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(above) The Boone County Fair 2022 Queen Maci Paige McCoy in the center with First Runner-up Dakota Lynn Schober Kramer on her right, and Second Runner-up Keara Cheyenne Watson on her left.
In front is Kasia Kapri Meyer, Boone County Fair Little Miss 2022.

(left) The three remaining contestants moments before the reveal of the judge's choices. (left to right) Keara Cheyenne Watson Maci Paige McCoy Dakota Lynn Schober



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OP-ED Stop the world, I want to get off

By Jim Nowlan

Even though we are overall much better off than our grandparents in wealth, health and lifespan, many of us are unsettled, deeply concerned, even jittery about how the movie of life is playing out. Stop the world, I say, I want to get off.

First, some context. From reptiles to humans, we animals are continually scanning the horizon for threats and opportunities. We absolutely crave information. That is why, according to research firm Statista, Americans on average spend four or more hours a day on our smartphones. Underneath, it's a survival thing.

When television came into our homes post-World War II, the world shrank. Prior to that, we lived our lives largely confined, somewhat comfortably, to our own communities. By printed, rather impersonal newspapers we heard about earth-shaking events such as Krakatoa (1883) and recurrent wars in Europe.

Today, thousands of satellites beam happenings worldwide to our pockets and wrists almost simultaneously, overloading our brains with mayhem and scary possibilities. Unsettling.

Second, the rate of change in society has been accelerating lickety-split (a technical term). For most of human history, nothing, or very little, changed in the life span of most humans. Then, with the Renaissance in the 14-15th centuries, the Enlightenment, Industrial Revolution, flight, and radio-TV, change took off. Personal computers are only a few decades old (remember the Apple computer of the 1980s?), and Facebook has been with us less than 20 years.

Third, the nano-world of science is incomprehensible to me, and thus unsettling. One thousand cells can sit side by side on a gossamer hair on the back of your hand, and within each cell is six miles of spooled DNA! And scientists can now, with some precision, snip into that coil of DNA, take out and replace defective genes.

Fourth, information sells. After all, social media and advertisers are in the eyeball business. So, the social media platforms suck us into scrolling through our devices even more of the time.

And when it comes to information, fear trumps nice every time. Again, a survival thing. For social media, this means, for

reassurance, that on

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retreat into echo chambers of like-minded people. And we come to fear and loathe those who don't agree with us. We call it polarization.

Stop the world, I want to get off. But we can't. So, what to do? What might calm the waters (and relieve my jitters)?

Many of us retreat to Florida, and try to forget about all this. We love our grandchildren, we declare, yet leave what we have wrought for them to wrestle with.

We could use, and might follow, a charismatic leader who would take us out of this scary morass. Yet, such captivating leaders can be either good or evil, as we have seen through history.

Or, we could use a secular Great Awakening, such as the two, broad, religious revivals of spirit in early American history.

Until recent years, I had hoped that Colin Powell might be that leader who would awaken the better angels of our nature. But it wasn't to be, and I can't think of anyone else of that reassuring, dignified and calm stature.

So, the opposite of giving up is "pitching in" to address our problems. We could start a new political party, which would be radical in the sense that its mantra would be, simply, "settle down, we can handle this, together."

My cynical, practical friends who think they know much about politics would say that musings such as these are pure fantasy, yet they have nothing to offer in rejoinder, other than more cynicism.

I keep wrestling with this. We can't step off the world, and we can't give up.





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Story and photos by Charles Herbst

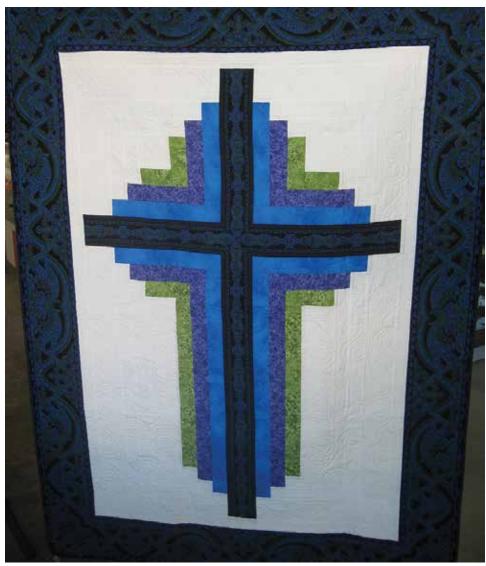


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What's the difference between a champ and a chump? The Boone County Journal takes a look at a few of the champions and tells you what makes them the best.

Here are some of the best of the Boone County Fair and what the judges had to say about them:



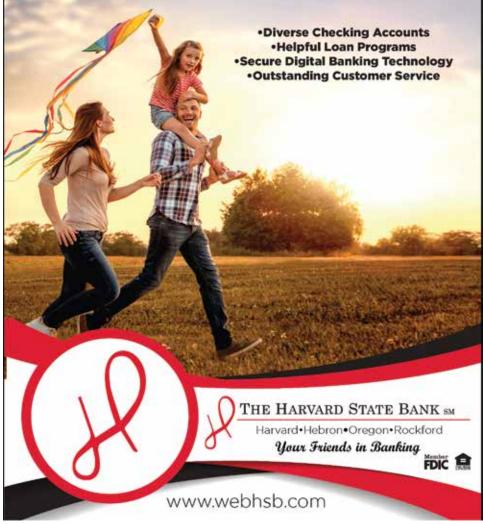
Lap Quilt—Best Quilt of Show Diane Revolinski – Caledonia Hand quilted with tiny, perfect stitches. The theme resonates throughout: Stitched praying hands relate to cross





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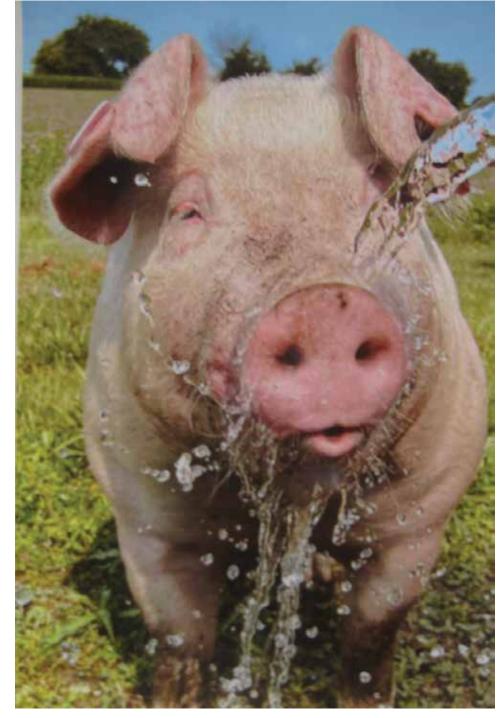


Fancy Cupcakes — Professional Debbie Hoffman – Loves Park



Cutup Cakes Karen Englund – Belvidere





Junior Photo - Best of Show "Hog Wash" **Owen** Nelson – Garden Prairie Very fun image Well shot Clear focus on subject matter Well framed and composed Uniqueness of the pig stands out and catches eye









Fancy Cupcakes Penny Lane – Caledonia



Ceramics – Patriotic or Summer Item *Kim Krauss – Loves Park "Cutest ladybug I've ever seen" Eyes looking at each other*



Refrigerator sliced cookies *Audrey Pearson – Rockford Good flavor and presentation Excellent pattern displayed in checkerboard*



Afghan—Any other Sharon Walker – Belvidere This is a Swedish weaving—very even stitching with a great choice of pattern



Cherry Tomatoes Daniel L. Druckery – Belvidere (one of the hardest categories to judge) Perfect orbs, tops nice, uniform in size and color Texture good with firm feel

GUESS WHAT 'S HAPPENING TO THEM NEXT WEEK?





Green peppers Lois Ramon – Belvidere Lobes are important Standard is which pepper would carry the best price on the produce market

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Wedding Cake – Professional Debbie Hoffman – Loves Park



Color Photo – **Best of Show "I know it's here somewhere"** *Carl Rozanas* – *Rockford Technically difficult shot* – *Clear and crisp and focused Unique, clear subject matter* – *Color and exposure are "spot on"*



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Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil, See No Evil

By Scott Reeder

Who would sacrifice a job they loved to reveal a wrong committed against a child?

Very few would. In fact, in my 35 years in journalism, I've met only one such person. Just one.

In our society we talk a good game about how much we treasure children. But it's a lie. Kids are violated and large institutions sweep it under the rug every day. As a reporter, I have seen it happen over and over.

The sexual violation of a child is the most horrific act imaginable. I should know. I was violated when I was just 12 years old. It is a pain that has hung over me for decades.

I have written about teachers, cops, coaches, pastors, scout leaders, tutors and others who have sexually abused youngsters.

And time after time, powerful institutions worked hard to cover up the crimes.

But Michael Leathers was a good man who did something. The Chatham man died Aug. 3 at age 62 of a heart attack.

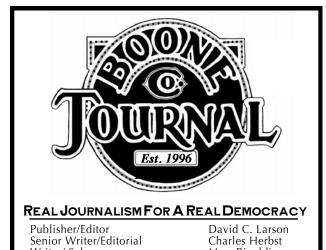
He spent 20 years as a public relations person at Springfield Memorial Hospital. And he did a good job there. But his first love was newspapers.

Back in 2002, he was the editor of Illinois Baptist, a newspaper covering Southern Baptist congregations across the Land of Lincoln. Before that, he was a reporter for the Alton Telegraph.

When he learned that a pastor, Leslie Mason, was criminally charged with sexually abusing girls in the southern Illinois town of Olney, he reported it. One of the girls apparently was only



David McCullough, Aug 7, Hingham, MA Olivia Newton-John, 74, Aug 8, Santa Ynez, CA Paul Sorvino, 83, July 25, Jacksonville. FL



13 years old.

Instead of receiving praise for informing Baptists about a potential predator in their midst, he found himself in a room with a lawyer and his boss, Glenn Akins, who then ran the Illinois Baptist State Association.

They wanted him gone.

I wish I could say I found this response surprising. But those in power often find comfortable ignorance preferable to hard truth.

During my own career, editors have called me obsessed, pedophiles have threatened suicide, lawyers have threatened to sue and victims keep calling because they want their story told.

My response is always the same: If newspapers don't hold those in power accountable, who will? Leathers understood this as well.

I learned of his courageous stand in 2019

when newspapers in Houston and San Antonio published a damning exposé of how Southern Baptist churches had repeatedly covered up pastors who abused children. Leathers' story was included. Next the New York Times wrote about what a brave man he was.

And a couple of days later, I found myself having lunch with Leathers and interviewing him for this column.

According to Leathers, Akins offered a peculiar complaint about the story: That writing about one pastor who committed sex crimes was unfair because that "ignores many others who have done the same thing."

Forrest Gump could have come up with a smarter excuse. By the way, I reached out to Akins on Aug. 8 – he didn't get back to me.

But sitting across

from Leathers, I sensed heartbreak -- 17 years after he lost his job. He not only lost his career in newspapers but no longer felt comfortable in church.

I invited him to join a Bible study I'm a part of, but he shook his head and said, "It wouldn't be like the Southern Baptists – that was special."

Michael's widow, Tammy, said he came to forgive those who fired him and he continued to love Jesus.

"People would ask how his faith had remained so strong after all that had happened to him. And he would say, I put my faith in God, not in men," she said.

In case you're inclined to mark his dismissal as some sort

institutions often don't want the truth told.

"I think there is a tendency for people in leadership to want to protect the institution by covering things up," Michael Leathers told me. "The interesting thing is that when I wrote the story, I got plenty of positive feedback from laypeople in various congregations. They get it. It was people in positions of authority who had problems with me writing the story."

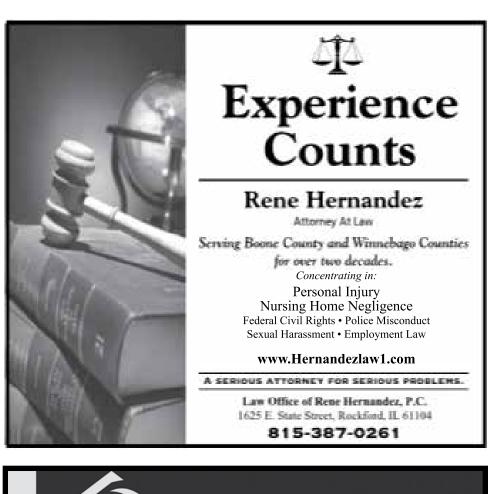
Leslie Mason, the pastor Leathers wrote about, was sentenced to seven years in prison. Upon being released from prison he began working as a pastor again.

Glenn Akins, the boss who gave Leathers the boot, is now assistant executive director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

As for Leathers, a service was scheduled for him at a Chatham reception hall on Aug. 10. No pastor was slated to speak.

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of misunderstanding, it wasn't. Leathers knew his boss didn't want the story to appear in the newspaper. But he said when he was hired he was assured of editorial autonomy. So, he published the story anyway.

Southern Baptist leaders are hardly unique in how they responded to predators in their midst.

We have seen this story play out time and time again with school boards, churches, scouting groups, teacher unions and sports teams. Powerful



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The new Boone County Fair Little Miss Kasia Kapri Meyer on the left standing with last years Little Miss Valerie Spotz



Little Miss contestants waving to the crowd



Maci Paige McCoy being crowned Boone County Fair Queen 2022 by the 2021 out-going queen Allyson Aves





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Illinois Regulatory Work Behind 1 Million **EV in Full Swing**

Utility-driven beneficial electrification plans filed; new EV coordinator hired

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Ten months after Illinois lawmakers passed the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act which set a goal of putting 1 million electric vehicles on state roads by the end of the decade, state agencies are engaged in a flurry of regulatory planning aimed at meeting those goals.

The effort to electrify the state's transportation sector and ensure the power grid can meet increased demand involves the Illinois Commerce Commission, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the state's Department of Transportation, and Illinois' two largest public utilities, among others.

Between those agencies and utilities, there's hundreds of millions of federal, state and ratepayer dollars available for EV charging infrastructure, vehicle rebates and other plans aimed at accelerating EV adoption.

While the regulatory force behind CEJA lies with several agencies, the task of ensuring all of them are working together lies in the hands of the state's elec-



That person is Megha Lakhchaura, who was appointed to the position officially on July 1 at a salary of \$180,000 after serving in an administrative capacity at IEPA since April.

She has previously served as the director of policy in North America for the electric vehicle supply company EVBox, policy director for the rooftop solar and battery storage provider Sunrun Inc., and public utilities regulatory analyst for the California Public Utilities Commission.

It's a diverse private sector and regulatory experience which she said has helped her hit the ground running.

"So the job is basically figuring out how all of these pots of money work together," Lakhchaura said in a recent interview with Capitol News Illinois. "What are the pieces that we have to look at? Where do we put our resources? How do we think of things comprehensively and having a comprehensive charging strategy for the state?"

She praised the top-down vision laid out by the governor's office and CEJA but said lawmakers and regulators will have to continue to adapt to meet the 1 million EV goal.

"CEJA is a good starting step," she said. "I think that it sets up some very good practices. ... It puts out a road for utilities, it puts out a rebate for vehicles, for charging. It's a good first step, but we're going to have to do more to get to 1 million vehicles.'

vide up to \$4,000 off for the purchase of an all-electric vehicle and \$1,500 for an all-electric motorcycle. The current application window runs through Sept. 30, and those who purchased and EV must apply online within 90 days of the purchase date.

As of July 1, the Electric Vehicle Rebate Fund had a balance of about \$17.9 million, with funds to be distributed once the portal closes.

While many EVs remain expensive, Lakhchaura mentioned a cheaper model, the Chevy Bolt, which retails for just under \$26,000 for a base model on the company's website. If a purchaser receives a state rebate on top of a \$7,500 federal tax credit available for certain EV models, she said, the price point becomes more reasonable.

But there are still other challenges, such as a global shortage of lithium and other materials needed for EV batteries, she added.

It's something being addressed on the national stage with a \$3.1 billion investment from the federal bipartisan infrastructure law to improve domestic commercial facilities that produce EV batteries and their parts. As well, President Joe Biden invoked the Defense Production Act earlier this year, an effort to increase U.S. independence in mining for EV-related minerals.

"Yes, in the short-term, the next two, three years

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Animal Diamond Dotz Mary Lynn Slowik – Belvidere Liked the colors — lots of work



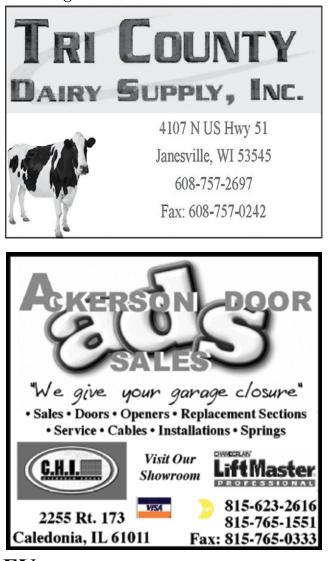
Figure/Portrait/Character Diamond Dotz Kelly Kindberg – Caledonia Colors bright and shiny





Woodcraft Items – Misc. William West – Poplar Grove Original Idea, Great detailing

Painting—Best of Show Jody Lane -- Roscoe Use of complimentary colors excellent Combination of orange on horse with blue background Picture has good depth



EV

from page 10

or so, demand is causing a shortage," Lakhchaura said. "But on the other hand, we are also gearing up and trying to solve this problem, not only nationally but globally."

Negotiations in Congress were still ongoing Friday for an inflation reduction plan which included \$369 billion in spending to combat climate change, including electrification measures and renewable energy investment.

Electrification plans

On the state side, Lakhchaura said CEJA was meant to be forward-thinking, ensuring that the grid and state policies adapt along with the rapidly evolving technology.

A key piece in that effort is a requirement that the state's two largest public utilities adopt beneficial electrification plans for ratepayer-funded investment in incentives, education and infrastructure to support electrification.

Among other things, the plans must focus on incentivizing EV charging during off-peak hours to limit the effect on the grid, and electrifying heavy vehicle fleets, public transportation and school buses.

CEJA also requires charging infrastructure investment, with 40 percent of the plans' spending in that area to be done in equity investment eligible communities, where pollution has historically been higher and economic opportunities fewer.

Funding for the plans can't exceed a 1 percent charge on the distribution portion of a ratepayer bill, and the ICC can approve, deny or require changes to the plans

2025.

Ameren Illinois, serving 1 million customers in central and southern Illinois, proposed spending \$11.8 million through 2024.

ComEd's initial plan included, among other facets:

• \$15 million annually for residential ratepayer programs, including EV and charging rebates, a new hourly pricing program, and incentives for electrified household items

• \$63 million annually for commercial and industrial programs, focusing on commercial fleet and school bus electrification

• \$9 million annually for outreach on the available programs

• \$5 million annually for other pilot programs.

Ameren Illinois' plan is less extensive, including \$2.2 million in current- and previous-year spending, and about \$9.6 million in 2023 and 2024. It consists of some new programs and changes to existing programs to allow greater participation for multi-family homes.

The plan included, among other things:

Expanding existing time-of-use rate offerings and increasing outreach efforts

A driver education program offering financial assistance for EVs and charging equipment in schools in equity investment communities

A fleet assessment program for private fleet, education, and transit customers.

The Ameren plan also mentioned its participation in the rollout of a national pilot program aimed at providing ride sharing opportunities and low-cost EV rentals for inhabitants of multi-family homes.

Regulatory oversight

The ICC this month initiated a review of those ratepayer-funded plans, an expected step in the agency's regulatory role to ensure the plans are meeting statutory goals on a cost-effective basis.

Outside organizations, such as the National Resource Defense Council, the Environmental Law and Policy Center and others, will have the opportunity to suggest changes to the plans before the ICC approves them sometime next year.

The utilities must then file an updated plan by July 1, 2024, and every three years thereafter.

Along with overseeing the electrification plans, the ICC also last month issued the first draft of its Renewable Energy Access Plan, a long-term view as to what level of stress electrification might add to the grid and how to alleviate it.

One major challenge the REAP seeks to address is the fact that widespread electrification of vehicle fleets, household appliances and more could require between 64 and 450 added terawatt-hours of electricity production in the state – a massive increase considering CEJA also aims to take fossil fuels offline by 2045.

A follow-up draft is due out later this year and will seek to fine-tune the load forecasting projections and determine how to best prepare for increased demand.

Other resources

The state will also have a role in determining how \$148 million in federal funding for charging infrastructure will be allocated. The Illinois Department of Transportation began that process with a public meeting for stakeholder input on July 28. The money is meant to create charging "corridors" to ensure chargers are spaced at least every 50 miles on key transportation routes throughout the U.S. The median range for an electric vehicle currently is 250 miles, ABC enough to get from Chicago to Springfield with 50 miles to spare. When it comes to ABC rolling out chargers, Lakhchaura said priorities include building out corridors and ensuring charging infrastructure is available in areas where at-home charging is not feasible.

chargers, which can charge a vehicle in 6-8 hours, as well as fast chargers, which take 15-30 minutes to charge an EV.

The state will look to increase charging accessibility in areas with many multi-family homes, as well as on corridors to reduce range anxiety, Lakh-chaura said.

IEPA will also oversee a charging grant program funded with \$70 million from the state's Rebuild Illinois capital infrastructure plan to launch at an unspecified date.

The state also announced a new plan in May for spending the remaining \$84 million Illinois received in a national settlement with the car manufacturer Volkswagen. It includes approximately \$27 million for all-electric public transit buses and commuter locomotives, \$27 million for all-electric school buses, \$16 million for all-electric freight trucks and 12.7 million for light-duty electric charging infrastructure.

Lakhchaura also noted the recent federal bipartisan infrastructure plan includes \$5 billion for nationwide school bus electrification and \$2.5 billion for community charging grants.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, meanwhile, is overseeing the Reimagining Electric Vehicles Act, which aims to incentivize companies that manufacture EVs and their parts to relocate to Illinois.

To date, no contracts have been signed since the measure passed eight months ago, although outreach continues.

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Ceramics – Decorated Artware – Underglaze Joan Fiddler – Belvidere Very intricate work and good job of glazing





Fairy Garden Emily Schell – Belvidere Jumped out at me and liked the fact it had several plants Healthy looking and very pleasing to look at

Sheaf Grains and Forages *John Burmester – Kirkland*



Drawing—Best of Show Sophia Berger – Rockford Traditional still life Contrasts of highlights and shadows stands out Good 3-dimensional shapes



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Property Index No. 03-28-429-008 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-SURE LAW

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency

UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendant(s).

Property Address: 815 WHITNEY BLVD BELVIDERE, IL 61008 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JIMMY E. WOODARD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS ; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT FOUR (4) IN BLOCK THREE (3) IN COHOON'S ADDITION

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

P.I.N.: 05-36-111-010

Said property is commonly known as 815 WHITNEY BLVD, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2012R08681 and for other relief: that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make vour appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Boone County on or before SEPTEMBER 5, 2022, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http:// efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME – DO NOT IGNORE

THIS DOCUMENT. By order of the Chief Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, this case is subject to Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program. For further information on the mediation process, please see the NOTICE OF MANDATORY MEDIATION on file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court by contacting the Plaintiff's attorney at the address listed below.

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

Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Telephone: (630) 453-6960 Facsimile: (630) 428-4620 Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191 Service E-mail: midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 6088-925811 Published In The Boone County Journal Aug 4, 11, 18 PO 925811

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT BOONE COUNTY

DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT): LAURA ANN DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT): LAURAANN FRISCH Case No. 2022-MR-10 There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: LAURA ANN FRISCH to the new name of LAURA ANN DAVIS. The court date will be held on 09/20/2022 at 10:45 a.m. at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 in Courtroom #3 Published in the Boone County Journal – 08/04, 08/11, 08/18 - C

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT BOONE COUNTY

DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT): MAKENZIE ALAYNA WOODS Case No. 2022-MR-9

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: MAKENZIE ALAYNA WOODS to the new name of DAMIEN ORION WOODS. The court date will be held on 09/20/2022 at 9:30a.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 17th judicial circuit Boone County, Illinois In the Matter of: MILAN F. HLAVA, Decedent 2022PR12

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS NOTICE is given of the death of Milan F. Hlava on January 19, 2022. Letters of Office were issued on March 14, 2022, to Andrew Hlava, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles G. Popp, P.C., 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before February 15, 2023, 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 755 ILCS 5/18-3, 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, 400 West State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61101, or with the estate legal representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office--Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to his/her attorney within ten days after it has been filed. Published in The Boone County Journal Aug 4, 11, 18

State Of Illinois In The Circuit Court Of The 17Th Judicial Circuit County Of Boone

Probate Division

In the Matter of: WENDY NUTTER YOUNG, Decedent. 2022-PR-39

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of WENDY NUTTER YOUNG of Roscoe, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 4, 2022, to MAR-CIA L. MUELLER of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, 100 Park Avenue, Rockford Illinois 61101

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before Febuary 11, 2023,* 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 Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Boone County Courthouse, Probate Division, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the estate legal representatives, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

/s/Marcia L. Mueller

MARCIA L. MUELLER, ARDC #3122098

HINSHAW & CULBERTSON LLP

100 Park Avenue

P.O. Box 1389

Rockford, Illinois 61105

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815-490-4919 Attorneys for Estate

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: August 10, 2022 PROJECT: Strategic Planning Services Belvidere CUSD #100 Belvidere, Illinois Belvidere CUSD #100

LOCATIONS:

1201 5th Avenue Belvidere, Illinois, 61008

SCOPE: Successful bids will include Data Collection, Analysis/Survey, Stakeholder Engagement/Focus Groups of multiple stakeholder groups, and development and presentation of a final plan including Stakeholder Engagement Replacement Work.

DATE DUE: Bids will be received until 3:00 pm on Friday, August 19, 2022, at the office of the Superintendent, Belvidere Community Unit School District No. 100, 1201 Fifth Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois, and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

ACCESS TO BIDDING: Bidding Documents are on file for reference online at https://www.district100.com/departments/finance-facilities and at the following location:

Belvidere CUSD #100

1201 5th Avenue

Belvidere, Illinois, 61008

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 order of the Board of Education for Belvidere CUSD #100

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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, August 30, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:

The applicant, Marty Liebert, 1243 Manchester Rd, is requesting a variance pursuant to Section 3.2.4 (Lot Development Standards) of Section 3.2 (Agricultural Preservation District) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction of side setback and reduction of road frontage at 1243 Manchester Rd. South Beloit, IL 61080, unincorporated Manchester Township, Boone County, IL.

The applicant, Douglas Ferry, 2501 Wyman School Rd, is requesting a map amendment pursuant to Section 2.10 of the Boone county Zoning Ordinance to rezone parcel 03-04-300-009 from A-1, Agricultural Preservation District to A-2, Agricultural Residential. Located in unincorporated Caledonia Township, Boone County, IL.

The applicant, Adam Hopp, 231 Stateline Rd, is requesting a variance pursuant to Section 3.2.4 (Lot Development Standards) of Section 3.2 (Agricultural Preservation District) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction in front setback at 231 Stateline Rd. South Beloit, IL 61080, unincorporated Manchester Township Boone County, IL.

Tony Savino, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals Published in the Boone County Journal on August 11, 2022.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(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
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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@il.cslegal.com

Attorney File No. 14-22-00567 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2022 FC 5

TJSC#: 42-1568

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

Case # 2022 FC 5 I3199333

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICAL CIRCUIT-BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 2022FC46

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JIMMY E. WOODARD;

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF: SAWYER EVAN WILLIAMS, a male child. BOONE COUNTY CASE NO. 2022AD8

NOTICE TO RUSSELL RAYMOND WILLIAMS JR. and ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named, SAWYER EVAN WILLIAMS;

NOW, THÉREFORE, unless you, RUSSELL RAYMOND WILLIAMS JR, and ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Boone County, in the City of Belvidere, Illinois, on or before the 23rd day of August, 2022, a default may be entered against you at any time following that day, and a judgment order entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. DATED: 07/19, 2022 PAMELA CODUTO, Clerk of the Circuit Clerk Attorney ALICIA OLIVER LEONARD AT LAW 631 N LONGWOOD ST., SUITE 203 ROCKFORD, IL 61107 Published in The Boone County Journal; August 11, 18, 25 - P

COUNTY OF BOONE - IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD R. BILLINGS, Deceased PROBATE No. 2022-PR-37

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of DONALD R. BILLINGS. Letters of office were issued on July 14, 2022, to Andrew Wroblewski, 1508 Dawngate, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 Administrator, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Russell J. Luchtenburg, 130 South State Street, #303, Belvidere, Illinois 61008

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before March 3, 2023, 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 5/18-3 of 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 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the legal representatives, or both

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

Dated July 20, 2022 Andrew Wroblewski Independent Administrator Attorney Russell J. Luchtenburg 130 South State Street, #303 Belvidere, Illinois 61008 815/547-5588 Russell6951@gmail.com Published in the Boone County Journal 08/11, 18, 25



ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a eyelash extensions in said County and State under the name of YS BEAUTY at the following post office address: 2610 Francis Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: YAJAIRA SOTO, 2610 Francis Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # (815) 762-7180. Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 22nd day of July,

A.D. 2022 Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk

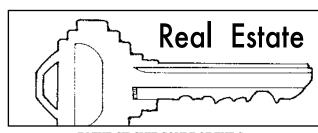
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a concrete business in said County and State under the name of MEDINA'S concrete business in said County and State under the name of MEDINA'S CONCRETE at the following post office address: 2027 Southwick Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Mauricio Medina, 2027 Southwick Lane, Belvidere, IL 61065; phone # (815) 494-1204. Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 29th day of but A. D. 2022.

July, A.D. 2022

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk Published in Boone County Journal 8/4, 8/11, 8/18 - p



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE S EVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,

-v.- 2022 FC 5 SAMUEL PADILLA JR et al, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 19, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 12, 2022, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 107 NEW BRUNSWICK LANE SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065 Preperty Index No. 03 28 429 008

Property Index No. 03-28-429-008

Property index No. 05-28-429-008 The real estate is improved with a single family 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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calcu-lated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-SURE LAW

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

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

Pritzker Eying Indiana Firms After Abortion Law Signed

Eli Lilly says it will look to expand outside Hoosier State

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker said this week that he is actively reaching out to businesses in Indiana and other states that have recently passed restrictive abortion laws in hopes of luring those companies to Illinois.

"Well, already I've reached out to companies that are affected in Indiana. I want to make sure that they know that they're welcome in Illinois, any expansion that they may be looking to do, that we welcome their employees," Pritzker said at a Monday news conference.

His comments came just days after Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, a Republican, signed into law a near-total ban on abortions in that state, making Indiana the first state to enact a new law restricting abortion since the U.S. Supreme Court in May overturned the landmark 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade which had previously legalized abortion nationwide.

Indiana's new law bans the procedure except in cases of rape, incest, fatal fetal anomalies or when the pregnant person's life is at risk.

The day after Holcomb signed that bill, pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly and Company, one of the state's largest employers, issued a statement saving it would look to expand its workforce outside of its home state.

"We are concerned that this law will hinder Lilly's – and Indiana's – ability to attract diverse scientific, engineering and business talent from around the world," the company said. "While we have expanded our employee health plan coverage to include travel for reproductive services unavailable locally, that may not be enough for some current and potential employees."

That statement helped highlight the growing fallout from the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the decision that overturned Roe, exposing both the political and economic consequences of the ruling.

According to the Guttmacher Institute, a research and policy organization that supports abortion rights, Illinois is one of only a handful of states – and the only state in the Midwest – with laws specifically protecting access to abortion services.

Although Indiana was the first state since the Dobbs decision to enact a new law restricting abortion, several other states had so-called "trigger laws" on the books that only went into effect once Roe v. Wade was overturned. Others. including Wisconsin, had dormant laws on the books that predated Roe and were unenforceable until Roe was overturned.



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a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 5W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-00567 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2022 FC 5 TJSC#: 42-1568 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 FC 5

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But on Tuesday, Aug. 2, voters in the

conservative Kansas state of overwhelmingly rejected a proposed constitutional amendment that would have given their state legislature broad power to enact abortion restrictions, a response to a 2019 state supreme court ruling that found the state's constitution protected abortion

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In Illinois, Pritzker has worked with abortion rights advocates to expand access to the procedure, even promoting the state's more permissive laws to encourage patients from other states to travel here for services.

On Thursday, Aug. 4, Pritzker announced the state would increase its Medicaid reimbursement rate for abortion services by 20 percent, effective Sept. 1, as a way to provide increased resources to abortion providers who are seeing increased patient loads due to women coming to Illinois

from other states. "Illinois abortion providers have been working overtime since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade," Pritzker said in a statement announcing the change. "They need support as they take on this new burden on the frontlines of this fight. Supporting them reimbursement with increases allows them to focus on their important work without worrying about rising costs of supplies and services."

That move drew a sharp rebuke from Illinois Right to Life, a group that opposes to abortion rights, which called the action an "incredible misuse of funds by the government in Illinois."

"Like most Illinois abortion law, this increase in taxpayerfunding of abortion is in direct opposition to what a majority of Americans believe about the issue," the group's executive director Amy Gehrke said in a statement.

Pritzker has also tried to make abortion rights a central issue in his campaign for reelection to a second term, contrasting his support for those rights with the views of the Republican candidate, state Sen. Darren Bailey, of Xenia, who in 2017 compared abortion in the United States to the Nazi Holocaust.

"The attempted extermination of the Jews of World War II doesn't even compare on a shadow of the life that has been lost with abortion since its legalization," Bailey said in a video statement at the time.

Other Illinois Republicans have distanced themselves from such remarks while still endorsing Bailey for governor. State Rep. Tom Demmer, of Dixon, the GOP candidate for state treasurer, said during a Tuesday news conference that he doesn't want abortion to be a major issue

in the election.

"You know, we're talking about, again, some of the things that Illinois Republicans have fought for – fair maps, term limits, rejecting (the) graduated (income) tax. These are things that have widespread bipartisan support," he said. "These are the kinds of things we're going to fight for and build a majority coalition around."

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