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Kentucky Derby 149

By Charles Herbst

Sometimes, “tradition” is a polite word for the same old thing. But sometimes, it is not. This Saturday, the First Saturday in May will be the 149th running of the Kentucky Derby. Post time for this Saturday’s Kentucky Derby will be 5:57PM, Belvidere Time. But you’ll probably want to tune in 30-45 minutes early to see *Call to the Post* and *My Old Kentucky Home*.

The front page of the Thursday, May 5, 2022 *Boone County Journal* showed the odds chart for the 2022 Kentucky Derby. Twenty horses were listed, with the favorites being Zandon at 3-1, and Epicenter at 7-2. Ethereal Road was listed in the 20th post position with 30-1 odds. The forecast for Louisville, Kentucky was rain on Saturday afternoon, which meant the possibility of a “sloppy” track. Go for the “mudder,” right?

Well, the rain held off and the race was run under a cloudy sky on a dry, fast track. Ethereal Road was scratched and a different horse, Rich Strike, was substituted, running from the 20th post, wearing number 21.

Zandon finished third, Epicenter was second, and the winner was Rich Strike!

It was certainly fun to watch.

In the call of the 2-minute-2-second race, Rich Strike’s name was not even mentioned until the two-minute mark. If you placed a \$2 wager on Rich Strike to win, you walked away from the race \$163.60 richer.

It was the longest longshot since Donerail in 1913. Jockey Sonny Leon was able to find a path through the traffic to victory. In the final seconds of the race, Rich Strike came from the middle of the pack along the inside rail. It was the first Derby win for trainer Eric Reed. Rich Strike had previously won only a maiden race in 2021. The horse came in third at the Jeff Ruby Steaks to ultimately qualify for the Kentucky Derby.

Like Louisville, Belvidere has a long tradition of hosting horseracing. The Boone County Fair, which goes back over 150 years, has had horseracing continuously since its inception. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 8th at 12 Noon, as horse racing returns to Belvidere as part of the fair.

Like any other year, you can’t predict the Kentucky Derby winner, no matter how you haul out all the “dosage” charts, how long you study the *Daily Racing Form*, how much bourbon you drink, or how fancy your hat is. Still, it’s fun to try, and a friendly wager makes the race more interesting.

2023 Kentucky Derby horses and the odds at press time:

Post Position Horse Trainer Jockey Odds

1. Hit Show, Brad Cox, Manny Franco, 30-1
2. Verifying, Brad Cox, Tyler Gaffalione, 15-1
3. Two Phil’s, Larry Rivelli, Jareth Loveberry, 12-1
4. Confidence Game, Keith Desormeaux, James Graham, 20-1
5. Tapit Trice, Todd Pletcher, Luis Saez, 5-1
6. Kingsbarns, Todd Pletcher, Jose Ortiz, 12-1



Churchill Downs Kentucky Derby June 9, 1945. The race was moved from May 5th that year because of the impending German surrender on May 9th.



Zev won the Kentucky Derby in 1923, 100 years ago.

7. Reincarnate, Tim Yakteen, John Velazquez, 50-1
8. Mage, Gustavo Delgado, Javier Castellano, 15-1
9. Skinner, John Shirreffs, Juan Hernandez, 20-1
10. Practical Move, Tim Yakteen, Ramon Vazquez, 10-1
11. Disarm, Steve Asmussen, Joel Rosario, 30-1
12. Jace’s Road, Brad Cox, Florent Geroux, 50-1
13. Sun Thunder, Kenny McPeck, Brian Hernandez Jr., 50-1
14. Angel of Empire, Brad Cox, Flavien Prat, 8-1
15. Forte, Todd Pletcher, Irad Ortiz Jr., 3-1
16. Raise Cain, Ben Colebrook, Gerardo Corrales, 50-1
17. Derma Sotogake, Hidetaka Otonashi, Christophe Lemaire, 10-1
18. Rocket Can, Bill Mott, Junior Alvarado, 30-1
19. Lord Miles, Saffie Joseph Jr., Paco Lopez, 30-1
20. Continuar, Yoshito Yahagi, Ryusei Sakai, 50-1

OP-ED

History or Myth

By Scott Reeder

A lot of the “history” we were taught in school was nothing more than fables.

Christopher Columbus didn’t prove the world was round. George Washington’s teeth weren’t made of wood. Abraham Lincoln didn’t write the Gettysburg address on the back of an envelope. The Liberty Bell didn’t crack on July 4, 1776. Benjamin Franklin almost certainly didn’t fly a kite in a thunderstorm.

And contrary to what we were taught in school, the socialists involved in the 1886 Haymarket Square Riot in Chicago received fair trials.

For many involved in the labor movement, that last statement is heresy. For generations, school children have been taught that the five men convicted in the incident were innocent martyrs

demonstrating for an eight-hour workday who were sent to the gallows on trumped up charges.

It makes for a compelling story. But its also baloney.

In fact, even today, May Day, the anniversary of the riot, is the most important date on the calendar for communist and socialist parties around the globe. Red flags are waved from Copenhagen to Cape Town and from Paris to Hanoi.

The holiday has its roots here in the Land of Lincoln. In Chicago, to be precise.

As a high school student, I was taught that a group of peaceful workers demonstrating for a shorter workday were attacked by Chicago police. After some police officers were killed when a bomb exploded, innocent workers were unfairly tried and hung.

In fact, that is what people around the world have been taught.

It’s a prevarication, bound up in a falsehood and wrapped in a lie.

As the Soviet revolutionary Vladimir Lenin once said, “A lie told often enough becomes the truth.”

By the standards of the 1880s, it was a fair trial. In fact, it was one of the first trials where scientific forensic evidence was presented. Despite this, 19 years ago, the Illinois Legislature spent \$300,000 to erect a sculpture honoring the “victims” of the Haymarket Riot.

Of course, the “victims” are no longer just the seven police officers killed, they also include the four murderers hung and the one who committed suicide in his jail cell.

A plaque on the monument says the men were “unfairly tried.”

But a funny thing happened on the way to the Politburo.

During a lecture on the Haymarket incident, Timothy Messer-Kruse, a history professor at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, told his students the Haymarket demonstrators received an unfair trial and were convicted despite there being no evidence against them.

“And then a student raised her hand and asked, ‘If there wasn’t any evidence, what was presented during that six-week trial?’ It was an ‘a-ha moment.’ I didn’t have an answer for her. I was teaching what I had been taught, but it got me wondering and I decided to look at the original trial transcripts,” he told me several years ago.

And what he found stunned him.

The trial was the longest and most exhaustive held in Illinois up to that point.

In fact, it pioneered the use of forensic evidence. A chemist compared the metallic composition of the shrapnel removed from the police officers’ bodies with the bomb casings and parts found in the home of one of the defendants.

They matched.

In fact, Messer-Kruse asked a Yale University chemistry professor to use modern technology to compare the evidence today.

They still matched.

The evidence against the men was quite substantial. Their appeals were heard by both the Illinois and U.S. supreme courts.

But the political supporters of the defendants billed the men as innocent martyrs.

“The prosecutors in the case didn’t have a reason to speak out after the men were executed. So, the history was largely written by those who had a political agenda to support these men,” Messer-Kruse said.

By the way, Messer-Kruse is a liberal himself and a strong supporter of organized labor.

“Part of the problem is the Haymarket has become a part of labor history and it’s part of the ethos of the labor movement,” he said.

In fact, no trial in Illinois history is of greater consequence than the one in which the Haymarket defendants were convicted. Their deaths are among the most commemorated in human history.

And yet, they were almost certainly guilty. They were hung for murder – not because they demonstrated for a shorter workday.

It’s time for that myth to be sliced from the history books.

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Belvidere Will Begin Providing Ambulance Service

Press Release

On May 1, 2023, the City of Belvidere will begin providing ambulance service to its citizens. We will be providing the service with two (2) Advanced Life Support Ambulances stationed at 1560 N. State St., Belvidere. Both ambulances will be staffed with 1 EMT-Paramedic, and 1 EMT- Basic. The service will be operating 24/7/365. The ambulances will be staffed by Metro Paramedic Services, Inc., with staff that are assigned to the Belvidere Fire Department (BFD) and operating under the Mission of the BFD.

In the end of October of 2022, OSF Lifeline terminated its contract with the City of Belvidere that was due to expire on April 30, 2023. At the same time, Elite Medial Transport purchased OSF Lifeline, and agreed to provide the service to the citizens of Belvidere until April 30th, 2023.

On November 14th, 2022, Belvidere City Council reviewed the Request for Proposal (RFP) of Ambulance Services prepared by the City Attorney, and authorized it to be published on November 21st, 2022, with a due date of January 6th, 2023.

Three companies responded to the RFP, and Chief Schadle also presented the costs of hiring additional members to the Belvidere Fire Department and purchasing ambulances. On January 23, 2023, Chief Schadle presented to City Council all of the choices for providing Ambulance Service and the pros and cons of each option. That meeting is attached below. On February 6th, 2023, the City Council approved a 5-year agreement with Metro Paramedic Services, Inc, to provide the staffing, ambulances, and related equipment pending legal review. Legal review was completed, and the final agreement was authorized by Council for signa-

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ture on March 6th, 2023.

On March 13th, 2023, Chief Schadle presented to Council Ambulance Billing Rates and a proposed billing rates ordinance. That meeting is also posted below.

It is our Mission to serve the community by providing emergency rescue and fire protection services that exceed expectations; to be there for the community at their greatest times of need. Providing two ALS ambulances to the community along with strong relationships with area providers, will allow us to ensure that we are there when you need us.



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‘ComEd Four’ Found Guilty on All Counts in Bribery Trial Tied to Ex-Speaker Madigan

Former speaker will stand for his own corruption trial next year

By Hannah Meisel Capitol News Illinois

A federal jury on Tuesday convicted three ex-lobbyists and the former CEO of electric utility Commonwealth Edison for their involvement in an alleged bribery scheme aimed at longtime Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan.

Former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore and Mike McClain – the utility’s longtime contract lobbyist and close confidant of Madigan – were each found guilty of nine counts of conspiracy bribery and falsifying records. Former City Club of Chicago President Jay Doherty, who also served for decades as an external lobbyist for the utility, and John Hooker, a former ComEd executive turned contract lobbyist for the company, were each found guilty of six counts.

Prosecutors alleged the foursome gave Madigan allies jobs and contracts at the utility in exchange for an easier path for ComEd-supported legislation in Springfield.

The four defendants were stoic as Judge Harry Leinenweber read the verdict late Tuesday afternoon. The benches in the courtroom were filled with friends and family of the defendants, and sniffles could be heard in the audience as the judge read the guilty counts.

Defendants declined to comment as they left the Dirksen Federal Courthouse, though Pramaggiore’s attorney, Scott Lassar, briefly spoke to reporters, saying only that his team was “disappointed in the ruling” and planned to appeal.

The six-week trial was borne of a wide-ranging federal corruption probe that has rocked Illinois politics and ultimately unseated Madigan, who had been the longest-serving legislative leader in the nation. The former speaker faces related criminal racketeering charges in his own trial, set for next April.

After the verdict Tuesday, acting U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Morris Pasqual, acknowledged that the bribery alleged in this case wasn’t about cash flowing to Madigan, but rather a more intangible

benefit: increased political capital.

“This was not the \$10,000 in a grocery bag in the back room; it was much more complex,” Pasqual told reporters, flanked by the assistant U.S. attorneys who prosecuted the case. “And the dollar amounts involved and the gain involved was much more significant as well. So it was a different type of (bribery) case.”

Pasqual said the government was “gratified” that “the jury saw it for what it was.”

Tuesday’s verdict could bolster prosecutors’ case against Madigan, who, in the course of the trial, was revealed as the initial target of the feds’ investigation which opened in late 2014.

Since then, the probe has grown to encompass more than a dozen high-profile players in the state’s political ecosystem.

The jury deliberated for approximately 27 hours since getting the case last Tuesday afternoon. A sentencing date was not set before court adjourned.

Speaking to reporters after the verdict, jury member Amanda Schnitker Sayers said the jury grew to like the defendants over the course of the trial.

“All in all, they’re good people that made bad decisions,” she said.

Schnitker Sayers said the jury stayed away from discussing Madigan outside of his role in the case

at hand, but said they came to believe the speaker’s involvement with ComEd “was key.”

“He really did cause this all to happen,” she said. “If it wouldn’t have been for him, these people would not have been in the position that they would need to commit crimes in the first place.”

‘Tier-one game’

During 21 days of testimony beginning mid-March, the jury heard from upwards of 50 witnesses, heard dozens of wiretapped phone calls, watched a handful of videos that were secretly recorded by a ComEd executive turned government informant, and saw hundreds of emails and text messages.

The most damning of the recordings tied the foursome’s actions to Madigan – particularly the calls in which McClain described himself as an “agent” of the speaker, saying Madigan was his “real client.”

In a February 2019 call, McClain spoke to Pramaggiore and Hooker about the need to train someone to take his place as liaison between ComEd and Madigan upon McClain’s eventual retirement. The need was made more pressing after Pramaggiore had been promoted and replaced by Joe Dominguez, whom they did not trust.

“My instinct is that I come up to Chicago and I

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sit down with Dominguez and say, ‘Now look-it asshole, uh if you want to pass this bill, this is what it requires,’” McClain said of accommodating Madigan’s requests. “So, either you’re gonna play in the tier-one game here or you’re gonna keep playing in your tier-two game. ...And if you wanna fire me today that’s fine but, uh this is like serious business, it’s millions of dollars. So either you wanna look like you’re the leader, and be the leader, but that means you’ve gotta authorize your people to do things.”

He later added: “I don’t mind having a daddy talk with this guy.”

In the government’s closing arguments, Assistant U.S. Attorney Diane MacArthur leaned on McClain’s own words to drive home the prosecution’s case.

“(The four) spent years playing this ‘tier-one’ game to get legislation that ComEd needed,” MacArthur said. “This was not lobbying, this was not building goodwill, this was not politics, this was not normal business operations. These were crimes.”

Prosecutors emphasized how ComEd benefitted financially from key pieces of legislation passed in 2011 and 2016. The 2011 “Smart Grid” law, in particular, pulled ComEd out of a difficult period through a “formula rate” that automatically bypassed regulatory hurdles.

However, juror Schnitker Sayers said the jury perceived the 2016 Future Energy Jobs Act as more corrupted by Madigan’s influence, despite the defense’s efforts to emphasize that ComEd’s involvement in FEJA was far less than ComEd’s parent company, Exelon, which received bailouts for its failing nuclear facilities.

“Because by 2016 Madigan was very used to being able to just ask for certain people to be hired. ...He was just asking for so much by then that they were so far deep in it,” Schnitker Sayers said.

ComEd’s success also meant Pramaggiore’s success – a fact prosecutors hammered home in their closing arguments. MacArthur highlighted a wiretapped phone call from September 2018 in which Pramaggiore told McClain good news about a Madigan-backed appointee to ComEd’s board.

“You take good care of me and so does our friend, and I will do the best that I can to take care of you,” Pramaggiore said, using the same coded language of “our friend” that McClain often used to refer to Madigan. “You’re a good man.”

On the witness stand, Pramaggiore downplayed her effusive language – and the fact that she called Madigan first with the news that she’d been promoted to CEO of Exelon Utilities in the spring of 2018. That same day, she’d told McClain her promotion “never would’ve happened without you and John (Hooker) and the speaker.”

“I mean, really. Because the only reason that I’m in this position is because ComEd has done so well,” Pramaggiore said in the wiretapped call with McClain. “And you guys have been my spirit guides.”

‘Little to no work’

Job recommendations from Madigan were at the heart of the trial, ranging from ComEd’s paid internship program – in which Madigan-recommended students allegedly didn’t have to compete against the broader pool of applicants – to a \$78,000 one-year position on ComEd’s board. McClain also pressured ComEd’s general counsel to contract with the law firm headed by Victor Reyes, a prolific fundraiser for Madigan.

But prosecutors spent most of their time questioning defendants about the \$1.3 million ComEd indirectly paid to a handful of subcontractors who did little to no work for their monthly checks.

Beginning in 2011, Madigan allies – including two former southwest side aldermen and a pair of top precinct captains from his 13th Ward political organization – were placed on the contracts of

various outside lobbyists for ComEd, receiving between \$4,000 and \$5,000 per month. They spent the longest under Doherty’s contract, and on a secretly recorded video played multiple times during trial, the longtime lobbyist acknowledged the subcontractors did “not much” in exchange for their pay.

One of those subcontractors, former Cook County commissioner and recorder of deeds Ed Moody, testified under immunity last month, affirming he didn’t lobby on ComEd’s behalf for the six years he was on lobbyists’ payroll. When he first began collecting his \$4,500 monthly checks under McClain’s lobbying contract, he testified he made phone calls and did some door-to-door canvassing at McClain’s direction, although in closing arguments, prosecutors called Moody’s work a “joke.”

Moody also testified that his contract with McClain was a direct result of asking Madigan to connect him with lobbying work after years of service as a top precinct captain in the 13th Ward. He said the speaker made it clear that his main job as McClain’s subcontractor was to keep doing what he did best: knocking on doors and speaking to voters.

“He said: ‘Understand this, that I control that contract,’” Moody said of Madigan. “‘If you stop doing your political work, you’ll lose that contract.’”

McClain himself said on a wiretapped phone call in 2018 that the subcontractors he’d had working under him didn’t do much more than “give me pieces of paper.”

He was speaking to Madigan’s longtime political director, Will Cousineau, who also testified under immunity earlier in the trial and acknowledged that McClain had hoped he’d follow in his footsteps as the utility’s top outside lobbyist.

“Not saying that will happen to you in the future,

but it helps you to be flexible,” McClain explained on that wiretapped call, referring to requests for job placements that Madigan would make.

“Yeah, ‘Just for a few months can you hire him for a few months?’” McClain said of Madigan’s requests. “So... you want to be nimble enough to say, ‘of course, of course.’”

Madigan at center of complicated case

Madigan largely exited public political life in early 2021 after a growing faction within his own House Democratic caucus vowed to deny him an unprecedented 19th term as speaker. That pressure grew over a period of six months after Madigan was named “Public Official A” in a federal court filing in July 2020.

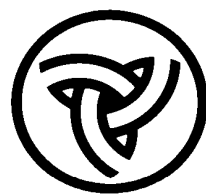
Prosecutors announced ComEd had agreed to a deferred prosecution agreement and would pay a \$200 million fine in addition to cooperating with the feds’ investigation into the utility’s alleged bribery scheme intended to influence Madigan.

McClain, Pramaggiore, Hooker and Doherty were indicted in November 2020, heightening the pressure campaign against Madigan, who had been speaker of the Illinois House for all but two years since 1983.

Madigan’s name was mentioned countless times throughout the trial. During his closing arguments last week, McClain’s attorney, Patrick Cotter, echoed a theme in his opening statement, saying Madigan was the true object of prosecutors’ aims in this case.

“Be the shield that you were meant to be,” Cotter told the jury. “The shield between an individual citizen and a very powerful government, in this case a very powerful government committed, dedicated and on a mission to get Mike Madigan.”

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Illinois Department of Transportation

Virtual Public Meeting

The Illinois Department of Transportation will be conducting a virtual public meeting to receive input from the public regarding the proposed improvements of US Business Route 20 from Shaw Road through the State Street/Appleton Road intersection in Belvidere.

DATE and TIME

Thursday, May 11, 2023

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

ONLINE – VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

To register for the virtual public meeting, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/US20Business-Study-VPM2>

The Purpose of this meeting is for the public to refamiliarize themselves with the project since the first public information meeting and review the proposed improvements through a webinar presentation. Following the presentation there will be a question-and-answer session. Meeting materials will be posted to the project website the day of the meeting. Comments can be submitted via email, mail, or the study website. Comments received by June 15, 2023, will become part of the official outreach meeting record.

The proposed project would involve use of land at the Beaver Bluffs Conservation Area from the Boone County Conservation District and land from the Belvidere Park District within the Glenn H. Green Open Space Area. Less than one half acre of right-of-way and less than one half acre of temporary easement would be used from the 23-acre Glenn H. Green Open Space area. Less than one acre of temporary easement will be required from 79.1-acre Beaver Bluffs Conservation Area. Land is needed for the reconstruction and widening of US Business 20 and will not adversely affect the park’s activities, features, or attributes that make the property eligible for Section 4(f) protection. Through publication of this notice, the Department is requesting the public’s views on the proposed use of parkland and on FHWA’s intent to make a Section 4(f) de minimis determination.

This meeting will be held in a virtual format with personnel from IDOT and representatives from our consultant team and will include a question-and-answer session. If you are unable to attend the virtual public meeting, you may view the materials and video on the project website after May 11th at: <https://tinyurl.com/USBusiness20Study>

Persons with a limited internet access or that require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Steve Robery, Section Engineer, at the Illinois Department of Transportation, 819 Depot Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. The contact may be in writing, by telephone at (815)284-5510, or by e-mail at steverobery@illinois.gov.

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Madigan ultimately gave up the speaker's gavel in early January 2021, and resigned from the House seat he'd held for 50 years the next month. Shortly after that, Madigan resigned as head of the state's Democratic Party, although he still maintains his longest-held elected position, that of Chicago's 13th Ward Democratic committeeman, which isn't up for another vote until next spring's primary election.

Last March, Madigan was hit with a 22-count indictment on racketeering and bribery charges related to the alleged ComEd bribery scheme. The jury in this case was not told of those charges, although Schnitker Sayers told reporters after the verdict that Madigan's pending trial was "common knowledge" among the jury.

That indictment also alleged Madigan used all his positions of power – including as a partner in his real estate tax law firm – as a criminal "enterprise" whose purpose was, in part, "to exercise, to preserve and to enhance Madigan's political power and financial well-being."

McClain was indicted alongside Madigan in that case, and in October feds added an extra charge involving telecommunications utility AT&T. In that charge, prosecutors allege Madigan and McClain conspired with AT&T Illinois executives and lobbyists to funnel payments to an ally of the speaker in exchange for help passing legislation in 2017 allowing the utility to end traditional landline service for 1.2 million customers statewide.

Feds allege those within Madigan's orbit used "threats, intimidation and extortion" to achieve the powerful speaker's aims. At the time, Madigan denied any criminal activity.

"The government is attempting to criminalize a routine constituent service: job recommendations," Madigan said in a statement in March 2022. "That is not illegal, and these other charges are equally unfounded."

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Federal Judge Refuses To Block Assault Weapons Ban Enforcement

Case is one of several challenging new law's constitutionality

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

A federal judge in Chicago this week denied a request to block enforcement of both state and local bans on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, saying it is unlikely that the law will be found unconstitutional.

In a 31-page opinion, Judge Lindsay Jenkins in the Northern District of Illinois said the laws are intended to protect public safety by removing particularly dangerous weapons from circulation. She also said that the government's interest in protecting public safety outweighs any harm the laws might have on a person's right to keep and bear arms.

The case involves Javier Herrera, a Chicago resident and emergency room doctor who volunteers as a medic for a Special Weapons and Tactics, or SWAT team. He is challenging a newly passed state law as well as local laws enacted by the city of Chicago and Cook County.

The Illinois General Assembly passed its assault weapon ban during a special lame duck session in January. It came in response to a mass shooting at an Independence Day parade in Highland Park that left seven people dead and dozens more injured or traumatized.

The law bans the possession, sale or manufacture of a long list of semiautomatic rifles and handguns that are defined as "assault weapons" as well as large-capacity magazines, defined as 10 or more rounds for a rifle and 15 or more rounds for a handgun. It exempts certain people from the ban such as law enforcement officers and active-duty military personnel.

Under the law, people who already own such weapons can keep them but they must register them with the Illinois State Police by Jan. 1, 2024. The law also limits who current owners can sell or transfer the weapon to.

Cook County enacted its own ban on certain semiautomatic rifles and large-capacity magazines in 2006 and the city of Chicago enacted one in 2013.

Herrera filed his lawsuit shortly after Gov. JB Pritzker signed the state ban into law. He owns several weapons that are now banned including two AR-15 rifles, which he says he uses for self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting.

He claims that the laws interfere with his right of self-defense as well as his ability to train with his SWAT team. He also argues that large-capacity magazines come standard with certain weapons and that his inability to purchase those items renders the guns inoperable.

His suit seeks to declare the laws unconstitutional under the Second and 14th Amendments. It also asked for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction barring enforcement of the laws while the case is pending.

In a ruling released Tuesday, Jenkins denied the motions to block enforcement of the laws, saying that any injuries the laws may be causing Herrera were outweighed by the interest in protecting public safety. She also said an injunction and restraining order were not warranted because Herrera was unlikely to prevail on the merits of his case.

She also noted that Herrera is not a law enforcement officer and that his volunteer work for the SWAT team does not require him to carry a firearm.

Herrera's attorneys filed a notice Wednesday indicating they will appeal to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Herrera's case is just

one of several challenges to the state's assault weapons ban that are working their way through state and federal courts. There are two other cases in the Northern District of Illinois challenging the state law and local ordinances – one against Naperville and another against Highland Park.

In February, a different federal judge denied a similar motion for an injunction in the Naperville case. That case is also on appeal to the Seventh Circuit.

Another federal case is pending in the Southern District of Illinois where a judge in East St. Louis heard oral arguments earlier this month. And there is a case pending before the Illinois Supreme Court that seeks to have the state law overturned as a violation of the Illinois state constitution.

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EPA Emissions Proposal Includes Stricter Limits for Pickups, Heavy-Duty

By Timothy Eggert FarmWeek

Fewer vehicles essential to farmers and the ag industry, like pickup trucks and freight haulers, would be powered by internal combustion engines over the next 10 years under a set of proposals introduced April 12.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed stricter vehicle emission limits that would mandate up to two-thirds of new U.S. models be electric by 2032. Half of heavy-duty vehicles sold would need to be "zero emission."

EPA's rule would establish tailpipe emission standards for the 2027 through 2032 model years of light- and medium-duty vehicles, such as passenger cars, trucks and SUVs.

EPA also proposed a separate emissions rule for the 2027 through 2032 model years of heavy-duty "vocational" vehicles, like garbage trucks and school buses, as well as tractor-trailer trucks used for hauling freight.

That rule would require up to 50% of heavy-duty vocational vehicles and up to 25% of long-haul tractor-trailer trucks be "zero-emission" by 2032.

Taken together, the proposed regulations represent the strictest limits ever proposed by EPA.

They also serve as a mechanism to fulfill President Joe Biden's promise to cut in half U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and are backed by tax credits contained in the Inflation Reduction Act.

EPA Administrator Michael Regan in a statement called the proposed rules the "most ambitious pollution standards ever."

And asked later at a news conference if the rules would effectively jeopardize the future of internal-combustion engine manufacturing, Regan said they instead "create a conversation" around alternative fuel technologies and give the auto industry "options to choose from."

"We're not prescribing mandates, and we're not driving any particular technology out of business, so to speak," Regan said.

That perspective largely contrasts with liquid fuel advocates, who said the proposed rules ignore advancements made in lowering the carbon emissions of renewable fuels, like biodiesel or gasoline blended with ethanol.

"As this administration's own research shows,

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Certificate No. 2019-00662
 Sold for General Taxes of: 2019
 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A
 And Special Assessment Number: N/A
 Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
 Property located at: 519 E. Perry St., Belvidere, IL 61008
 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 05-26-285-002
 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/27/2023.

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

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/27/2023.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 9:15 A.M. on 11/14/2023.

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

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY.

Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/27/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois.

For further information contact the County Clerk.

ADDRESS:
 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103
 Belvidere, IL 61008
 TELEPHONE: (815) 544-3103
 Auction Z-2, Inc., Purchaser or Assignee Dated: April 11, 2023
 6088-931982
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To: Sarah Molina, Marcelino Molina, Julie Bliss, County Clerk of Kankakee County, Illinois, Curtis Newport, County Treasurer of Boone County, Tricia Smith, States Attorney of Boone County, State of Illinois, Attorney General, State of Illinois, Secretary of State Vehicle Services, Unknown Occupants of 12962 Park Way, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 12962 Park Way, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

TAX DEED NO.: 2023TX12
 FILED: 4/10/2023
 TAKE NOTICE
 County of Boone
 Date Premises Sold: 10/29/2020
 Certificate No. 2019-90015
 Sold for General Taxes of: 2020
 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A
 And Special Assessment Number: N/A
 Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
 Property located at: 12962 Park Way, Poplar Grove, IL 61065
 Mobile Home Vehicle Identification No. (or other unique description) : 90-26-300-120

This notice is to advise you that the above mobile home has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/6/2023.

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

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax certificate of title which will transfer the certificate of title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 9/6/2023.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 9:15 A.M. on 11/14/2023.

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For further information contact the County Clerk.

ADDRESS:
 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103
 Belvidere, IL 61008
 TELEPHONE: (815) 544-3103
 Auction Z-2, Inc., Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 4/12/2023
 6088-932034
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To: Tracy Nofsinger, Ashley Mauchley, Julie Bliss, County Clerk of Kankakee County, Illinois, Curtis Newport, County Treasurer of Boone County, Tricia Smith, States Attorney of Boone County, State of Illinois, Attorney General, State of Illinois, Secretary of State Vehicle Services, Unknown Occupants of 13031 Park Way, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 13031 Park Way, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

TAX DEED NO.: 2023TX11
 FILED: 4/10/2023
 TAKE NOTICE
 County of Boone Date Premises Sold: 10/29/2020
 Certificate No. 2019-90014
 Sold for General Taxes of: 2020
 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A
 And Special Assessment Number: N/A
 Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
 Property located at: 13031 Park Way, Poplar Grove, IL 61065
 Mobile Home Vehicle Identification No. (or other unique description) : 90-26-300-107

This notice is to advise you that the above mobile home has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/6/2023.

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For further information contact the County Clerk.

ADDRESS:
 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103
 Belvidere, IL 61008
 TELEPHONE: (815) 544-3103
 ESTLE, INC., Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 4/12/2023
 6088-932033
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To: Steven Turner, Daniel Johnson, Cynthia Johnson, Julie Bliss, County Clerk of Kankakee County, Illinois, Curtis Newport, County Treasurer of Boone County, Tricia Smith, States Attorney of Boone County, State of Illinois, Attorney General, State of Illinois, Secretary of State Vehicle Services, Unknown Occupants of 13011 Oak Lawn Ln., Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 13011 Oak Lawn Ln., Poplar Grove, IL 61065

TAX DEED NO.: 2023TX13
 FILED: 4/10/2023
 TAKE NOTICE
 County of Boone
 Date Premises Sold: 10/29/2020
 Certificate No. 2019-90017
 Sold for General Taxes of: 2020
 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A
 And Special Assessment Number: N/A
 Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
 Property located at: 13011 Oak Lawn Ln., Poplar Grove, IL 61065
 Mobile Home Vehicle Identification No. (or other unique description) : 90-26-300-207

This notice is to advise you that the above mobile home has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 9/6/2023.

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

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This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 9:15 A.M. on 11/14/2023.

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For further information contact the County Clerk.

ADDRESS:
 212 Logan Ave, Suite 103
 Belvidere, IL 61008
 TELEPHONE: (815) 544-3103
 AUCTION Z, INC., Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 4/12/2023
 6088-932036
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BOONE COUNTY

DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT): BRITTANY KATHRYN BOTTCHER
 Case No. 2023-MR-18
 There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: BRITTANY KATHRYN BOTTCHER to the new name of BRITTANY KATHRYN NUCKLES. The court date will be held on 05/23/2023 at 9:45a.m. at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 in Courtroom #3
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
 SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE:
 JOSE LUIS RODOLFO ROJAS, Plaintiff,
 and Case No. 2023CH2
 TARIQ MANSOOR,
 GEORGE NEDIYAKALAYIL, and
 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TR

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavits for Publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, GEORGE NEDIYAKALAYIL, Defendant, in the above-entitled action, that a Petition for Quiet Title of 719 W. Madison St., Belvidere, Illinois has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, against you GEORGE NEDIYAKALAYIL by the Plaintiff, JOSE LUIS RODOLFO ROJAS, praying for an order declaring that he is the exclusive titleholder of the above described real property and for other relief.

NOW THEREFORE, you are further notified that unless you, GEORGE NEDIYAKALAYIL, the said Defendant, file your Answer to the Petition for Quiet Title in said suit, or otherwise make your Appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois, on or before May 19, 2023 at 9:45 a.m., default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a Judgement entered therein.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Belvidere, Illinois, this 12 day of April, 2023.

PAMELA CADUTO
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 17th Judicial Circuit
 Boone County, Illinois
 Prepared by:
 SHARON R. JACKSACK (6225917)
 BOTTO GILBERT LANCASTER, PC
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
 SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE:
 JOSE LUIS RODOLFO ROJAS, Plaintiff,
 and Case No. 2023CH2
 TARIQ MANSOOR,
 GEORGE NEDIYAKALAYIL, and
 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, Defendants.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavits for Publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, TARIQ MANSOOR, Defendant, in the above-entitled action, that a Petition for Quiet Title of 719 W. Madison St., Belvidere, Illinois has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, against you TARIQ MANSOOR by the Plaintiff, JOSE LUIS RODOLFO ROJAS, praying for an order declaring that he is the exclusive titleholder of the above described real property and for other relief.

NOW THEREFORE, you are further notified that unless you, TARIQ MANSOOR, the said Defendant, file your Answer to the Petition for Quiet Title in said suit, or otherwise make your Appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois, on or before May 19, 2023 at 9:45 a.m., default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a Judgement entered therein.

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

In the Matter of Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Sr., DECEASED. Case No. 2023-PR-19

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given in the death of Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Sr. of Belvidere, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on April 26, 2023, to Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Jr., 624 Douglas Avenue #1, Elgin, IL 60120, whose attorney is Charles Herbst, 345 Bienterra Trail, Suite 3, Rockford, IL 61107.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 9, 2023, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period 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 is filed.

Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Jr., Representative
 Charles Herbst, Esq., Attorney
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Public Hearing Notice

The County of Boone, City of Belvidere, Village of Capron and Village of Poplar Grove will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boone County Administration Building in the County Boardroom located at 1212 Logan Ave., Belvidere, IL 61008. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the expansion of property tax abatement schedules of the current Belvidere/Boone County Enterprise Zone. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Becky Tobin
 Belvidere-Boone County Enterprise Zone Administrator
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 BOONE COUNTY

601 NORTH MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
 ESTATE OF Larry Ohlendorf, DECEASED. 23 PR 10

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Nance Ohlendorf, 422 Pembroke Road SW, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065, as Independent Executor, 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 November 4, 2023, 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
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 205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1700
 Chicago, Illinois 60606
 (312)629-0099
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
 SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff,
 -v- 2022 FC 67
 DEREK S. SWANSON et al, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 15, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 16, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR (334) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 4, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 27 AND 28, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-415 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 128 BENEDICT DR SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065
 Property Index No. 03-28-427-003

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

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

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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

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

dominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

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

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-22-06452
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 2022 FC 67
TJSC#: 43-1124

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

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

No. DBA4143 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a RETAIL SALES business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of UNIQUELY 815 GIFTS & MORE that its location is or will be at 109 Unit B Buchanan Street in Belvidere in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-547-7747

Dean Alan Chambers, 201 W. Boone Street, Belvidere, IL 61008

I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4145 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a LANDSCAPING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SUPER BEE LANDSCAPING that its location is or will be at 7635 Huber Road in Belvidere in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-323-8019

Robert W. Edwards, 7635 Huber Road, Belvidere, IL 61008

I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: Thursday, April 20, 2023, Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

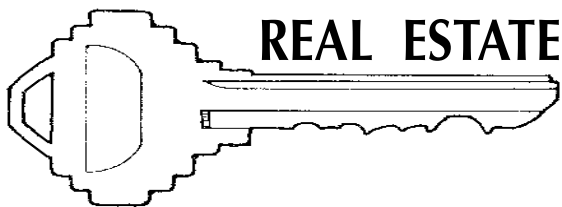
No. DBA4143 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a FARMING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of WONDERMORE GARDENS that its location is or will be at 12630 Russellville Road in Capron in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 779-713-3493

Nicole Kristine Geishert, 12630 Russellville Road, Capron, IL 61012

Samuel James Geishert, 12630 Russellville Road, Capron, IL 61012

I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: Thursday, April 20, 2023, Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANKUNITED N.A. Plaintiff,

-v.- 2022 FC 63

TERRY MOSES, JR., JOSALUND MOSES, CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., 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 February 28, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 30, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 111 SPINNACRE PL. NE, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 03-22-477-005

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$177,670.42.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information, contact Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq, Lender Legal PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2807 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL, 32804 (407) 730-4644.

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

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

-v.- 2022 FC 33

CHRISTOPHER LEFEVER, NICOLE LEFEVER, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 22, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 23, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1408 DAWNGATE DRIVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-36-428-003

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$120,185.14.

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 calculated 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.

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 CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-022566.

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff,

-v.- 2022 FC 67

DEREK S. SWANSON et al, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 15, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 16, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 128 BENEDICT DR SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 03-28-427-003

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

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

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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, 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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high-octane, low-carbon renewable fuels like ethanol can immediately deliver dramatic improvements in fuel efficiency and carbon performance when paired with the right engine technologies," Renewable Fuels Association President and CEO Geoff Cooper said in a statement.

"But today's EPA proposal unfortunately ignores the ethanol opportunity and instead declares EVs as the winner, despite mounting evidence that a headlong rush into electrification could lead to a host of unintended environmental and economic consequences," Cooper said.

EPA is also facing doubts that its proposals are over-projecting the number of sales of electric vehicles and zero-emission vehicles expected by 2032.

The agency in its proposal for light- and medium-duty vehicles said it estimates at least 60% of new passenger vehicles sold in America would be electric by 2030 and up to 67% by 2032. Sales of new electric medium-duty trucks, the agency projects, would reach 46% by 2032.

In 2022, sales of electric vehicles made up only 5.8% of total new vehicle sales in the U.S., although they did account for 7.2% of sales in the first quarter of 2023.

EPA further expects the proposed rules for light-duty vehicles to result in a 56% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions compared to model year 2026, and for medium-duty vehicles to result in a 44% reduction.

Those proposals, combined with the proposals for heavy-duty vehicles, would together avoid the release of 10 billion tons of carbon dioxide emissions through 2055 and reduce U.S. usage of oil imports by 20 billion barrels, according to the agency.

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