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## Harvard Opens \$21 Million Wastewater Treatment Plant Addition

By Charles Herbst

This August, Harvard opened a new \$21 million addition to its wastewater treatment plant. The new facility will allow Harvard to meet EPA pollution standards by discharging water into Mokeler Creek that is cleaner than what is already flowing through the creek. Mokeler Creek flows into Piskasaw Creek, which flows into the Kishwaukee River just east of Belvidere.

Harvard has had a wastewater treatment plant on the site since 1940. At that time, Harvard had 3100 people, as compared with 9500 today. Residents had private wells and septic systems. It was customary to pump out one's septic tank and truck the contents to the wastewater treatment plant. Sewer pipes did not come to Harvard until the 1950s and 1960s. Today, Harvard also relies on three municipal wells for water, and has an adequate supply and distribution system.

Although the sewer plant has been expanded and upgraded several times over the years, the plant had reached a point of functional obsolescence, and was often not meeting federal and state-mandated water quality standards.

Knowing it had a problem in 2013, the City of Harvard hired Trotter and Associates of St. Charles to remediate the problem. Six different ideas were considered while the city began to set aside funds for construction. These concepts were studied carefully to produce an efficient, as well as affordable, solution.

Prior to this August, to clean its wastewater, after removing solid materials from the effluent, the city had used a fixed media plant design in which trickling filters are used to separate out waste and feed it to bacteria. This design does not work particularly well in northern climates, and it is no longer favored.

Going forward, Harvard is using a brand-new digester, which is in the shape of an oval with three rings. The process oxygenates the wastewater so that the bacteria that feed on the otherwise harmful materials can thrive. Oxygen to supply the digester is produced on site. The amount of oxygen infused into the wastewater can be controlled, and the amount varies with the time of year and the nature of the contaminants. After the bacteria have digested the toxins, the water is drawn through a weir, where any remaining sludge is removed and dried out. This biomass is used as fertilizer for crops grown for non-human consumption.

Harvard needed additional land in order to expand the plant. Immediately to the west of the plant was the former Burkhart Chevrolet

dealership. Much like its reuse of a modern bank building to house City Hall, Harvard was able to save money on this project by reusing the Chevrolet showroom as an administration building for the facility. The administration building also houses a modern laboratory, which is used to make sure the plant is operating efficiently and not discharging harmful toxins.

The new facility allows Harvard to process an average capacity of 1.8 million gallons of sewage per day, with a maximum capacity of 4.5 million gallons. The facility can be easily modified to double that capacity, if needed. Currently, Harvard processes about 1 million gallons per day.

Harvard wants to grow, and the obsolete sewer plant had been an impediment. With a new wastewater treatment plant and the recently completed police station and community room adjacent to City Hall, Harvard is better positioned for growth.

Ground was broken for the expansion and construction began in May 2021. The project was completed in August 2023. The old, fixed media system has been decommissioned.

With residential neighbors not far away to the north, smell could have been an issue in a facility at this location. In touring the plant, we noticed, that, while there was an odor, it was not as strong or as pungent as found in sewer plants of past generations. James Grant, Harvard Utility Department Superintendent, told us that the air quality has been tested and the amount of odor at the plant remains in compliance with applicable regulations. Grant noted

that the sewer plant predated the construction of all of the nearby residences.

By planning carefully and employing cost-saving strategies, the community met the challenge of keeping the cost just under \$21 million. The project will be financed using bonds. Because Harvard is receiving a combination of loan forgiveness and a grant, this will reduce Harvard's net cost for the facility to \$16 million.



*A spacious well-equipped laboratory keeps the Wastewater Treatment Plant in compliance*



*New digester has three rings*

# Illinois House Speaker's Staff Could Test Limits of Workers' Rights Amendment

*Labor expert says it could be a hard legal argument to make*

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Efforts to form a union by staff in House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch's office could provide an early and unexpected test of the new Workers' Rights Amendment to the Illinois Constitution.

Brady Burden, a staffer in the speaker's office who is part of the organizing committee of the Illinois Legislative Staff Association, said efforts to unionize have thus far been stymied by a provision in state law that specifically exempts the General Assembly from the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

But there is no such exemption in the Workers' Rights Amendment, approved by voters less than a year ago. That addition to the state's constitution provides, in part, that all employees have a "fundamental right" to organize and engage in collective bargaining over wages, hours and working conditions.

But at least one expert in Illinois labor law says relying on that amendment may be more difficult legally for the workers than it might first appear.



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"Anytime this (constitutional amendment) is going to be litigated, if ever, it's going to require some degree of interpretation. It just will because it's just not clear," said Michael LeRoy, a professor at the University of Illinois College of Law and the School of Labor and Employment Relations. "It's not exactly clear what this means."

According to Burden, efforts to form a union began last year but they did not go public with their campaign until May. He said well over half of the 38 employees who would be part of the bargaining unit – analysts, researchers and people who work with legislators – have signed a petition calling to form a union, which would be enough for automatic recognition by most other public employers.

Among the issues they'd like to negotiate, Burden said, are wages and hours. He said the starting salary for Democratic House staffers is around \$43,000 annually, which he said is significantly lower than comparable jobs in the Senate or even for House Republican staff. He also said they would like better compensation for overtime.

Legislative staff jobs are exempt from wage and hour laws, so those workers do not receive the standard time-and-a-half when they work more than 40 hours in a week – which they do routinely during legislative sessions. Instead, Burden said, they receive roughly one hour of comp time for every three hours of overtime they work.

But because current law specifically exempts the General Assembly from the definition of a "public employer," Burden said they are asking Welch to recognize their union voluntarily.

Welch's office, however, has said he prefers they hold an election because recognizing the union voluntarily would deny staff the chance to weigh in on which organization they'd like to represent them.

Burden said that can't be done because of the exemption in current state law, leaving them with the options of voluntary recognition or a lawsuit.

"It's in the Constitution. We have a right to organize," Burden said. "The only issue that we need, is that the speaker recognize the union."

LeRoy, however, said the Worker's Rights Amendment is actually vague on that issue because it's written in prospective terms, referring to future enactments by the state or local governments.

He said that although the first sentence of the amendment says employees have a fundamental right to organize, the next sentence says, "No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates, or diminishes" collective bargaining rights.

"They use the term 'shall be.' That's future tense," he said. "It doesn't reach back. It doesn't say any law that has been enacted that interferes with collective bargaining is hereby nullified. It doesn't say that."

LeRoy said the purpose of the amendment was to prevent the enactment of so-called "right-to-work" laws at either the state or local level. Those are laws that say employers cannot require someone to be a member of a union as a condition of employment.

"This constitutional amendment really grew out of the experience with (former Republican) Gov. Bruce Rauner, who really wanted to make Illinois a right-to-work state," he said. "That was a Democratic reaction to, or response to, (Rauner)."

LeRoy said that from a legal standpoint, he believes the Workers' Rights Amendment is not a convincing argument for those trying to form a union. But he added, "Politically, it is very convincing."

"I mean, in effect, this is really calling out the Democratic-controlled General Assembly as a group of hypocrites," he said. "You're legislating

for thee, not me. And I think in the court of public opinion, that's where this battle can be waged with a better chance of success."

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# Thunderdomes of Controversy and Strife: Giannoulis Testifies Before U.S. Senate Committee

*Secretary of state testifies on Illinois' recent effort to prohibit book bans*

By Jennifer Fuller Capitol News Illinois

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulis was in Washington, D.C. this week to testify before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee regarding a new state law aimed at deterring book bans.

Giannoulis, whose position also includes the title of "state librarian," this spring championed legislation allowing his office to withhold state money from public libraries if they ban books. On Tuesday, he told the Senate panel that public libraries have become "thunderdomes of controversy and strife" across the country.

"We want our schools and libraries to be open and welcoming settings for education, not cultural battlefields," he said during his testimony. "This legislation aims to unify our communities and seeks to restore a right that some of us may have grown to take for granted – the freedom to think for ourselves."

Giannoulis said he hoped other states would "look toward Illinois" to adopt similar legislation to "protect the right to read freely and without fear of retribution."

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-IL, convened the

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## Giannoulis

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hearing dubbed “Book Bans: How Censorship Limits Liberty and Literature.” It was in reference to a report from the American Library Association which calculated there were more than 1,200 demands to censor books and other library materials last year – nearly double the number of similar requests in 2021.

While no specific legislation was considered in the hearing, much of the discussion centered around who should decide the content that is available in public libraries – including school libraries – across the country.

The current wave of agitating for book bans has grown with the so-called “parents’ rights movement” in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Anger about school shutdowns in the early months of COVID, which evolved into anger about mandatory masking and optional virtual learning when schools reopened, coalesced with discomfort around the growing popularity of curriculums that emphasized diversity, equity and inclusion.

School board meetings and libraries have become the targets of parents’ rights activists. Groups have demanded books be removed from classrooms and library shelves based on content discussing race, history, gender identity and sexuality. Several public libraries in the Chicago suburbs have also received bomb threats in recent weeks, according to reporting by the Chicago Sun-Times.

Emily Knox, a professor who researches intellectual freedom and censorship at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, also testified before the Senate committee. She said her focus on book bans began as the child of a librarian in Maryland, where she remembered being confused when her favorite author – Judy Blume – showed up on a list during “Banned Books Week” each year.

Knox told the panel that as a young person, reading about people who were like her helped her navigate her world. She pointed to an analogy from Rudine Sims Bishop, a retired Ohio State University professor known as the mother of multicultural children’s literature, likening books to windows, mirrors, or sliding glass doors.

“A book can help us understand each other better by helping to change our attitude towards difference,” Knox said. “What we see right now is that people are fixated on the idea that books are only mirrors and sliding glass doors. They only reflect something true about the reader themselves, or the reader’s world or they invite the reader to mimic an identity or action they read about a book. It’s important to remember that books are also windows: They give us access to other people’s lives.”

Though movements to ban certain books are nothing new, the last few years have seen the rise of sophisticated organizing and even professional non-profits that target public schools and libraries for their curriculums and materials available to children. In early 2021,

U of I alum Nicole Neilly founded one such organization, Parents Defending Education, which has grown to 13 staff members in less than three years.

Neilly told the Senate panel that she wasn’t advocating for censorship, but rather allowing parents and community members to have a say in what their children are exposed to.

“The book issue is a curation issue,” she said. “It should be obvious that a book that is part of a lesson plan in a second-grade classroom is more concerning than a book that can be voluntarily checked out from a public library and also that sensitive topics read to children at very young ages is more concerning than high schoolers learning about the human body and health class.”

Comments from Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-SC, demonstrated the divide between political parties on the issue.

“If I don’t have any kids. Should I shut up? I pay taxes. When you have a public library and you have a board, somebody decides what books go in and what not to go in. Lend your voice to the cause. It’s okay to speak out for your community,” Graham said shortly before leaving the hearing.

In his testimony, Giannoulis pointed out he has children of his own, and believes he holds the responsibility to decide what they are exposed to and when. But he says the point of this year’s legislation was to give parents and readers a choice.

“You don’t have to burn books to destroy culture. Just get people to stop reading them. And that’s where the real danger lies,” he said. “Parents, parents and only parents have the right and the responsibility to monitor the access of their children and only their children to library resources.”

Illinois’ law specifically states that as a condition for being eligible for state grants, libraries must adopt either the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights or some other written statement prohibiting the practice of banning books.

Giannoulis said previously it does not require that libraries have certain books on their shelves, but rather it aims to prevent the removal of books based on partisan or doctrinal beliefs.

Durbin praised Giannoulis for his

efforts in Illinois.

“We need to work together as a country to try to create clear standards for access to books so that no one individual can cause a book to be banned for an entire community,” Durbin said. “I’m proud of my home-state Secretary Giannoulis for leading the effort to push back against book bans. I hope other states will follow your example. Libraries and the treasured books within them are just too important to allow this rise and censorship to continue any longer.”

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**Dorothy Johnson Newell**

For 85 years, Dorothy Johnson Newell graced this world with her spunk, her joy, and her willingness to give love, prayers and smiles to any and all persons. She believed in her God, her family - and that the world would be a better place if everyone had a front porch.

She was born on June 19, 1938, in Belvidere, IL to Carl and Eleanor (Markison) Johnson. Her brother, James/ Jimmy /J.J. Johnson joined soon thereafter, and her family and her heart got a little bigger. She grew up in Belvidere and met people that would stay in her life for all of her days. Together with Rita Kay Duffy, her dearest of friends for 81 years and from the age of 4, she grew up playing with paper dolls, running after the ice truck in the summertime, playing at the park and living the kind of childhood that is only heard about today. The kids in her Belvidere High School class of 1956 meant the world to her and their cards and prayers brought smiles to her face and memories to her heart, especially during this last year.

When Dorothy graduated from BHS, she attended ISU Normal with the goal of becoming a kindergarten teacher. She thoroughly loved her studies, which fueled her belief in education for all, yet financial obligations prevented her from completing her degree. She returned to Belvidere and began working as the only woman at the field office of the telephone company. It was there that she met this tall, handsome young man that came in every Friday from this small town "down south" called Ashland. Dorothy noticed that Don Newell was somewhat shy but he had an easy smile and made her laugh... and, later she admitted, she also noticed his red and white 1957 Mercury with a Continental kit! Don and Dorothy committed to forever on June 20th, 1959.

Dorothy would move to that small town "down south" and Ashland became her adopted hometown. It was there that she would plant seeds of both flowers and of hope and there that she would raise her children. She and Don welcomed 3 children to their home, Dawn (husband Dan), Diane

and David (wife Lesley). Her children were raised to be bold, to be kind, to care deeply, to not take themselves too seriously and to both love and respect the land. She eagerly took on the role of being a farm wife and was always on call to run and "get a part", bring lunch to the field, watch the skies for threatening weather, and appreciate the beauty of a straight row of corn! She was grateful to serve God as a farmer's wife and mother and the beauty of a lifetime of sunsets was her reward.

Dorothy was also the first to volunteer to drive her kids and their friends to ballgames or speech contests or take a van full to Six Flags. She built a home where doors were not locked and where all were welcomed at her kitchen table or on her front porch!

Throughout her married life, Dorothy loved playing cards... whether it was couples' pinochle or learning bridge, to playing duplicate... Dorothy was all in! She would tease about her winnings saying that she would "win big" on an afternoon, meaning she brought home 2 quarters! These opportunities to sit and visit, to care, console, laugh and love brought her great joy and some of the deepest of friendships. And while she would never turn down a chance to play - if she simply had a chance to visit and to share a cup of coffee... that was all she needed to make her heart smile.

Life continued to happen and in the blink of an eye... Dorothy became a Grandma! And amazingly, those children of hers, who, like all children, needed to be disciplined and given boundaries - gave birth to... absolute angels, whose feet did not hit the ground if Grandma was around! Jonathan Patrick Newell, Catherine Newell Coghlan, Sarah Ellen Newell and William Patrick Coghlan lit up Dorothy's world in ways she had never dreamed possible. "Camp Grandma" became an annual adventure for these four children and memories were made that were captured on their own, personal disposable cameras! Dorothy became the ever-present, team-color-wearing, snack-bringing supporter of basketball, softball, soccer and football games - and she treasured every moment. Dorothy returned to her desire to be involved in education and helping little people explore the world by volunteering in the kindergarten classes at both Ashland Elementary and at Our Savior's Catholic School for approximately 15 years. She loved nothing better than having children learning to read - read to her! The joy that she felt with her little friends at school and their accomplishments was evident in her eyes as they danced! And - if being a Grandma made her beam, welcoming Logan Thomas Newell, Jonathan's son was the icing on the cake! Logan's name for Dorothy was "Bubbles", which everyone agreed was the absolute perfect name and that he saw the true Dorothy! Dorothy welcomed Jonathan and his wife Ali's son, Cole James, in July of this year as her second great grandchild.

Around this same time that she began having grandchildren, Dorothy decided that she'd better start taking better care of herself if she was going to continue to enjoy them... and out came her bicycle! Dorothy started out riding around Ashland, in her VERY visible fluorescent yellow biking jacket. And then came the socks... the hat... and a wristband or two. In her words, "If I fall in a ditch and somebody drives by and doesn't see me then they shouldn't be on the road!" She then branched out to riding around country blocks which had its own set of concerns. It seems like some of the farm dogs would see her (of course they did - she's wearing fluorescent yellow!) and ran out barking. She considered carrying mace but somehow, that just didn't feel right to her. So, in her wonderfully inventive, and creative mind, she decided to carry dog treats in her basket... and

throw them behind her!! (I'll pause for a moment for you to appreciate that picture). She continually gave herself goals and her final riding goal and accomplishment was to ride her bike 900 miles in one biking season. She was 80 years old. When asked what she thought about while she biked, she responded, "Oh nothing really, I just pedal and pray." Please know if you ever saw her on her bike, and she saw you... you were prayed for.

In July of 2022, Mom felt somewhat dizzy as she was hanging up the laundry outside (yes - she still did that!) She took a ride in the ambulance to St. John's where we found out about a glioblastoma that was pressing on her brain. She later told us that that she figured God thought she "needed some new, loving people in her life and so he sent her there to meet them." Dorothy's faith never wavered through her surgery or during the follow up chemotherapy and radiation. She absolutely knew that God had her in the palm of his hand and that all would be well. She was a poster person for physical therapy, playing balloon volleyball regularly in the living room and lifting water bottles to build her strength.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her brother and her "3rd daughter," David's wife Lesley. She is survived by her husband, Don Newell, her children, Dawn, Diane, & David, treasured grandchildren and great grandchildren, her nieces and nephews and so very many friends.

Dorothy's signature sign-off on all of her correspondence for the last 50 years was, "Love, Prayers and Smiles." She lived her life boldly, (ziplining at age 75), vibrantly, and shared a graciousness that could turn a quick trip to the Post Office into an hour-long visit! She cloaked herself in love and shared it with all that she met. Some of her last words were, "Good morning, dear one. It's going to be a wonderful day." And she made it so.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 AM on Monday, October 2, 2023, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Ashland, with burial at St. Augustine Cemetery. The family will meet friends from 9:30 - 11:00 AM, prior to the service. A luncheon at the church hall will follow the burial. Please join Dorothy's family in sharing stories and smiles! Memorials are suggested to St. Augustine Catholic Church, Ashland Food Bank, or PrairieSkies Public Library District. The Buchanan & Cody Funeral Home in Ashland is in charge of arrangements.



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# In Joint Effort, Election Authorities Try to Tamp Down Misinformation

*Officials from 25 counties seek public's cooperation ahead of 2024 races*

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Six months before the next presidential primary elections in Illinois, county clerks and other local election authorities are asking for the public's help in stopping misinformation campaigns before they get started.

Officials from 25 counties scheduled a series of news conferences Tuesday in Tazewell, McLean and LaSalle counties. At the Tazewell event, the election officials said accusations of vote tampering and other misinformation cam-

paigns have proliferated in each of the last two presidential election cycles, and they fear it could get worse in 2024.

"You know us. Our kids attend the same schools," Tazewell County Clerk John Ackerman said at a news conference in Pekin. "We shop at the same supermarkets. We are actively involved in the communities we represent. You also know as election authorities we are all working together regularly for best practices and procedures."

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Some of the election officials described misinformation they have encountered in recent elections, including accusations that voting machines had been rigged or that tabulation machines had been hacked, and social media rumors that certain polling places were closing early or had run out of ballots.

"So we actually have social media monitors

that we hire on Election Day, and even before, and they try to watch as many as possible – you can't watch them all – and see if something comes up so we can get ahead of them, whether it's Reddit or Facebook or whatever," McLean County Clerk Kathy Michael said.

Elizabeth Gannon, executive director of the Peoria County Election Commission, noted that all voting equipment used in Illinois is certified by both the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and the Illinois State Board of Elections.

"And all of that information is available at the State Board of Elections because you can see the tests that they run and all of the ins and outs that that equipment has been put through to show that it is counting accurately and that it can be trusted," she said.

State Board of Elections spokesperson Matt Dietrich said misinformation campaigns not only hinder election officials in performing their jobs, but they also erode public confidence in the integrity of the election system.

"Whether it's false rumors on social media about Sharpie markers, or more serious but equally untrue allegations about manipulation of voting equipment, we in the election community are working hard to debunk these attacks," he said. "We're starting here now, well before the 2024 primary."

Ackerman said anyone who has questions or concerns about voting equipment or election procedures should simply contact their local election authority.

"We welcome your inquiries," he said. "Better yet, get involved in our processes. We all need more election judges. You're never going to hear one of us say we don't want more election judges. Get involved in the process."

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## Illinois Department of Transportation

### Virtual Public Hearing

#### Scheduled by Illinois Department of Transportation

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The Illinois Department of Transportation will be conducting a virtual public hearing to receive input from the public regarding the proposed improvements of US Business Route 20 from Shaw Road through the State Street/Appleton Road intersection in Belvidere. This is a federally-funded project, and this virtual public hearing is being held in compliance with IDOT's required public involvement policy.

#### DATE and TIME

Wednesday, October 25, 2023  
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#### ONLINE – VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

To register for the virtual public hearing, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/RegisterUS20PH>

The Purpose of this virtual public hearing is for the public to refamiliarize themselves with the project since the second public information meeting and review the proposed improvements through a webinar presentation. Following the presentation there will be a virtual open comment forum. Materials will be posted to the project website the day of the hearing. Comments can be submitted via email, mail, or the study website and at the district office. In addition, at a date following this hearing, we will also be providing the opportunity to have your comments submitted verbally to an in-person Department staff member and a court recorder, which will be explained further at the virtual hearing. The documents mentioned above will also be available for review at this time. Comments received by November 25, 2023, will become part of the official outreach hearing record.

The proposed project would involve use of land at the Beaver Bluffs Conservation Area from the Boone County Conservation District and land from the Belvidere Park District within the Glenn H. Green Open Space Area. Less than one half acre of right-of-way and less than one half acre of temporary easement would be used from the 71-acres owned by the Belvidere Park District (including the 3 acre Glenn H. Green Open Space area). Less than one acre of temporary easement will be required from 79.1-acre Beaver Bluffs Conservation Area. Land is needed for the reconstruction and widening of US Business 20 and will not adversely affect the park's activities, features, or attributes that make the property eligible for Section 4(f) protection. Through publication of this notice, the Department is requesting the public's views on the proposed use of parkland and on FHWA's intent to make a Section 4(f) de minimis determination.

The Public hearing will be held in a virtual format with personnel from IDOT and representatives from our consultant team and will include a virtual open comment forum. If you are unable to attend the virtual public hearing, you may view the materials and video on the project website after October 25th at: <https://tinyurl.com/USBusiness20Study>.

Persons with a limited internet access or that require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Michael Kuehn, Studies and Plans Engineer, at the Illinois Department of Transportation, 819 Depot Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021 at least three (3) days prior to the hearing. The contact may be in writing, by telephone at (815)284-5351, or by e-mail at [Michael.Kuehn@illinois.gov](mailto:Michael.Kuehn@illinois.gov).

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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 AS TRUSTEE FOR LB-CABANA SERIES IV, Plaintiff,**  
**vs. 20 CH 40**  
**JOSEPH P. TRACEY; PHONDA A. TRACEY; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NORECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, October 19, 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 TWO (2) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF BANKS SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 3RD P.M., ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 28, 1988 AS DOCUMENT NO. 88-4049 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.  
P.I.N. 07-23-100-008.

Commonly known as 2793 Stone Quarry Rd, Belvidere, IL 61008.  
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Mary E. Spitz at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 LUCERNE DRIVE, MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO 44130. 440-572-1511. ILF2112031  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**  
**In The Interest of: STELLA ELSTON, minor**  
**No. 21-JA-26**

**Kevin Johnson, Father**

**ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Take notice that on AUGUST 24, 2023, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty. Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Stella Elston, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 4:00/3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 10/12/23 and 11/02/23; 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.

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

Dated: August 30, 2023

Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT BOONE COUNTY  
**DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT):**  
**JENNIFER ALEXANDRIA BRUMFIELD WASHINGTON**  
Case No. 2023-MR-32

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: JENNIFER ALEXANDRIA BRUMFIELD WASHINGTON to the new name of JENNIFER ALEXANDRIA BRUMFIELD. The court date will be held on 10/17/2023 at 9:15 a.m. at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 in Courtroom #4  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT BOONE COUNTY  
**DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT):**  
**MICHAELA ANN FOURNIER**  
Case No. 2023-MR-33

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: MICHAELA ANN FOURNIER to the new name of KAYLA ILITHYIA FLORA. The court date will be held on 11/14/2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 in Courtroom #3  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I Plaintiff,**  
**-v.-**  
**2021 CH 27**  
**BRAD SHERFINSKI et al Defendant**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 18, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 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 ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX (176) IN CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-2875 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 116 GABLES DRIVE SOUTHWEST, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065  
Property Index No. 03-28-229-009

The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said

real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

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

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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

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

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100  
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527  
630-794-5300

E-Mail: pleadings@ilclegal.com  
Attorney File No. 14-22-06116  
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2021 CH 27  
TJSC#: 43-2940

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK Plaintiff,**  
**-v.-**  
**20 CH 37**  
**CYNTHIA SUTHERIN AS SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE ESTATE OF ELLEN M. PFLUGER, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED THE 22ND OF APRIL 1999 AND KNOWN AS THE ROGER L. PFLUGER TRUST NO. 0420991, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED THE 22ND OF APRIL 1999 AND KNOWN AS THE ELLEN M. PFLUGER TRUST NO. 0420992, TERRY GERBER, TINA L. HURD Defendant**

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LOT SIX (6) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT NO. 1 OF TIMBER LANE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND A PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON JANUARY 29, 1973 IN BOOK 11 OF PLATS ON PAGES 36 AND 37, AS DOCUMENT NO. 73-291. SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND ALSO:

LOT SEVEN (7) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT NO. 1 OF TIMBER LANE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND A PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON JANUARY 29, 1973 IN BOOK 11 OF PLATS, ON PAGES 36 AND 37, AS DOCUMENT NO. 73-291. SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Commonly known as 12238 SQUIRREL TREE COURT, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 03-34-476-008 and 03-34-476-009  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$262,449.92.

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 Chris Laria, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 W MONROE ST., STE 700, Chicago, IL, 60603 (312) 566-0040.

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E-Mail: il.foreclosure@qpwbllaw.com  
Attorney ARDC No. 6301746  
Case Number: 20 CH 37

TJSC#: 43-3309

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

**In the Matter of the Estate of:**  
**ANGAROLA, ROBERT J., JR., Deceased.**  
**Case No. 2023 PR 45**

**CLAIM NOTICE**

NOTICE is given of the death of Robert J. Angarola, Jr., who died on July 27, 2023. Letters of Office were issued on September 18, 2023 to MICHELLE ANGAROLA, 15724 Capron Road, Capron, Illinois 61012, who is the legal representative 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 March 28, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois, or with the Estate legal representative, or both.

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

MICHELLE ANGAROLA  
Dated: September 21, 2023  
DOUGLAS R. HENRY, her attorney  
DOUGLAS R. HENRY - #6229426  
BARRICK, SWITZER, LONG, BALSLEY & VAN EVERA, LLP  
6833 Stalter Drive; Rockford, IL 61108  
(815) 962-6611  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL BOONE COUNTY

**ARMANDO HERNANDEZ Plaintiff**  
**-VS- CASE # 2023-DN-49**  
**NORMA HERNANDEZ Defendant**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Notice is given to you, NORMA HERNANDEZ, Defendant that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for Divorce and other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Boone County, Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 on or before the 15th day of November, 2023 a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Dated: 09/20/2023  
Pamela Coduto  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
17th Judicial Court  
Boone County, Illinois  
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**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**THE BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT** will hold a public hearing on the 10th day of October, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Baltic Mill Annex, 920 West Lincoln, Belvidere, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,295,000 for the purpose of the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same, and for the payment of expenses incident thereto.

BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT  
Mary Marquardt, Secretary  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS  
**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2021-2 Plaintiff,**

**vs. 23 FC 27**  
**TIM MILLER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR KEVIN L. MASON A/K/A KEVIN MASON A/K/A KEVIN LEE MASON, MATTHEW MASON, SAMUEL MASON, UW MED FOUNDATION, INC, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KEVIN L. MASON A/K/A KEVIN MASON A/K/A KEVIN LEE MASON; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS**  
**Defendants,**  
**23 FC 27**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS: LOT 8 AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT NO. 2 OF ROLLING MEADOWS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 3RD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND A RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOT 5 AND EDSON ROAD AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF ROLLING MEADOWS, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDERS OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN PLAT INDEX FILE ENVELOPE NO. 26, AS DOCUMENT NO, 77-3206. P.I.N. 03-24-426-022.

Commonly known as 108 Edson Ct, Poplar Grove, IL 61065.

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

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.  
For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. File Number SL SPS001917-23FC1

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed Bids for the 6th Street Low Flow Channel Project in Belvidere, Illinois will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Suite 100, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 until 9:00 A.M. local time on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 and will be publicly opened and read at that time.

Project improvements include grading and shaping approximately 2200 lineal feet of wetland stream and banks, installing concrete weirs and seeding over two acres of natural pollinator conservation and sedges within the project limits.

Specifications and Bid Documents are only available at BHFX Planroom (<http://bhfxplanroom.com>).

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any technicalities.

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**Blain Cemetery**

is having a fall meeting October 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Meet at Blaine Cemetery  
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E-Mail: [il.foreclosure@qpwbllaw.com](mailto:il.foreclosure@qpwbllaw.com)

Attorney ARDC No. 6301746

Case Number: 20 CH 37

TJSC#: 43-3309

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2021-2 Plaintiff,**

**vs. 23 FC 27**

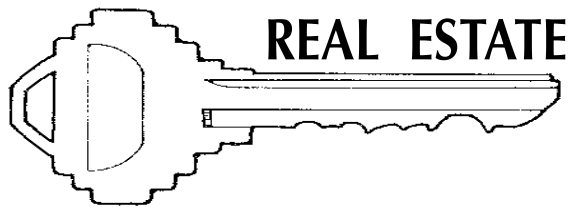
**TIM MILLER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR KEVIN L. MASON A/K/A KEVIN MASON A/K/A KEVIN LEE MASON, MATTHEW MASON, SAMUEL MASON, UW MED FOUNDATION, INC, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KEVIN L. MASON A/K/A KEVIN MASON A/K/A KEVIN LEE MASON; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants,**  
**23 FC 27**

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

**WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I Plaintiff,**  
**-v.-**  
**2021 CH 27**

**BRAD SHERFINSKI et al Defendant**

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Commonly known as 116 GABLES DRIVE SOUTHWEST, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

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in the office of 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 108 Edson Ct, Poplar Grove, IL 61065.

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

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. File Number SL SPS001917-23FC1

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

**U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR LB-CABANA SERIES IV, Plaintiff,**

**vs. 20 CH 40**

**JOSEPH P. TRACEY; PHONDA A. TRACEY; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NORECORD**

**CLAIMANTS, Defendants,**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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P.I.N. 07-23-100-008.

Commonly known as 2793 Stone Quarry Rd, Belvidere, IL 61008.

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Mary E. Spitz at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 LUCERNE DRIVE, MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO 44130. 440-572-1511. ILF2112031

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# Thunderdomes of Controversy and Strife: Giannoulas Testifies Before U.S. Senate Committee

*Secretary of state testifies on Illinois' recent effort to prohibit book bans*

*By Jennifer Fuller Capitol News Illinois*

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulas was in Washington, D.C. this week to testify before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee regarding a new state law aimed at deterring book bans.

Giannoulas, whose position also includes the title of "state librarian," this spring championed legislation allowing his office to withhold state money from public libraries if they ban books. On Tuesday, he told the Senate panel that public libraries have become "thunderdomes of controversy and strife" across the country.

"We want our schools and libraries to be open and welcoming settings for education, not cultural battlefields," he said during his testimony. "This legislation aims to unify our communities and seeks to restore a right that some of us may have grown to take for granted – the freedom to think for ourselves."

Giannoulas said he hoped other states would "look toward Illinois" to adopt similar legislation to "protect the right to read freely and without fear of retribution."

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-IL, convened the hearing dubbed "Book Bans: How Censorship Limits Liberty and Literature." It was in reference to a report from the American Library Association which calculated there were more than 1,200 demands to censor books and other library materials last year – nearly double the number of similar requests in 2021.

While no specific legislation was considered in the hearing, much of the discussion centered around who should decide the content that is

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available in public libraries – including school libraries – across the country.

The current wave of agitating for book bans has grown with the so-called “parents’ rights movement” in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Anger about school shutdowns in the early months of COVID, which evolved into anger about mandatory masking and optional virtual learning when schools reopened, coalesced with discomfort around the growing popularity of curriculums that emphasized diversity, equity and inclusion.

School board meetings and libraries have become the targets of parents’ rights activists. Groups have demanded books be removed from classrooms and library shelves based on content discussing race, history, gender identity and sexuality. Several public libraries in the Chicago suburbs have also received bomb threats in recent weeks, according to reporting by the Chicago Sun-Times.

Emily Knox, a professor who researches intellectual freedom and censorship at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, also testified before the Senate committee. She said her focus on book bans began as the child of a librarian in Maryland, where she remembered being confused when her favorite author – Judy Blume – showed up on a list during “Banned Books Week” each year.

Knox told the panel that as a young person, reading about people who were like her helped her navigate her world. She pointed to an analogy from Rudine Sims Bishop, a retired Ohio State University professor known as the mother of multicultural children’s literature, likening books to windows, mirrors, or sliding glass doors.

“A book can help us understand each other better by helping to change our attitude towards difference,” Knox said. “What we see right now is that people are fixated on the idea that books are only mirrors and sliding glass doors. They only reflect something true about the reader themselves, or the reader’s world or they invite the reader to mimic an identity or action they read about a book. It’s important to remember that books are also windows: They give us access to other people’s lives.”

Though movements to ban certain books are nothing new, the last few years have seen the rise of sophisticated organizing and even professional non-profits that target public schools and libraries for their curriculums and materials available to children. In early 2021, U of I alum Nicole Neilly founded one such organization, Parents Defending Education, which has grown to 13 staff members in less than three years.

Neilly told the Senate panel that she wasn’t advocating for censorship, but rather allowing parents and community members to have a say in what their children are exposed to.

“The book issue is a curation issue,” she said. “It should be obvious that a book that is part of a lesson plan in a second-grade classroom is more concerning than a book that can be voluntarily checked out from a public library and also that sensitive topics read to children at very young ages is more concerning than high schoolers learning about the human body and health class.”

Comments from Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-SC, demonstrated the divide between political parties on the issue.

“If I don’t have any kids. Should I shut up? I pay taxes. When you have a public library and you have a board, somebody decides what books go in and what not to go in. Lend your

voice to the cause. It’s okay to speak out for your community,” Graham said shortly before leaving the hearing.

In his testimony, Giannoulis pointed out he has children of his own, and believes he holds the responsibility to decide what they are exposed to and when. But he says the point of this year’s legislation was to give parents and readers a choice.

“You don’t have to burn books to destroy culture. Just get people to stop reading them. And that’s where the real danger lies,” he said. “Parents, parents and only parents have the right and the responsibility to monitor the access of their children and only their children to library resources.”

Illinois’ law specifically states that as a condition for being eligible for state grants, libraries must adopt either the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights or some other written statement prohibiting the practice of banning books.

Giannoulis said previously it does not require that libraries have certain books on their shelves, but rather it aims to prevent the removal of books based on partisan or doctrinal beliefs.

Durbin praised Giannoulis for his efforts in Illinois.

“We need to work together as a country to try to create clear standards for access to books so that no one individual can cause a book to be banned for an entire community,” Durbin said. “I’m proud of my home-state Secretary Giannoulis for leading the effort to push back against book bans. I hope other states will follow your example. Libraries and the treasured books within them are just too important to allow this rise and censorship to continue any longer.”

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## Copay Requirements Paused for Noncitizens On State Health Plan

***IDHFS says it’s not ready to implement cost-saving measure implemented by Pritzker administration***

***By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois***

The state has paused a new policy requiring certain noncitizens enrolled in a Medicaid-like health insurance plan to pay copayments for certain services, instructing health care providers to refund any such payments they have already collected.

Omar Shaker, the interim chief of administrative rules at the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, told a legislative oversight committee Tuesday that the department ultimately plans to reinstate the copay policy, but it doesn’t yet have the systems in place to properly administer it.

“I was informed recently that there were some programming issues with regards to that,” he told the Joint Committee on Administrative

Rules, or JCAR, at its monthly meeting in Chicago.

IDHFS originally published notice in June that customers enrolled in the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults program and the Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors program would be required to pay co-pays for certain services, effective July 1.

Those programs are for noncitizens over age 42 who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid if not for their immigration status.

Those programs offer coverage similar to Medicaid. But unlike regular Medicaid, which is jointly funded with state and federal money, the immigrant health care programs are funded almost entirely with state dollars due to federal reimbursement limitations for that population.

The state first began covering immigrant seniors aged 65 and over in 2021. The program was later expanded to include adults aged 42-64.

The programs were originally estimated to cost about \$220 million for the current fiscal year but because of rapid growth in enrollment, cost estimates soared to more than \$1.1 billion. That prompted lawmakers to pass legislation giving the administration rulemaking authority to control those costs, and the Pritzker administration responded by requiring copays and capping enrollment.

The rules that went into effect July 1 required enrollees to make a \$250 copay for inpatient hospital stays, \$100 for emergency room visits and 10 percent of the Medicaid reimbursement rate for outpatient ambulatory surgery.

But on Sept. 5, IDHFS published another notice advising providers to stop charging copays and to refund any money collected so far.

Shaker told JCAR Wednesday that there was a problem with charging copays for emergency room services because that is one service for which the federal government does offer reimbursements, even for immigrants not lawfully present in the country.

“Until we had the ability to completely have the system work and function appropriately as it should, and to draw in as much federal matching as possible in these situations, we decided to suspend it and instruct the providers that if there were any copays that were taken, that they needed to repay them,” he said.

IDHFS spokesperson Jamie Munks told Capitol News Illinois in a separate email that the agency also needs to reprogram its computer systems that manage reimbursements to account for the new copay requirements and it needs to publish official guidance telling providers when and when not to charge them.

Shaker said he could not estimate a timeline for reestablishing copays.

“We don’t have the reimplementation process completely fleshed out yet,” he told the committee. “We are anticipating a provider notice with sufficient time notifying them that on a specific date the copays would reinstate as well as we would be notifying the actual recipients and advising them what their responsibilities would be as well.”

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