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Making a Living in the Age of Proprietorships

by David Larson

A.J. Humphrey was an individual who could adapt to change in an economy of proprietorship small businesses. He had services for anyone of his day and the capability to accomplish. He was a man of average intellect but not bookish. He could work with his hands and clever enough to trade with others and most likely because of the longevity of his establishment in Belvidere. He is known to have been in business in Belvidere for nearly two decades and had at least 5 sons with his wife making a home at 230 West Locust Street in Belvidere. In this week's picture it is believed that Arthur J. Humphrey is the mustached man on the far right with his son.

It remains uncertain what the connection is between painting, rubber tires and horseshoeing, but A.J. Humphrey was a man of his word and he could accomplish what he claimed. The signs on the building that made up his carriage repair establishment attest to his ability to paint carriages and that he provided blacksmithing services to include horseshoeing, farm implement repair and disk sharpening. These services were in high demand in 1910 and decades earlier when Mr. Humphrey opened his business just one door north of the First National Bank, believed to be at that time on the northwest corner of North State Street and Lincoln Avenue. (see the sample ad on this page)

Mr. Humphrey settled in Belvidere sometime after the American Civil War when the town was then little more than a village. He prospered, too, providing residents and visitors alike with carriage repair work, horseshoeing and carriage painting. It was later, about 1910, when motor cars or "horseless carriages" became popular in town that he began to offer those rubber tires. He likely kept his eye on the economics and the culture of the age as he sought to benefit himself and his family by the trade he chose. Always interested in poultry, he was a member of the Northern Illinois Poultry Association serving as secretary in 1903, which was reported in the *Belvidere Daily Republican* with his photo. Arthur raised championship S.C. Brown Longhorns, receiving many awards over the years. A.J. also was a dog breeder raising registered Collies and Boston Terriers offering them for sale through the blacksmith shop

Perhaps these agricultural interests were a welcome relief from the grimy, muscular work of a blacksmithing. Raising chickens in town was common enough in that old-world culture, of which he was the last generation. Perhaps his sons lived among us not that long ago, being the grandparents of today's grandparents.

His second shop was located near the Kishwaukee River on the south side of the stream and behind where the Belvidere City Hall had been located for many years before the city bought and remodeled their space now on Whitney Boulevard. Living on Locust Street, he could walk out his backyard toward the river to his shop. He was a regular advertiser in the local paper, advertising in every issue for months and then coasting for a couple of years before running another campaign. Despite Belvidere being only a few thousand souls, he understood how to sustain a good business. In the ads he used the address "behind the



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Post Office." (see the sample ad on this page)

Of course that was not the post office building on the corner of Meadow and State, because it had not yet been built in 1900.

By the look of the photograph, Mr. Humphrey also might have had the first used carriage dealership in the village. The photograph was shot in 1910 and that, of course, was about a century before anyone had any idea about a company called "CarFax" or perhaps, "CarriageFax?" We could only imagine that Mr. Humphrey might have had something to do with the fresh paint or the repaired wheels or maybe even the new upholstery that could have been found on those refurbished carriages. The conversation heard in the carriage lot in the middle-to-late 1800s was likely similar to what is the case today at any one of ten thousand car lots. The buyers would bring in their carriage for repairs. Perhaps Mr. Humphrey himself would have worked with the customer, given him an estimate of the repairs that were needed and asked, "Maybe you might want to take a look at what we have sitting on the lot?" The customer could have answered, "Why, what have you got?"

Mr. Humphrey could have replied, "What do

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you have in mind? I have a bright new brougham with a new bellows top and a fresh paint job. The wheels aren't bad either." And, so the negotiation could have proceeded as the age of the horse-drawn carriage was transitioning into the automobile age.

As far as carriage work was concerned, A.J. Humphrey was the man to see if the owner suffered a broken or cracked wheel. Perhaps new canvas work was needed on the bellows top or calash or maybe the dashboard needed to be repainted and refinished. If the carriage was particularly luxurious, maybe the dickey box in the rear where the servants rode needed to be refurbished. His shop and business thrived for decades. He was a businessman that never lost an opportunity once he found one. The sale of rubber tires was also a feature of the later carriages. Many centuries earlier, carriage wheels were banded by a steel rim affixed to the wooden wheels. The steel band did nothing to improve the ride of the carriage but the bands sustained the durability of the wooden wheels. It was centuries later when a blacksmith, no doubt, experimented with the idea of using a rubber band to soften the ride of the coach. It would be decades later when another blacksmith likely conceived the idea, "You know, if the rubber were somehow inflated with air, the ride would be more comfortable."

The Journal wants to thank the Boone County Historical Society for allowing use of the photograph. We also want to acknowledge Wikipedia.com "The Internet Encyclopedia" for providing valuable research material used in this piece, and an earlier work by James Middleton regarding this picture.



Dear Editor

In your March 26, 2021 issue on page 2, you state "There is a very serious law enforcement problem in this city."

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Mayor Chamberlain Says Good-Bye to the Community

Mayor Mike Chamberlain made the following statement at the close of the Monday, April 12 City Council meeting: "This will be my last meeting. I had planned my vacation, so I am going to take my vacation. A couple of things I wanted to say to the community. The last 16 years have been the most amazing experience of my life. We have endured hardship. We have had joy. We have had sorrow. I would wish this community health, happiness, and good fortune in the future. Thank you all for your participation in city government. Because city government is the purest form of government left on the planet. Thank you all, adios."

New Report Shows Illinois Job, Economic Growth In Electric Transportation Sector

Interest groups, advocates push for passage of electrification legislation
by Grace Barbic Capitol News Illinois

A national clean energy trade organization has released a report showing growth in electric transportation-related jobs in Illinois could position the state to lead the domestic supply chain.

Advanced Energy Economy, an industry association which promotes advanced energy technologies and services, released its "Electrifying Illinois" report which shows the state is on pace to reach 83 percent job growth in electric transportation-related work by 2024, regardless of legislative action.

The report was funded by the AEE and prepared by the research group BW Research Partnership with a focus on examining economic and job opportunities as the automotive industry transitions to electric.

The anticipated growth would drive the workforce numbers up from the current 5,200 workers in Illinois to roughly 9,500 workers within the next three years, or less than three years, according to the study, which used multiple data collection methods to analyze the state's electric vehicle supply chain.

Daniel Bloom, who leads legislative campaigns across the Midwest for AEE, said this projected growth is a "conservative estimate."

"This (report) is really looking at the opportunity for Illinois, but from the regional perspective," Bloom said. "We don't see a reason

why Illinois can't become a new Detroit."

There were roughly 27,000 total electric vehicles registered in Illinois as of March 2021, Bloom said. AEE recommends the state reach 1.2 million electric vehicles by 2030, but "policymakers can accelerate this transition by taking the right steps in legislation this spring," Bloom said.

The report outlines a number of policy recommendations, many of which align with Gov. JB Pritzker's eight principles for a clean and renewable Illinois economy, which were released in August. AEE was a part of a working group for the governor's office in the fall.

Some of AEE's recommendations include establishing a tax credit for electric vehicle companies that relocate to Illinois or are located downstate, and initiating a regulatory process to emphasize building out "make-ready" charging infrastructure.

A "make-ready" is a parking space that is wired with electrical infrastructure to support electric vehicle charging that can be placed at multi-family dwellings, the workplace or other public interest sites.

Transportation accounted for about 28.2 percent of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States in 2018, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, making it the largest contributor of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

Some energy proposals currently being discussed in the General Assembly set goals for electric vehicle developments in Illinois because of the public health and environmental impacts of the traditional transportation industry.

The Clean Energy Jobs Act, sponsored by Rep. Ann Williams, D-Chicago, would aim to transition public transportation to an electric fleet, create an initiative to incentivize electric vehicle charging and create a program to ensure access to electric vehicles, among other efforts. The stated goal is to electrify the state's transportation sector by 2030.

Several other measures are being considered as well, from a union-backed bill to one backed by downstate energy provider Ameren, to another "coal to solar" transition measure. All have come before committees in recent weeks as lawmakers consider a broader regulatory reform package that could include facets from all of the proposals.

Illinois Clean Air Now, a coalition of clean energy, health advocacy and transportation stakeholders, is urging the General Assembly to include comprehensive transportation electrification legislation as part of the overhaul package.

In a news release distributed by the coalition, Brian Urbaszewski, director of environmental health at the Respiratory Health Association, said Illinois has a historic chance to clean the air, improve quality of life and reduce health care burdens by passing electrification legislation.

"Transportation policies focused on eliminating harmful tailpipe emissions, like the ones under consideration here, can significantly reduce deadly air pollution," Urbaszewski said of discussion of energy bills in the General Assembly.

Illinois Clean Air Now said that prioritizing electrification efforts would also have economic benefits. The release cited two projections that conclude Illinois electric vehicle adoption "could result in cumulative net benefits that range from \$12 to \$45 billion statewide by 2050," according to the release.

Electronic transportation activity in Illinois, according to the "Electrifying Illinois" report,

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“With investments that we’re seeing in the state from companies like Rivian, we hope that this is a signal to encourage additional private investment in the state of Illinois and make us a global leader in not just meeting the demand that we have locally in the state or regionally, but because of the globalized nature of this supply chain, being able to meet that with work that’s done in Illinois is really critical,” Bloom said.

Through data collection, the analysis found that Illinois has 560 electric-transportation related businesses in 97 of its 102 counties. The state already has a significant motor vehicle manufacturing presence, with 3,400 workers, or two-thirds of those employed in electric transportation, working in manufacturing.

About 70,000 workers in manufacturing industries that are currently not directly involved with the electric transportation businesses, but have characteristics similar to companies that are, would require “relatively little training” to transition to this type of work, the report found. Examples of these types of businesses include general automobile manufacturing, specialty transformer manufacturing, or machine shops, to name a few.

“It’s not just companies that have built up as servicing only the electric vehicle supply chain, but it’s also companies that have had operations across a various number of sectors that are starting to build this into their operational capacity,” Bloom said. “So that’s fascinating as we look at emerging opportunities across the whole supply chain.”

Training programs in electric transportation services could potentially “offer a lifeline to those (manufacturing industries), which shed 15,900 jobs across the state between 2014 and 2019,” according to the report.

As demand for electric vehicles increases, so does the demand for charging infrastructure.

Bloom emphasized that expanding necessary training programs in the state is essential to continued growth in the industry, which is why AEE recommends broadening geographic reach and availability of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program.

That program already exists in some areas in Illinois. But AEE said that by partnering with junior colleges, trade schools and labor organizations, “the state can create a steady pipeline to develop its EV workforce.”

The Biden administration has also set the stage for the electrification conversation through its investments in electric vehicle infrastructure. The White House recently released its American Jobs Plan, which is a \$2.3 trillion infrastructure proposal that includes \$174 billion for the electric vehicle market.

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Bill Placing Term Limits on General Assembly Leadership Passes Committee

Would limit House, Senate leadership positions to 10 years

by Tim Kirsininkas Capitol News Illinois

A bill which would implement term limits on leadership roles in the Illinois General Assembly advanced out of committee Wednesday.

House Bill 642, introduced by Rep. Anthony DeLuca, D-Chicago Heights, would bar any individual from serving more than 10 consecutive years in a leadership position in the General Assembly, including speaker of the House, president of the Senate and minority leader positions in each chamber.

The bill, if signed into law, would take effect for all legislators taking office on or after the second Wednesday in January 2023.

While the Illinois House and Senate both passed term limits on party leadership in their respective chamber rules in January, DeLuca said his bill would be important to enforce the new rules via state law.

“We heard the word historic quite a bit when leadership term limits (were) approved in our House rules,” DeLuca said. “This is really taking it to an entirely new level.”

The changes in rules regarding party leadership come on the heels of former Speaker Michael Madigan’s ousting following his record 36 years as speaker of the Illinois House between 1983 and his resignation in January of this year.

DeLuca credited new Speaker Emanuel Chris Welch, of Hillside, who was selected by his House Democratic colleagues to replace Madigan in January, for helping push for term limits.

“This is an initiative of really the membership in the House and of Speaker Welch and I want to give Speaker Welch a lot of credit for supporting this measure,” DeLuca said.

While the bill received bipartisan support from committee members, Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, D-Peoria, questioned the constitutionality of the legislation, and whether members of one legislative chamber should have the authority to dictate term limits for the other chamber.

“The (state) constitution restricts the power for determining the House’s rules of its proceeding and choosing the House’s own officers solely to the House,” Gordon-Booth said. “From the looks of it, your bill would potentially bring in the Senate and the governor to decide who can be the speaker and the minority leader.”

DeLuca responded he was “not aware of anything that would affect anything of that nature.”

“I’m certainly not going to act like (a) judge here and decide to make a ruling on whether something is constitutional or not,” he said.

“I’ll certainly leave that for the court, but adding this provision in statute, I believe is constitutional,” he added.

The bill passed the House Executive Committee Wednesday by a 12-0 vote.

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Illinois Attorney General Reports Office Network ‘Compromised’

Agency said AG officials are ‘working closely’ with federal law enforcement

by Sarah Mansur Capitol News Illinois

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul announced Tuesday that his agency’s office internet network was discovered to be “compromised” on Saturday, according to a news release.

“In the early hours of Saturday morning, it was discovered that the office’s network was compromised. Since then, information technology staff and investigators from the Attorney General’s office have been working closely with federal law enforcement authorities to evaluate the extent to which the network was compromised,” Raoul said in the release.

“This investigation is ongoing, and I am committed to resolving this situation as soon as possible to ensure that the Attorney General’s office can continue to provide critical services to the people of Illinois.”

Annie Thompson, the agency spokesperson, sent Tuesday’s news release using a Gmail address instead of her state government email address.

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Thompson did not comment on whether the office internet network remains “compromised,” or whether the issue has been resolved.

The release states that an “investigation into the extent to which the Attorney General’s office’s network was compromised is ongoing,” and more information will be made available at a later, undefined date.

Thompson also did not respond to questions about how the AG’s office made the discovery Saturday, how many employees and members of the Attorney General’s Office staff were affected by the breach, or the nature of the incident that led to the agency’s network being “compromised.”

The announcement about the attorney general’s office network comes about a week after the Illinois State Board of Elections revealed that its executive director was placed on leave after being the subject of an online extortion attempt.

The eight-member elections board voted April 5 to place Director Steve Sandvoss on leave.

The attempted extortion “appeared typical of many such online scams,” according to an agency news release, and ISBE officials do not believe “any election data or information has been compromised.”

The elections board convened a special meeting Monday and met in closed session for about an hour and 45 minutes to discuss personnel and litigation matters. They adjourned the meeting without providing any additional information.

ISBE spokesperson Matt Dietrich said the board took no action in executive session.

Tourism and Hospitality Call for Support, Guidance Amid Recovery

Parts of industry may not fully recover until 2024, they say

by Tim Kirsininkas Capitol News Illinois

Leaders from the state’s tourism and hospitality industry asked legislators for additional support and reopening guidance during a Thursday committee hearing as the state plans next steps for its COVID-19 economic recovery.

Michael Jacobson, President and CEO of the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association, told the House Tourism Committee Thursday that hotels have “been among the hardest hit” segment of the economy due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that the industry may not see a full recovery until 2024 at the earliest.

“The situation is certainly looking encouraging, but there’s still a lot of work to do in order for the hotel and tourism industry to fully recover,” Jacobson said. “This is not going to be a recovery in one or two years, it’s going to be a several-year process.”

Jacobson said Illinois hotels suffered a loss of \$3.5 billion in revenue and that over 21,000 hotel employees were laid off as a result of the pandemic over the past year.

Jacobson told legislators that allowing events and gatherings to resume in a safe manner as

soon as possible and directing federal support dollars to hotels and businesses most impacted by the pandemic would be key to revitalizing that segment of the economy, which generates billions of dollars in revenue for the state every year.

“Besides keeping our employees and guests healthy and safe, our top priority is simple, getting hotel workers back to work. Our hotels want to get back up and running, but need direct financial support in the short term,” Jacobson said.

In addition to short-term financial assistance, Jacobson and industry leaders also said passing limited COVID-19 liability protections for businesses would help hotels and businesses to work toward a full recovery.

However, even with a reopening plan in place, industry leaders said that many questions remain for businesses across the state.

Rob Karr, President and CEO of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said additional guidance from the state on reopening guidelines would be needed in order for struggling businesses to get back on their feet.

Karr said that while industry leaders welcomed additional flexibility for events and gatherings under the state’s recently announced “bridge phase” to reopening, questions remain over how businesses would effectively enforce capacity guidelines as outlined under the plan.

“We need to maximize our businesses, the theory that you’re open and you’re doing okay, is just not accurate. No one’s businesses were built to survive at 50 percent or even 75 percent occupancy,” Karr said.

Under guidelines set forth in the state’s bridge phase, vaccinated individuals would not count against a business or venue’s capacity restrictions, but Karr questioned how businesses or local authorities would be able to enforce those restrictions.

“Currently, the guidance from the state is businesses each on their own are required to figure out how to prove up whether somebody is fully vaccinated. Respectfully, that’s untenable,” Karr added.

Jacobson told the committee that a possible alternative would be to base capacity guidelines and mitigations on hospitalization utilization rather than case positivity as more of the state’s population is vaccinated.

“This is something that we’ve seen a big shift in the governor and (Illinois Department of Public Health’s) approach in recent weeks, and we are supportive of,” Jacobson said.

Derek Blaida, representing the Illinois Restaurant Association, echoed similar concerns for the state’s food service industry, which also relies heavily on events and tourism for business.

Blaida said 20 percent of Illinois restaurants are expected to close permanently and that over 124,000 food service jobs have been lost as a result of the pandemic.

“We need to keep building on pragmatic approaches to reopening regulations, so we can plan for and attract conventions, annual events, festivals and more back to our state,” Blaida said. “Our world class restaurants, hotels and event venues cannot lose another summer due to regulations and occupancy caps that are just too strict.”

“We just want to be steadily moving forward with incremental changes so restaurants can keep their doors open, keep serving communities, and keep people employed,” he added.

Bills Call For Modernizing FOID, CCL Systems

Gun safety advocates say legislation wouldn’t go far enough

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

A bipartisan group of lawmakers are backing legislation that seeks to modernize the way the Illinois State Police processes and issues Firearm Owners Identification cards and Concealed Carry Licenses, a change that supporters say would speed up the process and improve public safety.

Senate Bill 1165, and its companion, House Bill 745, would essentially turn FOID cards and Concealed Carry Licenses into a single card so when someone renews their Concealed Carry License, their FOID card would automatically renew.

It would also provide for automatic renewals for people who voluntarily agree to submit fingerprints. And it calls on ISP to develop an internet portal in which state, local and federal law enforcement agencies could access information about people whose FOID cards have been revoked or suspended.

“What this would do is, it really would modernize the FOID card,” Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Swansea, lead sponsor of the House bill, said during a news conference Wednesday. “This is an initiative of the Illinois State Police, and eventually we will have digital FOID cards, which I guess wouldn’t be a card at all, would it? It would be on your phone.”

ISP Director Brendan Kelly said the agency was inundated with new and renewal FOID card applications last year, which he attributed in part to the “social tensions caused by civil unrest and the global pandemic.” From 2017 to 2020, he said, FOID card applications grew 167 percent, from roughly 166,000 to 460,000.

The surge in applications over the last year stretched ISP’s resources, resulting in a massive backlog of applications that have not been processed within the required 30-day time frame.

“And really, I tell people that other than unemployment issues, FOID issues are the biggest calls I get in my office,” said Sen. David Koehler, D-Peoria, lead sponsor of the Senate bill.

Kelly said the agency has made significant progress in reducing that backlog, primarily by hiring additional staff and improving internal processes to be more efficient, but he said the entire system needs to be modernized to meet current demands.

“We need the support of the General Assembly to push this over the edge,” he said. “We need the support of the General Assembly to implement these measures that will help us finally turn the corner and bring this system into the 21st century.”

The bill had support from at least five Republican lawmakers as cosponsors as of

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Wednesday afternoon.

Gun safety advocates, on the other hand, said in a statement that the bill does very little to improve public safety, mainly because it does not include provisions such as universal background checks and required fingerprint checks for all gun purchases.

“Senator Koehler’s gun lobby-backed bill guts real universal background checks in exchange for nothing,” Kathleen Sances, president of Gun Violence Prevention PAC Illinois, said in a statement.

She noted that current law requires unlicensed gun dealers to see a valid FOID card but does not require them to run background checks to verify a potential buyer’s mental health or criminal history.

Kelly, however, defended Illinois’ current FOID card system, noting that in calendar year 2020 alone, more than 15,000 FOID cards were revoked and more than 5,100 unlawful attempts to purchase firearms were stopped.

Kelly also said the agency is not requesting any change in the fee structure for either license.

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LAURENT HOUSE OPENS TOUR SEASON: Frank Lloyd Wright’s Laurent House opens its 8th tour season Saturday, April 10, 2021.

Tours are scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays from April through November and on Fridays from May through October. All tours follow COVID restrictions of distancing and masks.

The Laurent House partners with Anderson Japanese Gardens in offering tours Wednesdays and Fridays. Other specialty tours include holiday events in December and Twilight Tours in summer, depending on COVID restrictions in Winnebago County. Private group tours are available at any time.

All tours are by reservation and can be made online at <https://www.Laurenthouse.com/tours/book-a-tour> or by calling 815/877-2952

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CASA Program to Host Heritage Run: Rockford’s oldest 10k is back for the 37th year! Winnebago County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program will host the Heritage Run on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at Midway Village. To comply with Covid safety procedures, rolling starts will begin at 7:30 a.m. and there will be no registration on race day. Everyone who registers by April 18th will receive a commemorative race shirt.

For further information, or to register, please contact the CASA office at 815-319-6880 or visit WinnebagoCountyCASA.org.

Boone County is looking to fill a number of vacant board positions. Position information and length of term can be located at: https://cms8.revize.com/revize/booneil/government/county_board/appointments.php

Commissioners of the Housing Authority	
Term Expires	Length of Term
January 1, 2025	(5) Year Term
January 1, 2023	(5) Year Term

Fire Protection District #3	
1st Monday, May 2021	Remainder of Term

Regional Planning Commission	
December 31, 2023	Remainder of Term
December 31, 2021	Remainder of Term

Boone County Ethics Commission	
June 30, 2021	Remainder of Term

Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals	
June 1, 2021	Remainder of Term

Building Board of Appeal	
June 1, 2024	(5)Year Term
June 1, 2025	(5) Year Term

Capron Cemetery Association	
February 1, 2027	(6) Year Term

Boone County Conservation District	
June 30, 2023	Remainder of Term

Capron Rescue Squad	
2nd Monday, December 2022	Remainder of Term

Belvidere Cemetery Association

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Bad Apples

By Scott Reeder

State Rep. Curtis Tarver is a man on a mission to reform Illinois law enforcement by eliminating a special legal protection given cops.

The Chicago Democrat’s Bad Apples in Law Enforcement Accountability Act passed out of committee two weeks ago and awaits a vote in the House.

The measure aims to remove the court doctrine of qualified immunity for officers, which would open them up to civil litigation if they participate in the “deprivation of any individual rights” guaranteed in the Illinois Constitution.

The top priority of Illinois law enforcement groups is to defeat this measure said Ed Wojcicki, executive director at the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

Such opposition makes passage of the measure far from certain. Tarver added some of his counterparts in the legislature fail to see the urgency of the reform.

“Many of my colleagues will never have to be a black male worried about whether a traffic stop becomes the end of their life. That said, some do see the immediacy of the problem. Even though they may not experience this themselves, they recognize the problem,” he said.

Last year, Tarver, who is Black, was pulled over during a routine traffic stop. A Chicago cop asked if he had a gun with him. He said he did – along with a conceal carry permit.

Tarver ended up handcuffed, held for seven hours and not allowed to call his attorney. It took nine months for the charges against him to be dropped.

If police officers would treat a person who is a lawyer and a state representative this way, think how much worse it would be for an ordinary Joe.

In 2020, U.S. police officers fatally shot about 1,000 people. Black people were 2.5 times more likely to be killed than whites.

This is a national disgrace.

It is rare for police officers to face criminal charges even when they inappropriately use deadly force.

And qualified immunity makes it difficult to sue police officers even when they have violated a person’s constitutional rights, said Joanna Schwartz, a University of California – Los Angeles

law professor.

“Qualified immunity as the Supreme court has created it over the years is a really nonsensical and unjust defense,” she said. “It protects officers from being found liable in cases so long as, as the case law from the courts is not clearly established. What that means in practice is that there has to be a prior court decision with virtually identical facts in order for a plaintiff to get past the qualified immunity defense.”

For example, in a 2014 Nashville, Tenn., case police officers sicced a dog on a man sitting on the ground with his hands up. He sued for excessive force after being bitten. His lawyers cited a similar case in which a court had ruled against law enforcement after police had ordered a dog to attack a man lying on the ground.

But a Tennessee judge ruled qualified immunity protected the officers in the more recent case because in the earlier case the person was lying down and in the more recent case the man was sitting.

This sort of bogus, protect police officers at all costs, thinking leaves some believing they can get away with murder.

Look no further than what has been in the news this week.

A former Minneapolis police officer is on trial for the murder of George Floyd after kneeling on his neck for about nine minutes. Another Black Minnesotan was killed during a routine traffic stop after a cop apparently confused her pistol and taser. And a newly released video showed a Black Army officer being needlessly tear gassed by two Virginia police officers.

Tarver said by eliminating the qualified immunity defense, municipalities will be more selective in who they hire, less likely to succumb to union pressure when greater job protections are demanded and more likely to fire bad cops.

Last year, Colorado eliminated qualified immunity for police officers. Last month, the New York City Council voted to eliminate the special protection for cops. And earlier this month New Mexico ended qualified immunity for all government workers.

These are steps in the right direction. We need greater accountability in law enforcement.

Schwartz said the biggest misconception about eliminating qualified immunity is that it leaves individual police officers vulnerable to being bankrupt by lawsuits. She noted that in more than 99 percent of cases that she has studied in which qualified immunity was found not to apply, the municipality employing the officer paid the judgement, not the officer.

In the handful of cases in which individual officers were found liable, the average judgement was only \$2,000, she said.

It’s time for Illinois lawmakers to protect its most vulnerable citizens by holding in check those who would misuse their authority.



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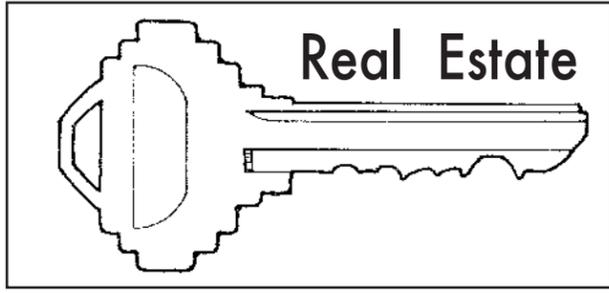
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING LLC; Plaintiff,
vs. 20 CH 43
JUAN S. MUNOZ; JOANNA MUNOZ; SABINO MUNOZ; SAN JUANA MUNOZ; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in the office of inside the front entrance of the, Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street., Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 3044 East 6th Street, Belvidere, IL 61008.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: Alijah Hensley minor
No. 21-JA-18
Todd Aasen/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on March 24, 2021, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Alijah Hensley, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:00 P.M. central daylight time on 04/22/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

Dated: March 25, 2021 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
Case No. 21-MR-221
REQUEST OF: NICOLE MARIE KIEFER to change name my name from: NICOLE MARIE KIEFER; to the new name of: NICOLE MARIE BURT. The court date will be held: on MAY 19, 2021, at 10:00a.m., at 400 W. STATE ST., ROCKFORD, IL WINNEBAGO County in Courtroom #426
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF A REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT) Case No. 2021MR28
REQUEST OF YESENIA SANCHEZ to change name from YESENIA SANCHEZ; to the new name of: YESENIA VELASCO.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: Dakota Oliger minor
No. 21-JA-14
Todd Aasen/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on March 16, 2021, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Dakota Oliger, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 04/29/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

Dated: March 22, 2021 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: Paige Dobbs minor No. 21-JA-13
Chad Dobbs/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on March 2, 2021, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Paige Dobbs, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:30/3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 04/22/2021 & 05/13/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

Dated: March 22, 2021 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: Amir Price, minor
No. 18-JA-11
William Price, Perryion King, James Coach/ To whom it may concern/
All unknown natural Fathers
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on September 7, 2018, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Amir Price, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:00/2:30 P.M. central daylight time on 05/27/21 & 06/24/21; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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Dated: April 1, 2021 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATSY D. WARD, Deceased
CASE NO. 2021 P 17

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given of the death of PATSY D. WARD, who died on February 21, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on March 22, 2021 to MELISSA DIEHL, 1010 Riverside Road, Belvidere, IL 61008, who is the Administrator of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Douglas R. Henry, of Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley & Van Evera, LLP, 6833 Stalter Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61108.

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before October 2, 2021, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Winnebago County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division at the Winnebago County Courthouse, 400 West State Street, Rockford, Illinois, or with the Estate legal representative, or both.

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

Dated: March 22, 2021
/s/ Melissa Diehl, Administrator
DOUGLAS R. HENRY - #6229426
BARRICK, SWITZER, LONG,
BALSLEY & VAN EVERA, LLP
6833 Stalter Drive
Rockford, IL 61108
(815) 962-6611
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The Boone County Housing Authority has updated the admin plan's preferences. A 30 day comment period on the proposed change has been established beginning April 19, 2021 thru May 20, 2021. Throughout the public comment period, the documents may be seen at 2036 N. State St. Belvidere IL 61008. Written comments may be submitted to: Alan Zais, ED, BCHA, 2036 N. State St. Belvidere IL 61008. A public hearing related to the proposed changes in the plan will be held on May 21, 2021 in the conference room at 2036 N State Street Belvidere IL 61008.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE

Jaqueline Garcia, Plaintiff Case No. 21-OP-08
Jose Luis Hernandez, Defendant
LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF NOTICE TO JOSE LUIS HERNANDEZ
Take notice that a Petition for ORDER OF PROTECTION was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Belvidere, Illinois on March 24, 2021. This matter has been set for hearing on April 30, 2021 at 2:15p.m. In Courtroom 4 of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008.
DATE: 04/05/2021
Linda J. Anderson
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: Bailey Lefever, minor
No. 21-JA-09
Shaun Minnihan/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on February 12, 2021, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Bailey Lefever, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:30 P.M. central daylight time on 05/13/21; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

Dated: March 31, 2021 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN CURTIS LUNDGREN, DECEASED
CASE NO. 2021-P-23
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS
NOTICE is given of the death of **John Curtis Lundgren**. Letters of Office were issued on **March 31, 2021** to **Nicholas P. Bizzoni Sr.**, Poplar Grove, Illinois who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is **Attorney Charles T. Sewell**, 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before September 10, 2021, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the estate legal representative, or both.

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

Dated: April 9, 2021
/ss/ Nicholas P. Bizzoni Sr.
Nicholas P. Bizzoni Sr., Independent Executor
Charles T. Sewell, L.L.C. for Estate
Attorney at Law
215 South State Street
Belvidere, IL 61008
Phone: 815-544-3118
Email: charlestsl@aol.com
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GORDON W. TAYLOR,
Deceased CASE NO. 2021 P 26

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of GORDON W. TAYLOR, who died on March 22, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on April 13, 2021 to GRAHAM G. TAYLOR, 951 S. Natalie Ln., Anaheim, CA 92808, who is the Executor of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Douglas R. Henry, of Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley & Van Evera, LLP, 6833 Stalter Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61108.

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before October 16, 2021, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the Estate Executor, or both.

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

Dated: April 13, 2021

/s/ Graham G. Taylor, Executor

DOUGLAS R. HENRY - #6229426

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Rockford, IL 61108

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Belvidere Community Unit School District #100 is requesting bids for Copy Paper

All bids are due by 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 30, 2021 at the Business Office, Administration Building, 1201 Fifth Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois 61008. Bids are to be F.O.B. 1034 7th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008. Bids are to be submitted on the form provided and signed by an authorized representative of the company.

Specifications may be obtained at the Administration Building, 1201 Fifth Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 or by phoning 815/544-0301.

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

Holly Houk, Secretary

Board of Education\

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Legals Notice

The following amount must be paid no later than 5 p.m. May 1, 2021. FULL payment of CASH or MONEY ORDER ONLY, accepted at : Danndi Storage

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Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Or the contents of the below listed units, located at 13511 Harvest Way, Poplar Grove, IL., will be sold at auction or otherwise disposed of on or any day after May 2, 2021.

Janice Njos C/O Nancy Njos - Unit #41 - Amount due 860.00 plus advertising

Tyler Spring - Unit #42 - Amount due \$629.00 plus advertising

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT BOONE COUNTY

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILDREN)

Case No.2021-MR-40

REQUEST OF: ROXANA NIED to change name of minor children: Current Name of Minor Children OLIVIA ALEXA STOICA & NOELLE GRACE STOICA; Proposed New Name of Minor Children OLIVIA ALEXA NIED & NOELLE GRACE NIED. Court Date information: May 25, 2021, at 9:30am, Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 Courtroom #3

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ASSUMED NAMES

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a construction, welding, millwright, and repair services in said County and State under the name of J&E Millwright and Customs at the following post office address: 1625 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Jesus Flores, 1625 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #779-203-6300.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 26th day of March, A.D. 2021

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk

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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

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Judge Declines to Dismiss Lawsuit Over Indoor Dining Ban

Kane County restaurant can continue its case against governor, judge finds

by Sarah Mansur Capitol News Illinois

A Kane County restaurant's legal challenge to Gov. JB Pritzker's ban on indoor dining can continue, a Sangamon County judge ruled this week.

Attorneys for Pritzker tried to have the lawsuit dismissed but Sangamon County Judge Raylene Grischow on Wednesday declined to do so. While Grischow decided not to dismiss the case, she did not reach a decision on the merits of their argument.

The lawsuit from FoxFire restaurant in Geneva argues that Pritzker's executive order requiring bars and restaurants to close indoor service, which first went into effect last October, should not be allowed because it is arbitrary and unreasonable.

Pritzker's attorneys claimed that the governor had authority to issue his October 2020 executive order under the state Emergency Management Act.

The governor's lawyers also argued that Illinois residents who seek to challenge Pritzker's order as beyond the limits of his power can take action at the ballot box, not through the court system.

Grischow disagreed with this claim about the court's role to intervene in cases where the constitutional limits of the governor's authority are questioned.

"[I]t is this court that must ensure the governor does not circumvent the constitutional confines of his authority," Grischow wrote in her five-page opinion. "This court can inquire as to whether the means utilized in the execution of a power granted are forbidden by the constitution."

Grischow wrote that her court has the responsibility to determine whether the governor's "implementation of the business

shutdowns and/or restrictions were arbitrary and unreasonable."

Her opinion also recognized that the restaurant "bears a heavy burden to establish that (the governor's) actions were clearly arbitrary and unreasonable."

Pritzker said he has "confidence that we have followed the rules and followed the law," in response to a reporter's question about Grischow's decision at a news conference Thursday.

"The legal challenge that you're referring to, as you know, there have been a number of right-wing organizations that have stoked some of these lawsuits and they continue to try to poke and prod to find something, anything. They've lost at every turn. You know, this is just another one of those cases," Pritzker said Thursday at an event in suburban Cook County. "Nearly every court, you know, has confirmed that and where they haven't, they've been overturned."

Kevin Nelson, one of FoxFire's attorneys, said in an email his client is not "some 'right wing' organization as the Governor claims but a family-owned small business, which, was almost put out of business by his unconstitutional and unprecedented actions."

Nelson criticized Pritzker for leaving small businesses, like FoxFire, "out in the cold this winter."

"The citizens of this state need to be made aware that their governor argues in Court that he can shut down small businesses indefinitely during an emergency," Nelson said in the email. "Last week Pritzker's lawyers went further and argued to Judge Grischow that there is nothing the citizenry, nor even the court system, can do about it other than 'vote him out of office.' Thankfully, yet another Illinois judge disagreed with him. If FoxFire represents a 'conspiracy,' we live in a scary reality. FoxFire's specialty is fine dining, not votes. FoxFire will stick to fine dining and leave the mismanagement of our state to Mr. Pritzker."

Grischow's decision issued Wednesday is the latest development in the legal challenge to the governor's executive order raised by FoxFire, which has remained open to indoor service while its lawsuit is pending.

The restaurant won an early victory in October when a Kane County judge granted the restaurant's request for a temporary restraining order that allowed FoxFire to ignore the new indoor dining restrictions contained in the executive order.

The 2nd District Appellate Court overruled the Kane County judge's decision in November, rejecting FoxFire's arguments that Pritzker is limited, under state law, to issue one 30-day disaster proclamation, and also does not have the power to order businesses closed.

Following that appellate court decision, the FoxFire case was consolidated in Sangamon County court with several other cases challenging the indoor dining ban. Currently, FoxFire is the last of these cases opposing the indoor dining ban remaining in Sangamon County.

FoxFire's attorneys have also filed an appeal directly with the Illinois Supreme Court, which has not yet weighed in on this case.

The next hearing in this case is scheduled for April 28.

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Judge Rules Two Ex-Senators should be Paid Withheld Salaries

Illinois Comptroller will appeal decision, calls former lawmakers 'shameless grifters'

by Sarah Mansur Capitol News Illinois

Two former Illinois state senators have a “clear right” to receive portions of their legislative salaries that were withheld by Illinois Comptroller Mendoza and her predecessors, a Cook County judge decided last week.

But Mendoza said she intends to appeal the ruling, meaning this latest development is likely not the last word in the case brought by former Democratic Sens. Michael Noland, from Elgin, and James Clayborne Jr., from Belleville.

Judge Allen Walker’s decision found that Noland and Clayborne are entitled to the salaries that were withheld when the legislature passed laws to freeze cost-of-living increases and implement furlough days.

Walker’s ruling was based partly on a July 2019 decision in this case that found those laws were unconstitutional because the laws altered wages during terms for which the lawmakers were elected.

“(P)er the July 2, 2019 Order, this (c)ourt held that (Noland and Clayborne) were entitled to a clear right to receive wrongfully withheld portions of salaries, as the relevant statutes in this case are facially unconstitutional,” Walker’s eight-page ruling states. “Therefore, the (c)ourt finds that (Noland and Clayborne) have established a clear right.”

The ruling issued Thursday is a victory for Noland and Clayborne, who sued the state comptroller over unpaid wages resulting from those laws, which were passed between 2009 and 2017. Noland first sued in June 2017 and Clayborne was added to the lawsuit in May 2018.

On July 1, 2019, lawmakers’ base salaries increased to \$69,464. Before that latest increase, the base salary was unchanged at \$67,836 since 2008.

Noland was a member of the Senate from 2007 to January 2017, and Clayborne was a member from 1995 to January 2019. Noland is now a judge in Kane County, and Clayborne is a partner at Clayborne & Wagner LLP in Belleville.

In a written statement, Mendoza said she “respectfully” disagrees with Walker’s decision and intends to appeal to a higher court “so I can continue to defend taxpayers’ interests against this brazen money grab.”

She also noted that Noland and Clayborne voted in favor of the laws to forgo pay increases prior to challenging their legality in court.

“Now that they are out of office, these shameless grifters want the courts to reverse their votes, reaching into taxpayers’ pockets to give them those retroactive raises,” Mendoza’s statement read. “Taxpayers already paid their salaries and are on the hook for potentially millions of dollars for these two men’s pen-

sions. Greed and Gluttony are sins. The former senators should end their shameless crusade to take from taxpayers the raises they voted to decline.”

Although Walker found Noland and Clayborne can seek their withheld salary, he ruled that this finding does not apply to all members of the Illinois General Assembly whose salaries were withheld.

He based this finding on the fact that no other members of the legislature were named in this lawsuit, and both former Senators brought this case as individuals, not in their official capacity as lawmakers.

Lawyers for Mendoza argued that the lawmakers’ case was barred by the five-year statute of limitations that applies in most civil cases. They claimed Noland should have filed his lawsuit before June 2012, and Clayborne’s claims should have been brought before May 2013.

They also argued that Mendoza has discretion to determine when these salaries are to be paid and that since the potential payments could be significant, she should have discretion to prioritize the payments of the state’s debts.

Specifically, they pointed to the language in the state constitution that the comptroller “shall maintain the State’s central fiscal account, and order payments into and out of the funds held by the Treasurer.” The words “shall maintain” indicate discretion to the comptroller, Mendoza’s lawyers argued.

Walker disagreed with both points.

He ruled that the lawsuit from Noland and Clayborne is not time barred because the statute of limitations in this case began to accrue in July 2019, when the laws were found unconstitutional, and not when the relevant laws took effect.

He also ruled that the phrase ‘shall maintain’ is a “specific instruction” that is “contrary to the idea that the (comptroller) has discretion in determining when these payments are to be made.”

Michael Scotti III, an attorney from the Chicago-based firm Roetzell & Andress, represents Noland and Clayborne.

He did not respond to requests for comment by deadline.

Congressman Joins Statehouse GOP in Calling for Redistricting Commission

Rodney Davis urges Pritzker to honor campaign pledge

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Illinois Congressman Rodney Davis joined his Republican colleagues in the General Assembly Monday in calling on Gov. JB Pritzker to support legislation to form an independent commission to redraw congressional and state legislative district maps.

Both the U.S. and Illinois constitutions require that district maps be redrawn every 10 years using the latest census data to ensure equal representation. The Illinois Constitution requires it to be done in the year following the decennial census.

The state constitution also requires that the General Assembly complete its work by June 30. After that, the process is handed over to an eight-member bipartisan commission and, if that body fails to approve new maps by Aug. 10, a ninth member is appointed by random selection to give one party or the other a 5-4 majority.

That’s the process that has been used in four of the last five redistricting efforts. Only in 2011 did the General Assembly complete the process before the June 30 deadline.

But Republicans this year have proposed legislation, Senate Bill 1325, that would authorize the Illinois Supreme Court to appoint a 16-member commission made up of seven Democrats, seven Republicans and two independents.

The plan is similar to a proposed constitutional amendment that voters petitioned to have placed on the November 2016 ballot but which the state Supreme Court rejected on technical grounds.

“In 2016, we had almost 580,000, Illinoisans that signed petitions to put a commission on the ballot yet that was kicked off by Mike Madigan and his legal team and by one judge, a single judge with the Supreme Court, Judge Tom Kilbride, who wrote the majority decision that kicked that off the ballot ... or else we would be drawing maps a different way this year, I believe,” said Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield.

Rep. Avery Bourne, R-Morrisonville, urged Pritzker to support the GOP plan.

“While the context may have changed, when he was asked that question, it was assumed that Mike Madigan would be drawing the maps,” she said. “His pledge has not and cannot change.”

In 2019, Sen. Julie Morrison, D-Lake Forest, proposed a constitutional amendment that many believe would have passed Supreme Court scrutiny. That measure had 36 cosponsors, including 17 Democrats, but it was never assigned to a substantive committee and it died at the end of the 2020 session.

Butler pointed to the city of Springfield as an example of how legislative districts have been gerrymandered for partisan gain.

When the current maps were drawn in 2011, he said, the capital city was divided among three House districts and three Senate districts, and initially none of the lawmakers holding those seats actually lived in Springfield.

“Why was that done,” Butler asked. “That was done for partisan political reasons to try to get new Democrat seats in there. That’s what it was.”

Republicans argue that legislative maps have been drawn intentionally to favor Democrats, and they have alleged that Democrats have a disproportionate advantage in the General Assembly because of it.

Democrats, however, have argued that the maps also ensure that racial and ethnic minorities are fairly represented, and they have accused Republicans of trying to break up those voting groups, who traditionally vote Democratic.

“As Republicans nationwide seek to silence Black and Brown communities, Democrats in Illinois remain committed to the creation of a fair map that reflects the great diversity of our state,” Sen. Omar Aquino, D-Chicago, who chairs the Senate Redistricting Committee, said in a statement Monday. “We have invited communities of interest across Illinois to participate in this process, including establishing an online portal that allows anyone to draw and submit their own proposed maps.”



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