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BIFF 2026

Charles Herbst

The Beloit International Film Festival, affectionately known as BIFF, returns later this month for its 21st season. This year, the festival is trying several changes. As explained to me by the board and staff, the festival is trying to return to its roots by refocusing their attention, time, and energies to its core purpose of presenting the highest caliber independent films they can attract, curate, and present, with as many attending filmmakers as they can encourage to attend. They are paring down and purging some of the more incidental activities.

The biggest change is that the festival will run for only 4-1/2 days rather than the usual 10 in the past.

This year the dates for the festival are Wednesday, March 25th through Sunday, March 29th.

Each film will be screened only once, generally in a bigger venue than in the past. Generally, the filmmaker will be available after each film, and this change will expedite the question-and-answer sessions. If the film sells out and there is more demand, the film will be shown again in the spring at BIFF Year Round.

Filmmakers are treated well at BIFF and consistently speak well of their experiences here. As Director Tony Hall of *Lonesome* put it, "This is THE BEST FESTIVAL in the entire Midwest. Forget about those larger cities on either side of the state line from Beloit. The programming is top notch."

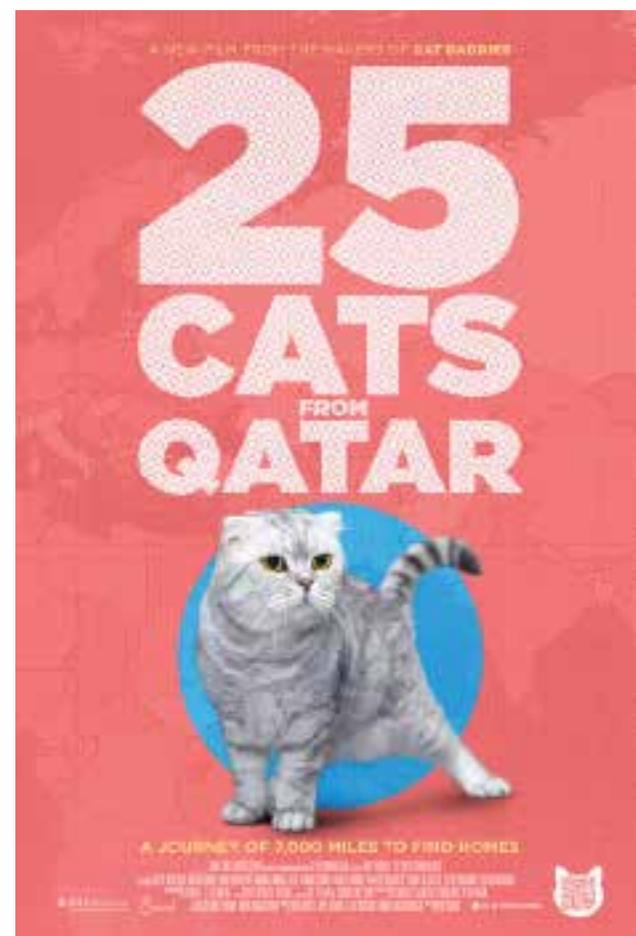
BIFF is one of this area's greatest treasures: A film festival that *The New York Times* has called "an alternative to Sundance," one of the world's most well-regarded film festivals. Beloit consistently ranks as one of the world's top-100 film festivals. This is an opportunity to see great indie films in a uniquely accessible venue. For a festival of this quality, free parking, affordable restaurants, and a film price of only \$12 per ticket are unheard of. The accessibility of filmmakers and the enthusiasm of BIFF audiences provide an unsurpassed value and opportunity to be entertained. BIFF truly deserves your attendance and support.

As in the past, tickets are **not** available at the door. They can be purchased online at www.beloitfilmfest.org or at the box office located in the Hendricks Center for the Arts, 409 Pleasant Street, Beloit. (608) 466 9693. The box office is open during the festival on Wed., March 25 from 4-7PM, Thursday through Saturday March 26-28

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Two films to be shown at BIFF 2026, which are reviewed inside on page 4



Foster Statement on Iran Strikes, Escalating Nuclear Risk

Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) representing Belvidere issued the following statement regarding U.S. and Israeli military strikes on Iran.

"The Constitution is clear: the President does not have the authority to take the United States into sustained military conflict without Congressional authorization. If these strikes risk escalation into a broader war, Congress must be consulted and fulfill its responsibility. I will vote for the bipartisan War Powers resolution in the House next week to reassert that authority.

"As Congress' only Ph.D. physicist, I am particularly concerned about the nuclear implications. Last June, the Administration declared that prior strikes had 'obliterated' Iran's nuclear program. That was not a technically credible assessment then, and the fact that further strikes are now being justified on nuclear grounds makes that clear. Military strikes on facilities are not the same as eliminating fissile material.

"The central question is whether Iran's stockpile of 60 percent highly enriched uranium has been fully accounted for. That material is weapons-usable. Without continuous monitoring,

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District 100 Asking Community Whether It Should Try to Close Perry School --- Again

Sofi Zeman Contributing Writer

The school board that two years ago voted to keep Belvidere's neighborhood elementary school open is again debating its fate.

District 100 Trustees recently approved issuing a community survey that will attempt to assess whether people think Perry Elementary School is worth saving. Starting Feb. 24, residents in various parts of the district should expect to receive a random phone call asking them what they think about closing the aging school.

The survey will also ask whether District 100 should invest in long-needed infrastructure repairs, like a new roof or HVAC improvements and whether it should invest in an Early Childhood Center.

But not every district family will get to participate in the survey. The company conducting it, Nexus, will call 400 families in order to obtain their opinions, rather than all school families submitting that input directly through a public poll.

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transparency, and verified accounting of that stockpile, claims that the nuclear threat has been neutralized are not technically credible.

“The Iranian regime is brutal, repressive, and openly hostile to democratic values. There is no question that a nuclear-armed Iran would pose a grave threat to regional and global security. But military force against political targets cannot solve this problem. We need restored international nuclear inspections, a full accounting or destruction of enriched uranium stocks, and sustained diplomacy to prevent further escalation and mitigate the threat of nuclear catastrophe.”

District 100

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After that survey is wrapped up, school board members will discuss the results during an upcoming March 16 public meeting.

Perry School, which has served numerous families in Central Belvidere since its construction in 1897, currently has an enrollment of 175 students. Of those students, 111 come from low income households. About 50 are Hispanic or Latino, 99 are white, and 12 are two or more races.

And although its tight-knit culture is known and loved among parents and staff, the building needs some structural work to better offer student services.

It would cost the district about \$6.8 million to start the first phase of construction. That includes: new secure entry ways; remodeling the main office; getting the building up to ADA compliance, including installing an elevator; remodeling restrooms, stairwells; and some classrooms; as well as entirely restoring the building’s roof, which one former board member said has been five years overdue.

Other needed projects that don’t have the between \$7 million and \$9 million they’d need to move forward include: installing LED lighting; putting in sprinklers and replacing fire alarms; updating the building’s audio systems; putting in an emergency generator; HVAC upgrades; work on the building’s facade and aging finishings; and an asbestos abatement.

A review conducted by Nexus, a group the school district contracted to perform a building study on Perry, said the school’s gym is undersized, that it doesn’t have a kitchen, that school pick up and drop off is limited, and that the school playground is too close to West Boone Street.

To entirely demolish the campus and rebuild, rather than conduct the renovations, would range between \$17.5 million and \$18.5 million, according to the Nexus presentation.

The funding forecast for these projects comes

during a school year when District 100 is projected to have a nearly \$10 million operating deficit.

Year-to-date expenses and revenues for this school year show that although the district is still spending more than it is making this year, it’s possible the deficit could be about \$5 million less than what school board members approved in the 2025-26 budget last fall, provided that it keeps spending on track.

Matt Zickert, a former school board member, said the district has intentionally starved Perry School for years and has continued to invest in top-heavy expenses and personnel instead of implementing cost-effective and student-facing strategies.

District parent Catherine Insley stood up for Perry School when the district put it on the chopping block two years ago. Back then, board members voted 6-1 to keep the school open. After rallying back then for her neighborhood school, she doesn’t understand why things have changed.

Insley has three children who have attended the school and another will start next year. Despite the funding disputes and deferred maintenance, Insley just wants her kids to be able to enjoy a school that she, and they, love.

“Maybe there’s a way to keep it for everybody,” Insley told school board members Monday “Because it will affect families, and it will affect generations. I’ve been going there, and it matters.”

Another community member said he was concerned about whether the survey results will accurately reflect the opinion of the community that will be affected by the closure. He also asked board members why the district didn’t budget for repairs to Perry two years ago, when this item last came up.

“I hope you’re able to consider that these 400 random people might not represent the community that we live in,” he said.

The board’s unanimous vote to move forward with the survey came after members recognized the campus for reaching Level 3 certification in Marzano High Reliability Schools, an independent group that offers training and educational support to help school districts achieve specific certification levels. The designation means Perry staff created a curriculum that’s viable and consistent among teachers.

Perry obtaining the distinction brought the entire school district to that Level 3 ranking.

“This landmark achievement is the culmination of over a decade of dedicated work,” according to board documents. “It signifies that every school within District 100 has successfully implemented rigorous

systems to ensure a safe, supportive and collaborative culture, effective teaching in

every classroom, and a guaranteed and viable curriculum.”

Despite some post-pandemic improvement, District 100 fell behind state proficiency averages in most core subjects on its annual state report card. Across the district, less than 40 percent of students were proficient in English-Language Arts; 26 percent were proficient in Math and 36 percent in Science.

About 20 percent of eighth graders in District 100 were passing Algebra I compared to the state average of 30 percent.

Graduation rates increased more than four points from the year prior, bringing the district to about 89 percent, or about the state average. Of those graduates, more than half, about 54 percent, attended postsecondary education within a year of graduating, according to the report.

Perry School fell behind districtwide proficiency in English-Language Arts, with about 30 percent of students being considered proficient in the subject area. Mathematics proficiency was 26 percent, according to the school’s 2025 report.

A City Blanketed in Fear: Accountability Commission Hears Shocking Testimony About ICE

The third public meeting focused on health, education, public safety and economic issues

Maggie Dougherty Capitol News Illinois

A third grader who stopped eating lunch at school because he feared typing in his lunch code would help immigration enforcement agents target his family. A mother who considered granting guardianship of her daughter to a healthcare provider so she could get the care she needed if her parents had to leave the country without her. A vibrant economic corridor turned into a ghost town.

The state commission that has been investigating actions by federal immigration agents heard these stories and more from health, education and community safety advocates at its third public meeting Tuesday.

“Midway Blitz was not a crackdown or a sweep or a sting,” elementary school Principal Seth Lavin testified. “You can’t call an operation ‘targeted’ or ‘a sting’ when it blankets a city in fear.”

Lavin, principal of the Brentano Math & Science *continued on page 3*



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Commission

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Academy in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood, was one of a dozen experts who testified in front of the Illinois Accountability Commission about the impact of the federal immigration campaign that dominated Chicago last fall.

The commission, tasked by Gov. JB Pritzker to investigate alleged misconduct by federal agents amid the Trump administration's 'Operation Midway Blitz' campaign, used the meeting to focus on four key domains: health, mental health and social well-being; education and youth stability; public safety and economic vitality; and household stability.

"The question before us is straightforward," Commissioner Ricardo 'Ric' Estrada said as he opened the meeting. "Did these enforcement actions produce measurable improvements in community stability and trust, or did they generate instability, distrust and lasting harm?"

By looking at disruptions in the four areas, Estrada said, the commission could evaluate the Trump administration's claims that Operation Midway Blitz has brought law and order to Chicago.

If it were to observe major disruptions to daily life — families withdrawing from institutions they once trusted, drops in educational engagement, people too afraid to call 911 — that would contradict the safety narrative, he concluded.

The meeting heard nearly four hours of testimony from experts, advocates and private citizens who testified about the short and long-term consequences of federal immigration enforcement.

Avoidance of institutions

Health care providers and educators testified that immigrant communities began to avoid hospitals, doctors' offices and schools out of fear of immigration enforcement activities targeting those institutions.

That fear can keep students from attending school or from engaging fully in it, testified Lavin, principal of the Logan Square school. It was one of his students who stopped eating at school because, in his third-grade mind, it might alert ICE to his location.

In families with mixed documentation statuses, parents who fear going even to the grocery store began to rely significantly on their children, added community organizer Juliet de Jesus Alejandre, executive director of Palenque LSNA, which advocates for equitable education access across the state.

De Jesus Alejandre told of high school students giving each other shopping tips, pulling up pictures on their phones to teach other students how to differentiate between parsley and cilantro when shopping.

"While these young people demonstrate enormous strength and courage, 'parentification' of children is also associated with higher levels of risky behaviors as young people seek less-than-healthy coping mechanisms to deal with the enormous pressure to take care of their families," de Jesus Alejandre said.

Their parents, she added, often grappled with guilt over burdening their children with these responsibilities.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement practice of conducting enforcement actions at or near health care facilities creates a chilling effect that deters immigrant patients from seeking care, testified Minal Giri, pediatrician and executive director of the Midwest Human Rights Consortium.

She testified that she had witnessed children's medical treatment, sometimes in the middle of chemother-

apy, disrupted because their parents had been detained or deported by ICE. Suddenly, Giri explained, there is no insurance plan, no transportation to the hospital, no one to pick up prescriptions.

Treatment delays generally can exacerbate conditions, but with infants especially, it can be deadly, Giri said.

Health, psychological damage

Apart from direct interruption of care, the health experts testified about the physical and psychological consequences to children from stress and fear caused by immigration enforcement activity.

"When helicopters circle over neighborhoods, when flash bangs explode before dawn, when armed agents enter residential buildings, children are watching. Their nervous systems absorb that fear," Giri said.

Clinical child psychologist Rebecca Ford-Paz told the commissioners that parents leaving their children alone in medical settings can also have major health and psychological impacts on already sick kids. Children whose parents leave them alone at the hospital sometimes misinterpret their caregivers' absence as an indication that their parents don't love them, Ford-Paz said.

Parents holding their newborns improve not only infants' social and emotional development, but also their medical progress, according to research cited by Ford-Paz.

"We're doing everything we can as a medical and psychosocial team, but nothing can replace parents being able to be with their babies," Ford-Paz said.

Pediatrician Karen Susan Haverkamp shared stories from her patients with details modified to assure privacy and confidentiality out of fear for retaliation, but said "the events, timelines and suffering are real."

She told of a cheerful second grader with a congenital heart condition who had survived multiple open-heart surgeries and required advanced medical care. The girl's father was considering moving the family back to his country of origin out of fear of ICE activity, a country where she could not get the care she needed.

The family had to weigh whether to leave her behind in the care of a stranger or move the family together, putting the girl's survival at risk.

Three children of a man detained for months without a warrant developed or relapsed into serious mental health conditions including an eating disorder, suicidal ideation and self-harm, and anxious refusal to leave the home. The impacts on each person in the household, Haverkamp said, are "profound and ongoing."

"Providers throughout Illinois are now treating trauma layered onto medical issues in some of our most vulnerable populations," Haverkamp said.

Those same clinicians, the doctors testified, are not often comfortable speaking out for fear that

drawing attention to their institutions would make them targets for federal funding cuts.

Safety, economic vitality

Last November, Department of Homeland Security spokesperson Tricia McLaughlin cited lower crime numbers in Chicago, implying that Operation Midway Blitz was responsible for enforcing law and order in the city. The Trump administration had claimed it was targeting "the worst of the worst," immigrants with serious violent criminal histories.

However, data at the time showed those trends pre-dated the federal presence in Illinois. Chicago's Deputy Mayor for Community Safety Garien Gatewood reiterated the same in Tuesday's hearing.

In fact, the experts testified, the campaign made people afraid to go to work, including U.S. citizens who feared being profiled based on the color of their skin or the sound of their accent.

And when employees are afraid to go to work, and customers afraid to shop, it affects the economy.

Marcela Rodriguez, executive director of community organization Enlace, surveyed about 130 businesses in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood about their revenues. Most, she said, reported significant revenue loss, with many still facing deficits months later.

Economic activity in Little Village is driven in large part by the usually bustling 26th Street commercial corridor. According to Chicago City Clerk Anna Valencia, the corridor generates the second-highest tax revenues in the city outside of the Magnificent Mile, a high-end business corridor.

On an unseasonably warm day last November, Valencia recalled walking through the normally vibrant area and finding it resembling more of a ghost town than a busy economic hub of activity.

Business owners told Valencia of low foot traffic and slow sales forcing them to cut back on work hours. Some stores were operating with locked doors, checking for ICE agents before opening. Some said sales were worse than during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is about something much deeper than eco-

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from 11AM-7:30PM and Sunday, March 29 from 11AM-5PM.

Several festival events will occur before the 4-1/2 days of screenings: The BIFF Sing-A-Long Film will be *Annie* and held on Saturday, March 14th at 2:30PM at Visit Beloit. Tickets \$15, students \$7. This year's classic film, sponsored by First National Bank and Trust is *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, screened on Sunday, March 22nd at 2:30PM, Tickets free.

BIFF may be changing some things, but one constant is how the festival has become popular with thousands of area filmgoers who look forward to the high-quality indie films that BIFF is known for.

Venues

Box Office: Hendricks Center for the Arts, 409 Pleasant St. 608 466 9693

Website: www.beloitfilmfest.org

Beloit College Wilson Theater: Inside the Oscar G. Mayer Hall, 700 College St.

Beloit College Powerhouse/Weissberg Auditorium: 850 Pleasant St.

Hendricks Art Center: 409 Pleasant Street (Northeast corner of Grand Ave. – Enter on East side of building)

Visit Beloit: 656 Pleasant St.

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Films

Charles Herbst

The best way to find out what's playing this year is to go to the website, www.beloitfilmfest.org, read the descriptions, and watch some trailers. With over 80 films on offer this year, it's always difficult to choose which ones to see. As a start, I've identified seven films that I think are worth considering.

Do Us Part

Rated R. Directed by Reed Arnold

What happens when the uninvited ex-girlfriend, Rose (Kelly Russo) from college shows up before the wedding? Add to that a best man, Mark (played by the Director, Reed Arnold), who has more laugh-out-loud funny, snarky lines than a stand-up comic. And, of course, the groom, Ryan (Travis Laughlin) still has feelings for Rose. As the final wedding preparations take place, the backstory a few years ago at college is revealed. Toward the end of the film, Mark and Rose have a serious heart-to-heart conversation and leave us wondering if there might be a future there instead. The film's beautifully shot mountain scenery is a bonus. This romantic comedy was adapted from the director's stage play, which I wish I had seen.

Do Us Part has won several awards, including Best Comedy from the Route 66 Film Festival, Audience Choice Best Feature Comedy at the Sedona International Film Festival, and Best First Feature from the Naples (Florida) International Film Festival.

Sun., Mar. 29, 12:00NOON, Visit Beloit

25 Cats From Qatar

Rated G. Directed by Mye Hoang

Every city in the world has a has a problem with stray dogs and cats. In Doha, Qatar, migrant workers comprise 90 percent of the population. Often, when a family leaves, their cat is turned loose and must survive in the streets despite the extreme heat and the usual urban dangers. With Doha's extremely transient population, it is almost impossible to find homes for these cats.

Katy McHugh, a flight attendant who operates a cat café in Milwaukee decides on a plan to rescue 25 cats in Qatar, which are currently living in shelters coordinated by Pakistani construction manager, Umair Khan. McHugh travels to Doha for four days, meets Khan, selects 25 cats for rescue, and clears them to be shipped in cargo to the United States. Her cat café provides a venue to find new homes for the cats once they're in Wisconsin. All of the cats survive the journey, and the film's epilogue tells where each cat ended up.

Rather than focusing on the obvious question—Why would anyone bring abandoned cats from the Middle East to be adopted in Wisconsin, when there are plenty of stray cats in Milwaukee—the emphasizes that the problem of finding foster homes for displaced animals is worldwide. Director Mye Hoang hopes to draw attention to the cause.

It is fascinating to watch the process of selecting and preparing the cats for their trip. Cat fanciers and animal enthusiasts will find this film to be an entertaining documentary.

Sun., Mar. 29, 5:00PM, Beloit College Wilson Theater

**Scandinavia - Into the Light
Scandinavia - Into the Darkness**

Germany, English narration

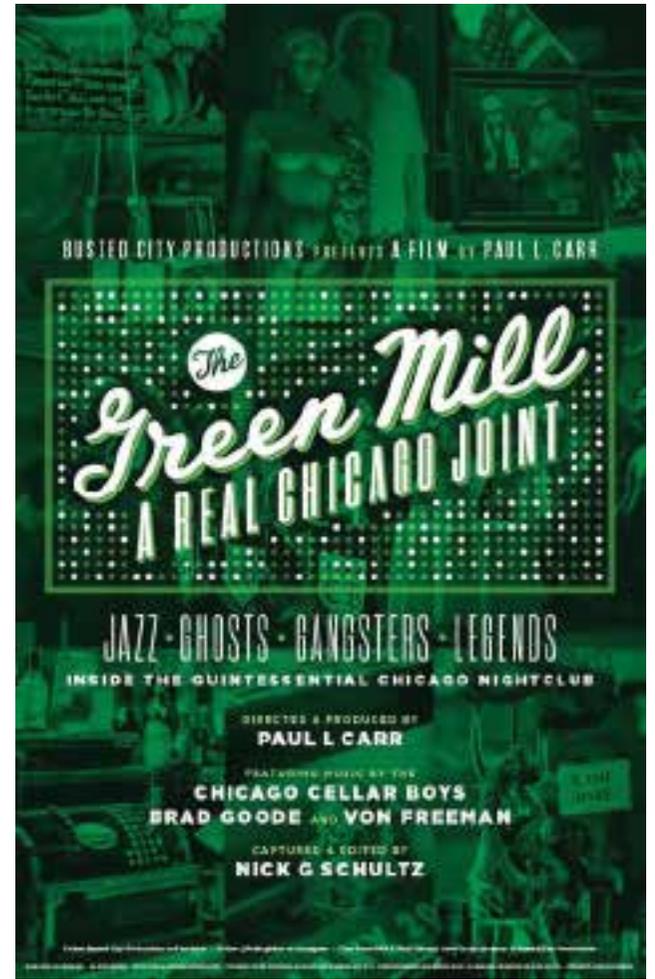
Rated G. Directed by Mi-Yong Brehm, Verena Feige
(Two one-hour films shown together)

Every point on the Earth receives an equal amount of daylight, but because of the Earth's axis, the amount of light on any given day varies. Nowhere is this more extreme than in Earth's polar regions. This very well-done documentary tells the story of life in Scandinavia above the Arctic Circle. The Nordic Countries are unique in that they have a sizeable human population living so far north. The first film begins on December 21, the time of perpetual night and finishes on June 21, the time of perpetual light. The second film covers the rest of the year, when perpetual day gradually becomes perpetual darkness.

The documentary is beautifully filmed and is a delight to watch. Excellent narration in English is provided by Adam Wakeling. Considerable detail is provided about the climate and how the flora and fauna adapt to such an unusual environment. For example, animals whose fur changes color with the seasons. While the viewer learns a lot, the film is well-paced and never boring. Watching these films is interesting, relaxing, and thoroughly pleasant.

The films have won several awards at festivals in Portugal, Brazil, and Montenegro. They also won a Golden Panda award for cinematography.

Sat. Mar. 28, 5:00PM, Beloit College Powerhouse



**The Green Mill:
A Real Chicago Joint**

Rated R. Directed by Paul L Carr

This documentary consists of six people sitting around the table in a tavern drinking and reminiscing for an hour. That's what people do in a bar, and it's a fitting way to tell the story of Chicago's Green Mill, America's oldest continuously operating jazz club.

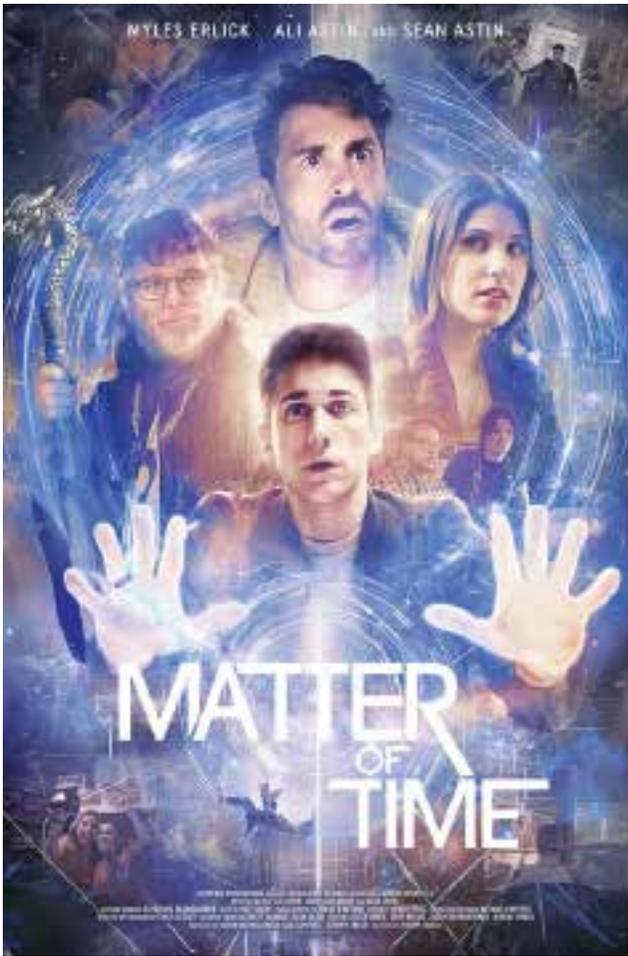
You'll meet the club owner Dave Jemilo; filmmaker Paul Carr, who was hired by Jemilo as his first bartender in 1986; manager Laura Castro; singer and cocktail waitress, Katherine Terrell; another manager and bartender Jason Cole; and trumpet player Brad Goode. Together, they represent over 165 years of Green Mill experience.

They have quite the stories to tell. About the old bricked-up tunnels in the basement and the ghost (and squatter) who inhabited them. About the patrons, from Frank Sinatra, Johnny Depp, and Charlie Chaplin, to the locals, including the old man who introduced the club to Malort. Most of all, you'll hear about the incredible jazz that's been played at the venue over the years by world-famous artists as well as the local acts.

Interspersed with the conversation are numerous pictures and film clips of both the neighborhood and the inside of the club. Naturally, it has the musical sound track you would expect from a story about a jazz joint. Whether you've ever been to the Green Mill, the film gives you an inside look at the celebrated jazz club. After seeing this film, you'll want to visit the Green Mill to catch a set or two over drinks.

Chicago-based Paul Carr has made a number of films, and this is his first documentary.

Thurs., Mar. 26, 7:30PM, Beloit College Wilson Theater



Matter of Time

Rated PG-13. Directed by Jeremy Snead

Since he was a little boy, Charlie Fleck (Myles Erlick) always wanted to be a video game designer. Now 29, he has a chance to perfect and sell his game, *Lone State*, to a video game distributor, Sugar Cube. His girlfriend Bree (Ali Astin) works there and the company is desperate for a new hit. The catch is that he has only three months to finish.

Charlie “borrows” a time-stopping device from a friend, Gibbs (Sean Astin), who runs a video game store. The device came from Gibbs’ grandfather, who worked with Robert Oppenheimer on the Manhattan Project. Charlie is warned not to use the device for more than 24 hours at a time.

Charlie had always been collaborative with his good friends Lucas (Patrick Britton) and Brian (Quinn Angel), but decided to abandon them, and soon learns that he needs their help. Finally, Charlie and his friends develop a successful version of the game which they end up launching independently of Sugar Cube.

If you are a gamer and love science fiction, you’ll relate to this film, but even if you’re not, it’s a good story. The film and its messages of teamwork and loyalty resonate universally. *Matter of Time* is Jeremy Snead’s first feature film. It is well-made with a lot of fun, animated sequences interspersed with live action. For someone who is not a gamer, it held my interest.

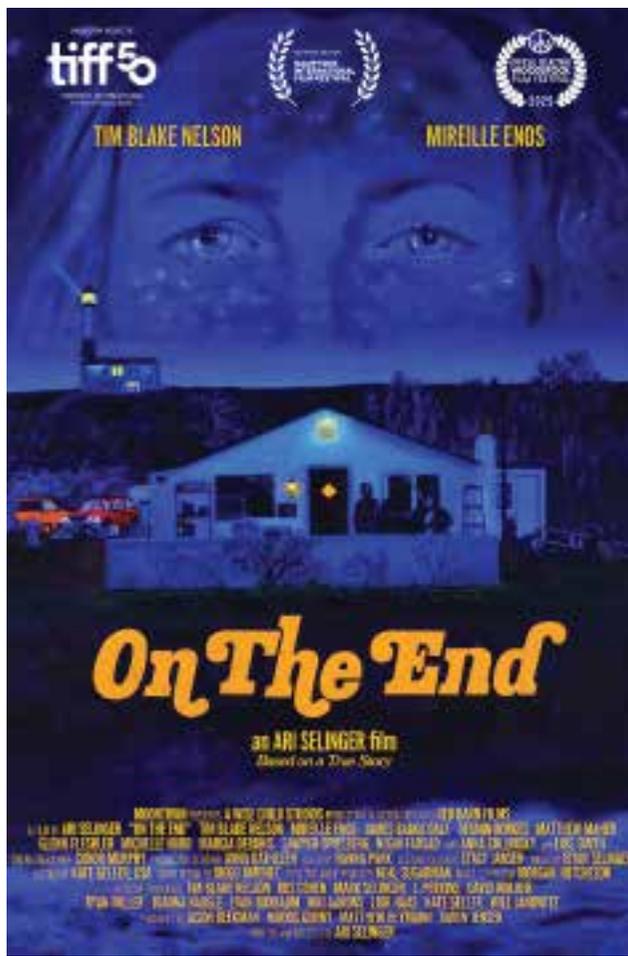
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On The End

Rated R. Directed by Ari Selinger

Based on a true story, Tom Ferreira (Tim Blake Nelson) is an auto mechanic who repairs cars alongside his run-down home on Navy Road, a traditionally industrial area in Montauk, NY. Montauk is located on the extreme end of Long Island, east of the Hamptons. Tom lives with his brother Milton (Matthew Maher) who regularly takes their aunt and next-door neighbor Trudie (Lois Smith)—who Tom calls “Aunt Crusty”—to the grocery store. Both Milton and Aunt Crusty are great for a few laughs.

Tom meets Freckles (Mireille Enos) on the Internet, and she drives out from Brooklyn to meet him. Freckles has been living in her car along with her cat and moves in. Tom and Freckles fall in love. Both suffer terribly from diabetes.

While Montauk was always known as the “un-Hamptons,” in recent years, the town has become more gentrified. A real estate saleswoman, Jess Finch (Anna Chlumsky), convinces Aunt Crusty to list her home. Given the unsightliness of Tom’s house and yard next door, to improve the marketability of Aunt Crusty’s home, Jess persuades the town to harass Tom, destroy his business, and ultimately attempt to force Tom out of his home.

Tom (with the encouragement of Freckles) retaliates by suing the town in federal court and winning. The case becomes a precedent on land use law.

On The End has played to an appreciative audience at the Toronto International Film Festival and several other venues. It’s a cute, sentimental love story, and it’s always entertaining to see an underdog win. Definite date night material.

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**In the Interest of: MALIKHAI ARMANI JUSTIC RICHARDSON, A Minor. CASE NO: 26 GR 5
TO JUSTIN BROWN AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Take notice that on the 9th day of February, 2026, a Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, 17th Judicial Circuit, and that in courtroom 3 of the Boone County Courthouse, on the 17th day of March, 2026 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor. All parties are required to appear by Zoom. The meeting ID is 963 9791 8024.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the Petition, the Petition may be taken for confessed as against you and an Order, Judgment, or Decree entered.

Dated at Belvidere, Illinois this 9th day of February, 2026.

Pamela Coduto

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF MORGAN STANLEY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-2 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,
-v.- 25 FC 29
CARWIN RAYPHOLE, JR, Defendant**

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 24, 2026, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT FIVE (5) IN BLOCK SEVEN (7) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF FRY'S RE-SURVEY, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS ON PAGE 9 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1121 KISHWAUKEE STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-26-129-009

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$134,342.96.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 25-103148.

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.

LOGS Legal Group LLP

2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207

Bannockburn IL, 60015

847-291-1717

E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com

Attorney File No. 25-103148

Case Number: 25 FC 29

TJSC#: 45-3265

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 # 25 FC 29 6088-962099

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, 601 NORTH MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF Dolores Hodge, DECEASED.

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Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Cheryl Schmitt, 2128 Davis Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Terrence E. Davey, Malman Law, 205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before August 17, 2026, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

Terrence E. Davey

Malman Law

205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1700

Chicago, Illinois 60606

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17THJUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE

**In the Matter of the Estate of JOAN M. BUCHANAN a/k/a JOAN BUCHANAN, deceased
No. 2026-PR-6**

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JOAN M. BUCHANAN a/k/a JOAN BUCHANAN, of Belvidere, Illinois on September 5 2025. Letters of office were issued on January 28, 2026 to AMANDA L. BUCHANAN, 2219 E. Portland St. #1, Phoenix, AZ 85006, as independent Executor, whose attorney is TOBIN, RAMON & BARBER, 530 South State Street, Suite 200, Belvidere, IL 61008-3711.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk--Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 17, 2026, which date is not less than six(6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

DATED:

AMANDA L. BUCHANAN

Independent Executor

Lois Cannell Ramon ARDC# 2280434

Tobin, Ramon & Barber

530 S. State St., Suite 200

Belvidere, IL 61008

(815)544-0316

patti@tobinramon.com

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

**In the Interest of: ZENDEYA ALIAH RICHARDSON, A Minor.
CASE NO: 26 GR 6**

TO ALEM MERIED AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on the 9th day of February, 2026, a Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, 17th Judicial Circuit, and that in courtroom 3 of the Boone County Courthouse, on the 17th day of March, 2026 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor. All parties are required to appear by Zoom. The meeting ID is 963 9791 8024.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the Petition, the Petition may be taken for confessed as against you and an Order, Judgment, or Decree entered.

Dated at Belvidere, Illinois this 9th day of February, 2026.

Pamela Coduto

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

Cody Skaggs, et al, Plaintiffs,

v. Case No. 2025-SC-657

Joshua Johnson, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION - SMALL CLAIMS

TO: Joshua Johnson d/b/a Willow Contracting Services

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU that on September 18, 2025, a Small Claims Complaint was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, against you and other defendants, seeking judgment in the amount of \$10,000.00.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR before the Honorable C. Robert Tobin III, or any judge sitting in his stead, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, on:

DATE: April 30, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM

COURTROOM: 1

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING ID: #910 1450 6143

If you fail to appear at the time and place stated above, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

Dated at Belvidere, Illinois this 20th day of February 2026.

Pamela Coduto Boone County Circuit Clerk

D. KEVIN SOMMER #6186105

Attorney at Law

One Court Place, Suite 300

Rockford, IL 61101

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sommer.d.kevin@gmail.com

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

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: James Kieser, Deceased. CASE NO: 2026-PR-1

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of James Kieser on March 1st, 2025. Letters of Office were issued on January 28th, 2026, to: Betty Kieser who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney is Christian Solares, 4855 E State St Ste 24, Rockford, IL 61108.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of first publication. Any claim not filed within six (6) months from the date of first publication or claims not filed within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditors, if mailing 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 may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk-Probate Div. at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N Main St, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the representative or both.

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

DATED: 02/18/2026

Betty Kieser, Executor

CHRISTIAN SOLARES #6325075

Attorney for Estate

4855 E State St Ste 24

Rockford, IL 61108

815/312-1703

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NOTICE

Belvidere Community Unit School District #100 is seeking bids for Asbestos Abatement for District Wellness Center Re Bid.

A mandatory pre bid contractor site walk through will be held at the project site on Tuesday March 10th, 2026 at 9:00am. Failure to attend mandatory pre bid contractor site walk through will result in bid proposal disqualification. Site is located at 1414 North State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008.

All bids are due by Tuesday March 24th, 2026, 1:00 pm and a public bid opening will take place at 1:30 pm the same day at the Administrative Building - Staff Development Room, 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008. All vendors are welcome to attend the bid request opening.

All bids should be submitted through SECURE BIDS. Link to CUSD 100 website with SECURE BIDS <https://colbisecurebids.com/agency/bcusd100>.

Proposal specifications will be available through the SECURE BIDS website. If you have any questions please contact the District Office at 815-544-8616 or via email at Purchasing@District100.com.

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

Holly Houk

Clerk

Board of Education

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

**U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LOAN ACQUISITION TRUST 2017-RPL1, C/O RUSHMORE LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC, Plaintiff,
Vs. 2026FC8
Alton E. Parker, Jr., Lareda C Parker, unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.**

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: ALTON E. PARKER, JR., LAREDA C PARKER

UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

LOT FORTY-ONE (41) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT NO. 4 OF RIVER REACH SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART

OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD P.M., AND A REPLAT OF LOTS 21 THRU 27 PLAT NO. 3 OF RIVER REACH SUBDIVISION RECORDED FEBRUARY 19, 1976, AS DOCUMENT NO. 76- 461 IN PLAT INDEX FILE ENVELOPE NO. 10 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS 8778 QUAIL DR, BELVIDERE, IL 61008
PIN # 08-04-277-007

and which said Mortgage was made by:
ALTON E PARKER JR AND LAREDA C PARKER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, NOT IN TENANCY IN COMMON, BUT AS JOINT TENANTS, the Mortgagor(s), to Beneficial Illinois Inc DBA Beneficial Mortgage Co of Illinois as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of BOONE County, IL, as Document No. 03R17654; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, on or before April 2, 2026 A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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

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

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

Our File No.: 321642
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SECTION 001113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: February 27, 2026

PROJECT: hvac upgrade FOR THE
Boone County Historical Museum

LOCATION: 314 south state street
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

OWNER: Boone County Historical Museum
314 south state street
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

ARCHITECT: OLLMANN ERNEST MARTIN ARCHITECTS
200 SOUTH STATE STREET
BELVIDERE, Illinois 61008
Tel: 815/ 544-7790

SCOPE: Bids for single contract INCLUDING:
General WORK
HVAC WORK

DATE DUE: Sealed bids will be received UNTIL 2:00 PM CsT on TUESDAY, march 17, 2026 at the office of the owner and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

PRE-BID MEETINGS: ALL PROSPECTIVE Contractors are encouraged to ATTEND a pre-bid meeting held at 2:00 pM CsT, thursday, march 5, 2026 AT the project site.

SITE INSPECTION: all PROSPECTIVE Contractors ARE required to INSPECT the existing conditions at the project site, prior to submitting a bid.

ACCESS TO BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Bidding Documents are on file for reference at the following locations:
office of the owner Belvidere, IL
Office of the Architect Belvidere, IL
NIBCA Rockford, IL

BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Bidders may secure digital PDF copies of the bidding documents, from the architect, for the purpose of making reproductions pursuant to Specification Section 000111 "Ownership and Use of Instruments of Service". Bidders may print copies of the bidding documents at their own cost.

TO BECOME A PLANHOLDER, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO JERNEST@OAARCH.COM AND DOCUMENTS WILL BE SHARED. CONTACT NAME, COMPANY NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER

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

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

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS: performance and payment bonds: will be required.

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

TAXES: Boone County Historical Museum is a tax exempt entity.

RIGHTS RESERVED BY OWNER: THE OWNER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE any irregularities and/ OR REJECT ANY or all bids when, in the opinion of the Owner, such action will serve the best interests of the Owner.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: No bid may be withdrawn for a PERIOD of 60 days after the OPENING OF BIDS WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE OWNER.

By REQUEST OF THE Boone County Historical Museum, Belvidere, ILLINOIS

NOTICE

Belvidere Community Unit School District #100 is seeking bids for Wellness Center Building Renovations Bid Package #01a Re-Bid.

A mandatory pre bid contractor site walk through will be held at the project site on Tuesday March 10th, 2026 at 10:00am. Failure to attend mandatory pre bid contractor site walk through will result in bid proposal disqualification. Site is located at 1414 North State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008.

All bids are due by Tuesday March 24th, 2026, 2:00 pm and a public bid opening will take place at 2:30 pm the same day at the Administrative Building - Staff Development Room, 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008. All vendors are welcome to attend the bid request opening.

All bids should be submitted through SECURE BIDS. Link to CUSD 100 website with SECURE BIDS <https://colbisurebids.com/agency/bcusd100>.

Proposal specifications will be available through the SECURE BIDS website. If you have any questions please contact the District Office at 815-544-8616 or via email at Purchasing@District100.com.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Holly Houk
Clerk

Board of Education
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ASSUMED NAMES

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

No. DBA 4263 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a BANQUET HALL business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of COUNTRY SIDE EVENTS that its location is or will be 13535 IL 76 in POPLAR GROVE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-378-6080
RICHARD EUGENE HARRIS
13537 RT 76 POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk and Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 12, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk and Recorder of Boone County
Published in Boone County Journal 02/17,24 03/03 P.

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

No. DBA4264 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a COSMETOLOGY business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of LUPITA'S BEAUTY that its location is or will be 502 HIGHLAND ST in BELVIDERE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-540-9983
MARIA GUADALUPE MEDINA
502 HIGHLAND ST BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 12, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4265 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of RPF ELECTRIC that its location is or will be 10492 BELOIT ROAD in BELVIDERE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

ROBERT FREEDMAN 10492 BELOIT ROAD
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008
ROBERTA FREEDMAN 10492 BELOIT ROAD
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 19, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County
Published in Boone County Journal 2/24, 3/03, 3/10/26 - P

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

No. DBA 4267 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a SOCIAL AIRCRAFT TYPE CLUB business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of MIDWEST NAVIONEERS that its location is or will be 1004 BEECH BAY ROAD in POPLAR GROVE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 847-971-7717
CHRISTOPHER FITCHEN 1004 BEECH BAY RD
POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk and Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 23, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk and Recorder of Boone County
Published in Boone County Journal 03/03,10,17 P.

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

No. DBA4269 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a HANDYMAN business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of MOD-IFIED HOME IMPROVEMENT that its location is or will be 402 CLUB CIRCLE in BELVIDERE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 224-288-8505
TIMOTHY MICHEAL MODRZEJEWSKI 402 CLUB CIRCLE
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

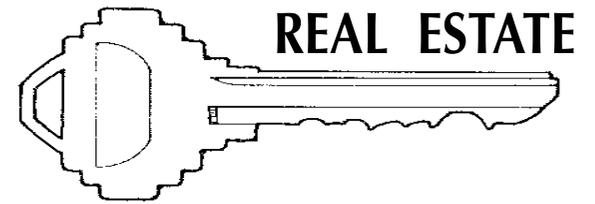
I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 27, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4268 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a PUBLISHING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of BELLIS PUBLISHING that its location is or will be 14054 QUEENANNS WAY in POPLAR GROVE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-721-4900
DAISY R SHELLEY 14054 QUEENANNS WAY
POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 27, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MORTGAGE CENTER L.L.C., Plaintiff,

-v.- 2024 FC 21

EDWIN H. RANDALL JR, KRISTINE L. RANDALL, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 11, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on February 27, 2026, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 18143 CAPRON ROAD, CAPRON, IL 61012
Property Index No. 02-35-300-002

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$262,156.98.

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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 WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., LPA Plaintiff's Attorneys, 180 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 2400, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (312) 782-9676. Please refer to file number WWR 23-001179.

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Case # 2024 FC 21 6088-961469
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF MORGAN STANLEY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-2 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,

-v.- 25 FC 29

CARWIN RAYPHOLE, JR, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 24, 2026, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1121 KISHWAUKEE STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008
Property Index No. 05-26-129-009

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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The judgment amount was \$134,342.96.
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For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 25-103148.

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Case Number: 25 FC 29

TJSC#: 45-3265

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Case # 25 FC 29 6088-962099

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Joyce Jackson

Joyce Viola Jackson, age 97, of Markesan, Wisconsin, passed away on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at the Markesan Resident Home, where she had resided since August 2025.

Joyce was born on December 20, 1928, in Brantwood, Wisconsin, daughter of Alfred and Jennie Hill. Joyce's educational journey began at Belvidere High School, in Illinois, where she graduated in 1946. Her passion for learning continued as she pursued higher education, ultimately earning her degrees from Portland State University in Oregon and Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. Completing her master's degree in education was a proud achievement that reflected both her commitment to personal growth and her dedication to teaching.

With a career spanning 13 years, Joyce began her teaching journey when her children started school, blending her roles as both a mother and an educator. She was actively involved in the Tri Kappa Sorority while fulfilling her teaching responsibilities, showcasing her ability to balance work and community involvement.

Joyce lived in Junction City, Kansas from 1973 until 2009, with her husband Reese. During her time in Junction City, she actively taught school and became the custodial caregiver to her three grandchildren, Shelby, Shelly, and Kathy, after the passing of her daughter Shela in 1981.

Joyce's passions extended beyond the classroom. As a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Markesan, she found strength in her faith. She was an avid reader, cherished playing cards with family and friends, and enjoyed bowling for 30 years. She was a lifetime member of the Abendroth-Connolly American Legion Auxiliary Unit 282 of Markesan. The greatest joys in Joyce's life were through the special times spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She cherished the moments they shared, and her legacy of love and guidance will forever remain in their hearts.

Joyce loved to travel, taking numerous bus

trips. She took pride in having traveled to all 50 states, creating cherished memories along the way. During her adventures, she developed a fondness for collecting souvenir plates, spoons, casino cards, magnets, keychains, and postcards, along with her growing love for lighthouses—she accumulated quite the collection over the years, each piece representing a treasured memory.

Joyce is survived by her two daughters, Sally (Ted) Robl and Linda Gaither; eleven grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and many great-great grandchildren; and two sisters, Clarice (Dale) Kieselburg and Carol Dupes. Special family members include Einar and Carrie Kvandahl, and Ethan, Emma and Collin, along with nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, William C. Bean, and previous husband, Reese E. Jackson. Joyce was also preceded by two daughters, Susan Bean and Shela Sweetser; a great-grandson, Corin Moore; and nine siblings.

A graveside service at Sacred Heart Cemetery 519 Old Knapp Road, Oshkosh, WI, will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, with Pastor Jason Jobs officiating.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the Markesan Resident Home and SSM Hospice for the wonderful care provided throughout her stay. Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to Sally Robl to contribute to the Corin Moore Scholarship Fund and St. John's Lutheran Church of Markesan.

Markesan Community Funeral Home www.markesanfh.com

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conomic issues," Valencia said. "This is an attempt to break the spirit of people who build lives here in spite of language barriers, racist policies and hate."

Looking forward

Commission Chair Judge Rubén Castillo urged the public to continue submitting information and providing feedback on the commission's initial report in order to make the final version more robust. That final version is due by April 30.

Those wishing to provide information with the commission can do so on its website at <https://ilac.illinois.gov/interest-form.html>.

Castillo said he hopes to have Marimar Martinez, the Chicago teacher's aide shot five times by a Border Patrol agent in October, testify at the next hearing in March.



- Joseph Anderson, 60, Former of Belvidere, Feb. 12
- Donna Blake, 90, Belvidere, February 15
- Brenda Branson Waite, 80, Belvidere, February 17
- Darlene Carlson, 78, Belvidere, February 20
- Tracey Follis, 38, Belvidere, February 24
- Mary Harris, 67, Belvidere, February 24
- Richard Hermonson, 76, Harvard, February 22
- Kipp Koenig, 62, Belvidere, February 17
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- Patricia Patchik, 86, Harvard, February 21
- Mary Summer, 90, Cherry Valley, February 14



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