is part of the conversation before any legislation is passed.

"In labor, throughout the industrial revolution, we've been watching technology replace workers year after year, and it's only sped up in the recent decade," Gonzalez said. "The realization is it's going to happen, so having a seat at the table lobbying for legislation that implements the use of autonomous vehicles responsibly, that is mindful of workers, mindful of safety, is what labor is pushing for."

His association is part of the Illinois Drivers Alliance, a coalition of thousands of rideshare drivers across the state fighting for unionization. He said he hopes to engage in conversations with Buckner about specifics in the bill.

"We are still in the negotiation phase," Buckner said, "walking and talking through what the issues may be, what the concerns may be, and trying to find a way to arrive at a version of this bill that works for everybody."

'On a bigger scale than just driverless taxis'

Across labor unions, there is agreement that AVs could threaten some of the estimated 100,000 rideshare drivers. Marc Poulos, executive director of labor management operations at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150, said Waymo operations are just a step toward further automation of labor jobs.

"We need to be thinking of this on a bigger scale than just driverless taxis," he said. "Meaning it can impact whole industries like operating engineers and Teamsters and a whole bunch of others. Every time we just move to a technological advancement, we need to take into consideration, what does that mean to the overall economy?"

Sriraj said plans must be made to counteract any impact on the labor market: "If jobs are going to be reinvented, people will have to be retrained, and the corrective actions will always happen within society on their own," he said.

"At least until the 1970s, elevators had an elevator operator, and then people became accustomed to just punching a button and riding in an elevator on their own," he said. "Now there is no elevator operator job anywhere to be found. Did that mean that that section of population actually starved to death?"

Resistance to AVs in Illinois also includes two groups with differing constituents but similar concerns about safety.

Safety, insurance concerns

Tim Cavanagh, the president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, has spoken out about the need for requirements that AV operators have adequate insurance to cover any injuries or damage involving the cars.

"The current legislation doesn't speak to financial responsibility," Cavanagh said. "All it talks about is that they shall have at least the minimum requirement of insurance coverage."

But, he said, the minimums should be far higher for AVs, and the well-financed companies behind them, than they are for individuals.

Josh Witkowski, the president of the Illinois motorcyclist rights organization ABATE, also has voiced strong opposition to AV deployment in the state because of the risk he says they pose to motorcycles.

He also points to icy conditions and low visibility in Illinois, as well as poorly lit roads and street markings downstate as challenges for AV technology, which relies on cameras and sensors to safely navigate roadways.

In response to weather concerns, Bonelli said Waymo already serves in cities that receive annual snow with freezing temperatures.

"The Waymo Driver has proven it can generalize to new cities, and we'll continue to validate our performance for harsh winter weather conditions, such as those we'll experience in Chicago," Bonelli said.

He added, "Waymo has invested in weather testing since its earliest days as Google's Self-Driving Car Project, and we've regularly tested in various conditions from coast to coast, building our technology for all-season operations."

The past two winters, Bonelli said, Waymo has tested and validated its systems in multiple winter markets, including Detroit, New York City and Buffalo.

Witkowski said more work needs to be done to ensure a proper rollout of AVs, with an oversight panel and publicly available data.

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Madigan Appeals to The 7th Circuit Hoping To Overturn Conviction

Appeals court hears arguments as former speaker nears 6 months in prison

Hannah Meisel Capitol News Illinois

As former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan approaches six months in a West Virginia federal prison, the high-profile legal team he hired to handle his appeal made long-awaited arguments Thursday, urging the longtime Democratic power broker's conviction on bribery and other corruption charges be overturned.

Arguing to a 7th Circuit Court of Appeals panel, lawyer Amy Saharia said federal prosecutors' core legal theory — that Madigan and electric utility Commonwealth Edison were engaged in a reciprocal "quid pro quo" bribery relationship for eight years beginning in 2011 — was fundamentally flawed.

"The alleged 'quo' ... is far too vague," Saharia told the appellate judges.

Government attorneys had told the jury repeatedly during Madigan's four-month trial that ended last year that Madigan enjoyed a "stream of benefits" from ComEd, namely the hiring of the speaker's political allies, in exchange for his "official action" on ComEd's behalf in Springfield.

But Saharia drilled down on what defense lawyers argued just as often in the course of the trial: That despite hundreds of hours of wiretapped phone calls, hundreds of other pieces of evidence and testimony from dozens of witnesses, prosecutors never produced evidence of a quid-pro-quo agreement.

Additionally, evidence and testimony often pointed to Madigan blocking ComEd's legislative agenda in Springfield, with his deputies whittling down the company's demands over months of negotiations prior to approval of major energy-related legislation in 2011, 2013 and 2016.

Saharia also reminded the 7th Circuit panel that prosecutors' theory of the "alleged benefits" prosecutors said Madigan enjoyed were "far outside the typical ... bribery case."

"Speaker Madigan did not take cash from ComEd, he did not take Rolex watches, trips to Vegas, all the things you typically see in bribery cases," she said.

While prosecutors told the jury that was evidence of Madigan's sophistication as a participant in bribery, Saharia tried to paint it as the government grasping for straws. But 7th Circuit Judge Nancy Maldonado, an appointee of former President Joe Biden,

interrupted Saharia's argument that making job recommendations is something "that politicians do every day."

"But these weren't just job recommendations—you do acknowledge that, correct?" Maldonado asked, referring

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 THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 BOONE COUNTY,

601 NORTH MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
 ESTATE OF Patricia A. Sanford, DECEASED. 26 PR 13

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Cindy K. Barr Reilley, 9298 Easton View Court, Rockford, Illinois 61107, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Timothy A. Rocab, Huck Bouma PC, 1755 South Naperville Road, Suite 200, Wheaton, Illinois 60189.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before October 7, 2026, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

Timothy A. Rocab
 Huck Bouma P.C. (630)2862
 1755 South Naperville Road, Suite 200
 Wheaton, Illinois 60189
 (630)221-1755
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HEIDI SROGA, AS R/A FOR CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., ELIZABETH RENNER, KATHLEEN RENNER A/K/A KATHLEEN CALERO, DANIEL RENNER, OCCUPANT, JORGE CALERO A/K/A JORGE SALAZAR, JULIA RENNER, CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., DAVID LOPEZ QUIROZ, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOT. BOONE COUNTY CLERK TAX DEED NO. 2026TX3 FILED 2/11/2026

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone, State of Illinois
 Date Premises Sold 10/26/2023
 Certificate No. 2022-00065
 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2022

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

Warrant No. _____ N/A
 Inst. No. _____ N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at 1909 CANDLEWICK DR. SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL

Legal Description or Property Index No. 03-27-401-006
 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/22/2026

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

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/22/2026.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Belvidere, Illinois, on 8/25/2026 in the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. MAIN ST. BELVIDERE, IL 60108, Courtroom 3 at 9:00 A.M. VIA ZOOM www.Zoom.us/join MEETING ID #96397918024.

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

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/22/2026 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Boone County Clerk 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008 (815) 544-3103

INTERSTATE FUNDING CORP.
 PURCHASER or ASSIGNEE
 Dated: 2/20/2026
 Published in The Boone County Journal March 31, April 7, 14

TO: STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, LIEN UNIT, SAMANTHA SILVESTRI, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, S/I/ TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL, ROBERT WISNIEWSKI, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, OCCUPANT, DISTRICT DIRECTOR-I.R.S., CHERYL SILVESTRI, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOT. BOONE COUNTY CLERK TAX DEED NO. 2026TX4 FILED 2/11/2026

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold 10/26/2023
 Certificate No. 2022-00222
 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2022
 Sold for Special Assessment of N/A (municipality) and Special Assessment Number N/A
 Warrant No. _____ N/A
 Inst. No. _____ N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at 1811 BRIDGEWATER DR., BELVIDERE, IL
 Legal Description or Property Index No. 06-30-353-012

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/22/2026

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

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 Boone County Clerk
 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 103
 Belvidere, IL 61008
 (815) 544-3103
 INTERSTATE FUNDING CORP.
 PURCHASER or ASSIGNEE
 Dated: 2/20/2026
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 BOONE COUNTY
 PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of: **JOHN ROBERT DANIS, Decedent 2026-PR-11**

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of JOHN ROBERT DANIS, who died on January 10, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on March 16, 2026, to Stephen D. Lundgren, of 1628 Hidden Creek Lane, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, who is the Executor of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Douglas R. Henry, of Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley & Van

Evera, LLP, 6833 Stalter Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61108.

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before September 30, 2026, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Copies of claims filed with the Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office, Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the Estate Executor and to his/her attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: March 26, 2026
 /s/ Stephen D. Lundgren, Executor
 DOUGLAS R. HENRY - #6229426
 BARRICK, SWITZER, LONG,
 BALSLEY & VAN EVERA, LLP
 6833 Stalter Drive
 P.O. Box 17109
 Rockford, IL 61110-7109
 (815) 962-6611
 dhenry@bslbv.com

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

Village of Poplar Grove, Plaintiff
 v. Case No. 2026-CH-2

Louis Tenore, Jr., Defendant
 NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Louis Tenore, Jr.

That this case has been commenced in this Court, and you are an interested party in this matter. A COMPLAINT FOR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE has been filed in this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your appearance and responsive pleading in this case in Office of the Clerk of the Court, located at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 on or before May 21, 2026, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND THE COMPLAINT FOR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE MAY BE GRANTED IN ABSENTIA.

Prepared by:
 Aaron Szeto (#6284104)
 Sosnowski Szeto, LLP
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 6735 Vistagreen Way, Suite 300
 Rockford, IL 61107

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

PUBLICATION NOTICE In The Interest of CHARLOTTE BORN, minor No. 24-JA-16

To: Nicholas Born, All Unknown Fathers, All Whom It May Concern ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on March 26th, 2026, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Attorney Tricia Smith, Boone County States Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of CHARLOTTE BORN, a minor. At the Boone County Courthouse, located at 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, on May 14th, 2026 at 2:00 PM CDT, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the Petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an Amended Petition or a Motion to Terminate Parental Rights. Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the Petition, the allegations of the Petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an Order or Judgment entered.

Dated: March 30, 2026
 Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee on Behalf of CSMC 2018-RPL12 Trust, Plaintiff, Vs. 2026FC9

Michele L Walters, unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
MICHELE L WALTERS**

UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

LOT NINETY-NINE (99) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF FARMINGTON FIELDS EAST UNIT TWO, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS RECORDED SEPTEMBER 27, 2006 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2006R10644 IN PLAT FILE ENVELOPE 358-A IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1683 PARKSIDE DRIVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

PIN # 06-31-478-006

and which said Mortgage was made by:

JASON WALTERS AND MICHELE L WALTERS HUSBAND AND WIFE, the Mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage a Division of National City Bank

as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of BOONE County, IL, as Document No. 2007R06031; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, on or before May 7, 2026 A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: APRIL 8, 2026
PROJECT: RE-ROOFING OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPLEX OF BOONE COUNTY
LOCATION: 111 WEST FIRST STREET BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008
OWNER: COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPLEX COMMITTEE OF BOONE COUNTY
111 WEST FIRST STREET
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008
ARCHITECT: OLLMANN ERNEST MARTIN ARCHITECTS 200 SOUTH STATE STREET
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008
TEL: 815/ 544-7790
FAX: 815/ 544-7792

SCOPE: BIDS FOR SINGLE CONTRACT INCLUDING: GENERAL WORK RE-ROOFING WORK
HVAC WORK ELECTRICAL WORK

DATE DUE: SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 PM ON THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026 AT THE OFFICE OF THE OWNER AND WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ ALOUD AT THAT TIME.

PRE-BID MEETINGS: ALL PROSPECTIVE GENERAL CONTRACTORS ARE REQUIRED AND SUBCONTRACTORS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PRE-BID MEETING AT 2:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026 AT THE PROJECT SITE.

SITE INSPECTION: ALL PROSPECTIVE GENERAL CONTRACTORS ARE REQUIRED TO INSPECT THE EXISTING CONDITIONS AT THE PROJECT SITE, PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A BID. PROSPECTIVE GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS 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 LOCATIONS:
OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT BELVIDERE, IL
NIBCA ROCKFORD, IL

BIDDING DOCUMENTS MAY BE SECURED FROM THE PRINTER: YCS PRINTING, INC.
305 E. RIVERSIDE BLVD., LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS 61111 PH: 815-636-2058

EMAIL: print@ycsprinting.com WWW: ycsprinting.com

BIDDING DOCUMENTS: BIDDERS MAY PURCHASE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS DIRECTLY FROM THE PRINTER AT THE PRINTER'S STANDARD CHARGE FOR HANDLING AND PRINTING. BIDDERS MAY ALSO REQUEST A PDF COPY OF THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT, (AFTER RECEIVING HARDCOPY SETS OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS FROM PRINTER) FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING REPRODUCTIONS PURSUANT TO SPECIFICATION SECTION 000111 "OWNERSHIP AND USE OF INSTRUMENTS OF SERVICE".

TO BECOME A PLANHOLDER, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO PRINTING SERVICE FOR HARD COPIES OR GMORRIS@OARCH.COM FOR PDF DOCUMENTS TO BE SHATED.

- CONTACT NAME, COMPANY NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER

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 A PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT SET BY THE OWNER. BID SECURITIES WILL BE RETURNED TO ALL OTHER BIDDERS WHEN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FILES A PROPER PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND AND THE CONTRACT IS EXECUTED BY THE OWNER. IF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FAILS TO FILE SUCH CONTRACT AND PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND, THE AMOUNT OF HIS BID SECURITY SHALL BE FORFEITED TO THE OWNER AS LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.

BONDS: 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 PERFORMED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL LAWS AND LAWS OF THE STATE AS WELL AS LOCAL ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE WORK HEREUNDER AND HAVING FORCE OF LAW.

TAXES: THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPLEX COMMITTEE OF BOONE COUNTY IS A TAX EXEMPT ENTITY.

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 THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPLEX COMMITTEE OF BOONE COUNTY
Published in The Boone County Journal 4/14/26

[gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp)"www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
223 W Jackson Blvd., Suite 610
Chicago, IL 60606

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Our File No.: 321101
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY

**PUBLICATION NOTICE in The Interest of VIOLET BORN, minor
No. 24-JA-15**

**To: Nicholas Born, All Unknown Fathers, All Whom It May Concern
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Take notice that on March 26th, 2026, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Attorney Tricia Smith, Boone County States Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of VIOLET BORN, a minor. At the Boone County Courthouse, located at 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, on May 14th, 2026 at 2:00 PM CDT, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the Petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an Amended Petition or a Motion to Terminate Parental Rights. Unless you appear at the hearing and show

cause against the Petition, the allegations of the Petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an Order or Judgment entered.

Dated: March 30, 2026

Pamela Coduto,
CIRCUIT CLERK

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOONE COUNTY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:

Amending Chapter 4 Design Criteria for Specific Uses of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance, revising Wind, Solar, and adding Energy Storage Systems. Amending the Use Table to include Commercial Wind, Commercial Solar, and Commercial Energy Storage as a Special Use in the A-1, I-1, and I-2 Zoning Districts, as well as section 1.2.3. Definitions.

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

Rick Schultz Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals
Published in the Boone County Journal on Tuesday April 14, 2026.

Public Hearing Notice

Meeting Date: April 20, 2026 at 11:00am

Agenda Item: Grant application to the Illinois Department of Transportation

Staff Contact: Erin Marshall, PCOM Grant Manager

Boone County Government will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 11:00am at the Boone County Administration Campus located at 1212 Logan Ave., Belvidere, IL 61008.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the grant application to the Illinois Department of Transportation for Section 5311 and Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) public transportation funding. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Karl Johnson

Boone County Board Chair

Published in the Boone County Journal on Tuesday April 14, 2026

Official Notice of Bid

Bids are now being accepted by the Boone County Conservation District (BCCD) for the construction of a 25kW AC Photovoltaic Solar System. Instructions, specifications, and proposal forms may be viewed and obtained at 603 N Appleton Rd., Belvidere IL 61008, Monday-Friday 8:00am-noon and 1pm-4:30pm or at www.bccdil.org. Bids will be opened on May 12th at 2p.m.(CST) 2026. The BCCD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Public hearing will be held prior to the scheduled meeting on April 28th.

Location: Village Hall 250 W. Main Street Capron IL 61012

Date and time: April 28th at 6:45pm

Village of Capron will be approving the budget for Fy 2027

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CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 001113

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: April 14, 2026

PROJECT: Pavement Replacement Project at North Boone Middle School for North Boone CUSD #200

LOCATIONS: North Boone Middle School
17641 Popular Grove Road
Popular Grove, Illinois 61065

OWNER: North Boone CUSD #200
6248 North Boone School Road
Popular Grove, Illinois 61065

ARCHITECT: Richard L. Johnson Associates, Inc.
4703 Charles Street
Rockford, Illinois 61108
(815) 398-1231
(815) 398-1280 FAX

SCOPE: Bids shall be submitted for all Work.

DATE DUE: Sealed bids will be received until 11:00am, Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at the office of the North Boone CUSD #200 School District and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

PRE-BID MEETING: All prospective Contractors are urged to attend a pre-bid meeting at 11:00am on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the North Boone CUSD #200 School District Office.

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

ACCESS TO BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Bidding Documents are on file for reference at the following locations: Office of the Architect Rockford, Illinois Bidding Documents may be secured from the office of the Architect. Plans and Specifications are available for download at www.rljarch.com under "Contractors".

DEPOSIT REQUIRED: Bidders may secure up to two (2) sets of bidding documents by submitting non-refundable check for \$100.00 per set, or \$150.00 per set if documents are to be mailed.

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

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

BID SECURITY: Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of at least 5% of the total amount of the base bid and all additive alternate bids. This may be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, bank draft, or bid bond, payable to the Owner as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract with the Owner and will furnish the proper performance and payment bond within the time limited by the Owner. If the successful bidder so files the contract and performance and payment bond, upon the execution of the contract by the Owner, the Bid Security will be returned to all bidders. If he/she fails to file such contract and performance and payment bond the amount of the Bid Security will be forfeited to the Owner as liquidated damages.

WAGE RULES: The general prevailing rate of wages in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker or mechanic needed to execute the contract will adhere to all Federal Laws and Laws of the State, and to all local ordinances and regulations applicable to the work hereunder, and having force of law.

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

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

By order of the Board of Education for North Boone CUSD #200.

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The following amount must be received in CASH or MONEY ORDER at the office of H&H Mini Unit Storage LLC, at 4760 IL RT. 173 Ste. 3, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Or the contents of the below listed units, located at 4760 IL Route 173, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 will be sold or otherwise disposed of on or after 05/01/2026.

Matthew Terril, 601 E Lincoln Ave, Belvidere IL 61008 for Unit B32 \$1,100.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

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ASSUMED NAMES

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

No. DBA4269 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a PUBLISHING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of BOONE COUNTY JOURNAL that its location is or will be 419 SOUTH STATE ST in BELVIDERE, IL 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: 815-544-4430
BOONE COUNTY PUBLICATIONS LLC 4 1 9
SOUTH STATE STREET BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: April 9, 2026

Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County
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Madigan from page 5

to the fact that five of Madigan's close political allies received no-work contracts totaling \$1.3 million in payments over eight years.

Saharia did acknowledge the contractors who received monthly checks for \$4,000 to \$5,000, but quickly pivoted to others that ComEd hired after a recommendation from Madigan who did perform actual work for the utility.

"It's not even clear exactly what the government thinks he agreed to in 2011," she said, referring to when the General Assembly passed legislation that changed how electric rates were set in Springfield, which ended up being a boon to ComEd.

It's also the year the utility approved the first no-work contract with a Madigan ally, former Chicago Ald. Frank Olivo of the speaker's native 13th Ward on the city's Southwest Side. Assistant U.S. Attorney Julia Schwartz also pointed out Thursday that ComEd finalized a contract with a law firm led by Madigan-allied fundraiser Victor Reyes "just one day before the final vote" on the key legislation.

Schwartz, who was part of the prosecution team that investigated Madigan and brought him to trial, told the 7th Circuit panel that the dual hirings in 2011 and ComEd's subsequent legislative success in Springfield "showed that from the outset, these were linked." Also present in the courtroom Thursday was former Assistant U.S. Attorney Amarjeet Bhachu, who led the decade-long investigation into Madigan and his inner circle and the subsequent prosecutions and trials.

Particularly during closing arguments, Bhachu, Schwartz and their colleagues pushed the jury to find Madigan guilty of bribery because he should have understood that he was "accepting a thing of value" from those with corrupt intent. But the former speaker's appellate team has taken up the torch from his original defense attorneys that Madigan's intent should matter more.

Saharia argued that jury instructions incorrectly put the focus on the bribe-giver's intent and incorrectly defined the term "corruptly."

Judge Michael Scudder, who was nominated to the 7th Circuit in President Donald Trump's first term, asked Schwartz about both. But the prosecutor defended both her colleagues' arguments and the jury instructions.

"There was simply no way this jury could've convicted lawful, innocent conduct," she said.

Judge Frank Easterbrook, an appointee of President Ronald Reagan who has gained a reputation for interjecting with questions during oral arguments, stayed un-

characteristically silent on Thursday.

A decision in the case will be published in the coming months, along with one from another 7th Circuit panel set to hear arguments in a related case on Tuesday. In that case, attorneys for longtime Springfield lobbyist and Madigan confidant Mike McClain and former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore will argue for the overturning of their convictions related to bribing the powerful speaker.

While Madigan was 600 miles east of his native Chicago during Thursday's arguments, daughters Nicole and former Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan were present in the courtroom, along with the former speaker's longtime law partner Vincent "Bud" Getzendanner, who testified during trial.

The jury acquitted or deadlocked on nearly all the counts related to allegations that Madigan agreed to perform "official action" in exchange for bribes in the form of business for his and Getzendanner's property tax appeals firm. But he was convicted on wire fraud and Travel Act violation counts related to the alleged scheme to help get then-Chicago Ald. Danny Solis appointed to a state board in exchange for introductions to high-powered real estate developers.

Little did Madigan know that Solis was an FBI informant. As laid out in trial, Madigan never ended up recommending Solis to newly elected Gov. JB Pritzker, but Schwartz on Thursday used the relationship between the men as an illustration of Madigan's "corrupt intent" to gain "private business for himself and for his son."

But Saharia rebutted Schwartz's argument that the proof of Madigan's intent was captured on hidden camera as he and Solis talked about both the state board seat and property development in the same conversations.

"Well, of course, they occurred in the same conversation because Mr. Solis was a government cooperator," she said. "He was instructed to juxtapose those two things in the same conversations."

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