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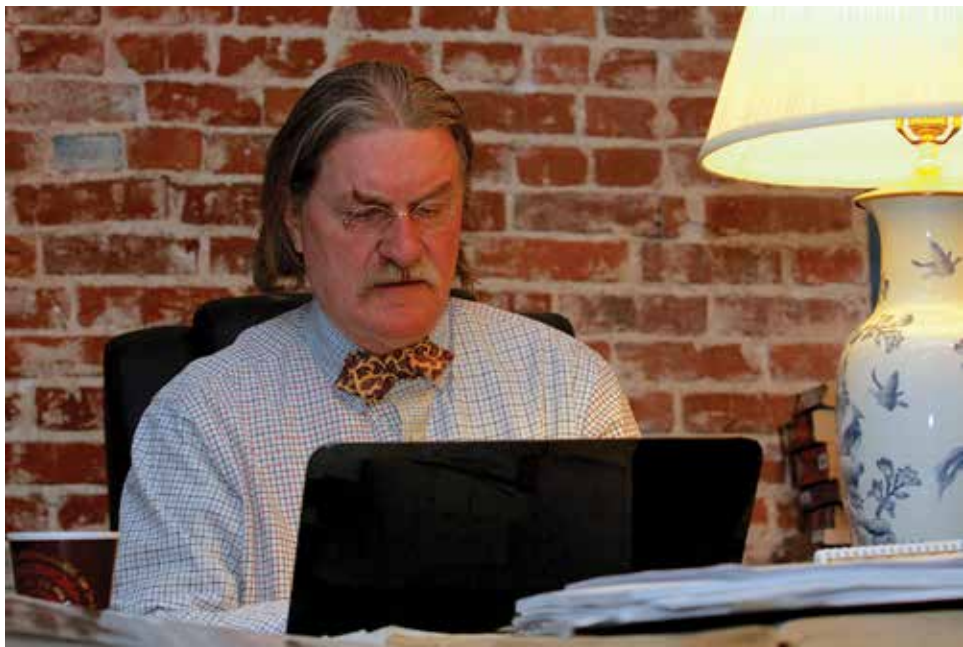
Fair Guide

Boone County Fair

August 11 - 16, 2026

Saturday Rodeo

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James R. Middleton

James R. Middleton passed away on Monday August 31, 2025, at his home. James was a reporter and editor of *The Boone County Journal*. He was also an on-air disc jockey in San Francisco. He was a generous man with a kind heart, a gentle spirit, and an optimistic attitude about life. He offered encouragement and support to all who knew him. James grew up on a farm east of Sycamore, the son of cattle farmers. There, James learned the value of being part of a community, and the value of hard work and perseverance. The Boone County Fair was always something that James looked forward to. As a farm boy growing up on a four-generation family farm near Sycamore, James often recalled showing cattle from the farm at the Boone County Fair in the 1950s.

James graduated from Sycamore High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in Broadcast Journalism, and a Juris Doctor from John Marshall Law School. The folks at *The Boone County Journal* over a decade and a half had the pleasure of knowing James Middleton. He was a person who had a high character and a pleasant personality. James worked every story as important to the community. His last comment when leaving the Journal was, "I hope whatever I have done here somehow helps the community." While at the *Journal*, James covered two especially significant issues: One was the explosive residential growth and the implosion on Wall Street. The other was the windmill zoning issue. James attended every meeting in order to write a fair and balanced story. He traveled to the federal courthouse in Chicago to cover the trial of Gordon Nelson, who was convicted of defrauding new homeowners and mortgage companies in a scheme at Candlewick Lake. James was a published author of short stories, and the novel, *Brewster Fullbright*, the work of which he was most proud, is available on Amazon and Apple Books. James had two true loves throughout his life: His writing and his dear wife Dorothea. James and Dorothea were deeply in love, deeply connected, and appreciative of one another throughout their 22-year marriage. They enjoyed traveling to Paris and Greece, participating in their church and community organizations, and enjoying the company of one another. James Richard Middleton was born on December 9, 1947, the only son of Glen and Johannah Middleton, and brother to Janice. He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothea Bilder. James is succeeded by his niece Amy Biundo, his great nephew, Michael Biundo, his great niece Francesca Biundo. He is also succeeded by his sister-in-law Chryssie (Bilder) Tavrides, seven other nieces and nephews, their children, and many other relatives.



Wednesday Night in the Grandstand 7PM

Boone County Fair Association Completes Major Fairgrounds Improvements

From improved accessibility and upgraded livestock facilities to enhanced roadways and spectator amenities, the Boone County Fairgrounds continues to undergo significant improvements as the Boone County Fair Association works to preserve and enhance one of Northern Illinois' best fair facilities.

The past year has seen numerous projects completed throughout the grounds, all designed to improve safety, convenience, and the overall experience for the hundreds of thousands of visitors who attend events at the fairgrounds each year.

Major projects completed include the construction of a new concrete handicap-accessible viewing platform in front of the grandstand, installation of a concrete floor and entryway in the Poultry Barn, blacktopping of the roadway surrounding the Poultry Barn and Gate 3 entrance, additional roadway seal coating, the purchase of three new 20-foot bleachers, a new floor in the 4-H Food Stand, replacement of eight power poles, concreting of three aisles in the Horse Barn, and installation of new fans in the Beef Arena.

In addition to the financial investment by the fair association these and other projects were

also completed throughout the year through donations of money, materials, equipment, professional services, and volunteer labor from local businesses, organizations, and community members.

"We are blessed to have such amazing support from the community," said John Henninger, President of the Boone County Fair Association. "These improvements help ensure the fairgrounds remain a valuable community asset for generations to come."

The Boone County Fair Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operated by members of the eight Granges of Boone County. The Granges have managed the fair since 1957. The Grange is a national family and community service organization with roots in agriculture and rural America dating back to 1867.

The 2026 Boone County Fair will be held August 11-16 at 8847 Route 76 in Belvidere.

2026 Boone County Fair to Celebrate America's 250th Birthday

The Boone County Fair Association invites families from throughout Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin to celebrate America's 250th Birthday at the 2026 Boone County Fair, August 11-16, at 8847 Rt 76.

This year's theme, "Stars, Stripes & Fair Delights!", highlights the nation's Semiquincentennial while celebrating one of America's greatest traditions—the county fair

The 2026 fair will also commemorate two significant milestones: the 50th Anniversary of the Boone County Fair Draft Horse Show and the 50th Anniversary of the relocation and restoration of the Reed Schoolhouse.

The Draft Horse Show has featured teams of Belgian, Percheron, and Clydesdale breeds from across the country and even Canada throughout the years to become one of the finest events of its kind in the Midwest.

The Reed Schoolhouse is an authentic 19th century Boone County one-room schoolhouse,

which continues to serve as a permanent historical exhibit on the fairgrounds and free to tour during the fair..

Visitors will enjoy 100 acres packed with livestock shows, home arts and agricultural exhibits, hundreds of vendors, free entertainment and attractions, delicious food, and Skinner's huge midway & carnival plus exciting grandstand shows.

General admission is just \$10 for everyone age 11 and older. Children 10 and under are admitted free every day. Seniors age 65 and older receive free admission on Thursday.

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In the last year or so, several road projects have been advanced in Boone County. Collectively, they have the potential to have a major impact

on traffic flow and future development. While growth in the area has taken a definite pause, eventually the population here will again increase as communities to the east continue to expand. To cope, we need a sound infrastructure.

Some of the proposals that have been made are positive, but others have a decidedly negative quality.

Resurfacing Illinois 173 between Poplar Grove Road and McHenry County

We start by noting the deplorable condition of this road. We are disappointed that, with the high motor fuel taxes we pay, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has allowed this state highway to get this bad before fixing it. Improvements are long overdue. While this will be a major overhaul of the roadbed, it will basically remain the same two-lane road it has been, albeit with better shoulders.

We believe that three additional improvements need to be made along with this project:

- The intersection of Route 173 and County Line Road has slipped through the crack between this project and an adjacent repaving project in McHenry County. A hill, curve, and blind spot make this intersection accident prone. At the very least, we'd like to see some warnings installed.

- The Long Prairie Trail is an excellent alternative to Route 173 for bikes and pedestrians. There should be bike/pedestrian-activated warning signals where the Long Prairie Trail crosses Route 173 in Capron.

- With an otherwise continuous bike trail from Rockton to the Harvard Metra Station, the 1-1/2-mile gap between County Line Road and Chemung creates a dangerous situation. Route 173 is no place for bicycles. Right now, finishing the path is a low priority in McHenry County. Will it require the death or severe injury of a cyclist before this situation is taken seriously?

A Five-way Roundabout on Rt. 76 at Caledonia, Woodstock, and Spring Creek Roads

When a road is laid down, it can be 100 years or more before a change is made. The changes we are making now will shape Boone County for the rest of the 21st Century, and likely into the 22nd. It's very important that we plan our projects carefully.

Initially, IDOT proposed building three separate roundabouts within a half mile along Illinois 76 at Spring Creek, Caledonia, and Woodstock Roads. It goes without saying that the state's plan would have seriously delayed north-south traffic between Candlewick Lake, Poplar Grove, and Belvidere.

Justin Krohn, Boone County's highway engineer, alternatively proposed a five-way roundabout near the present intersection with Caledonia Road. Both Spring Creek and Woodstock Roads would also connect to this single round-

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--In Our Opinion--

IDOT's Disappointing Ideas for Boone County

about. Krohn wrote a grant proposal to fund his plan. Fortunately, IDOT officials have realized that this is a much more sensible, smarter idea.

Krohn's plan would make major traffic flow improvements in that part of the county:

- One roundabout would cause far less delay for traffic on Route 76 than three.

- It eliminates the dog leg for east-west through traffic between Spring Creek and Woodstock Roads, which is a popular route across Boone County.

- It links Caledonia and Woodstock Roads. Traffic on Caledonia Road can more easily continue on Woodstock Road to reach Eastbound Interstate 90 via Poplar Grove Road, bypassing several traffic lights. This may also reduce traffic on Squaw Prairie Road.

We salute Krohn's insight and industry on this project. Krohn has also noted there is no connecting east-west road in Boone County south of I-90. He has suggested connecting Graham Road at least between Irene and Genoa Roads. This is an idea worth investigating.

A Roundabout at Caledonia Road and Illinois 173

While Caledonia Road serves as a collector for traffic bound for Belvidere and points east, it is also a viable collector for traffic from Belvidere to reach Machesney Park and Wisconsin. One fortunate aspect of this road is that it skirts residential development in Caledonia, Timberlane, and Candlewick Lake. Keeping commercial development off this road is the key to maintaining it as a clear route for through traffic.

IDOT has proposed a roundabout at Caledonia Road and Illinois 173. While we certainly believe that a roundabout would be infinitely preferable to a traffic light or 4-way stop, we do wonder if this improvement is necessary at this time. Obviously, the roundabout would make it easier for Caledonia Road traffic to merge onto Route 173. The downside is that this would delay Route 173 traffic. We would like to give IDOT the benefit of the doubt on this one, but wonder if the need for this project is ripe.

Widening Business 20 (State Street) to 4 lanes from Shaw Road to Appleton Road

Since the end of World War II, the State of Illinois has spent billions of dollars expanding State Street, US 20, and Interstate 90 between Belvidere and Rockford. Yet the travel time between Belvidere and Rockford is longer than it was in 1945.

A particular problem is the stroad that has formed in Rockford on State Street between Fairview Avenue and Interstate 90. A stroad is a through, generally wide highway that has become congested by local strip malls, drive-throughs, and other automobile-oriented businesses.

IDOT has proposed spending \$100 million to extend this problem stroad from its present termi-

nus to Appleton Road in Boone County in Belvidere. The justification for this expense is that several greedy property owners want to create strip commer-

cial development along this road. The planners call these unwanted stores "economic development" and the politicians start muttering about potential sales tax.

Right now, traffic zips along this two-lane road, usually at about 55-60 miles-per-hour. Traffic does get heavier in rush hours, but generally maintains the current 55 mph speed limit. The population has not grown for the past two decades.

IDOT's proposal is to widen the road to four lanes, add three traffic signals, and lower the speed to 45 miles-per-hour. This insane plan calls for spending millions of dollars to make this road *slower* and significantly *lengthen* the travel time between Rockford and Belvidere.

Obviously, there are times when widening a road is necessary and desirable. But modern highway planning recognizes a concept called "induced demand." When a road is widened, traffic on the road often increases, and eventually the highway is no more efficient at moving traffic than it was before the widening project. Interestingly, when a "road diet" is applied to a throughfare, traffic often decreases on that street, with no corresponding increase in traffic along alternate routes. We believe the principle of induced demand applies to the State Street plan. We most certainly do not look forward to longer, traffic-clogged trips between East Rockford and Belvidere, and we doubt the taxpaying public in Boone County does, either.

Four Lanes on the Northern/Eastern Bypass around Belvidere

Having a bypass around central Belvidere is one of its strongest suits. (Now, if only Belvidere could give this road a consistent name, rather than six separate ones.) But the bypass doesn't work very well. It's just as fast to drive through Belvidere as to drive around it. Generally, the delay is caused by traffic signals.

The eastern part of this bypass is the most congested road in Boone County, yet it's one of the county's most important roads because it provides the all-important access to O'Hare and other points east, including Chicago and its suburbs. And yet, despite the present congestion, IDOT once again wants to add traffic signals! At one of its public meetings, members of the public actually had to instruct IDOT officials how to eliminate an offset crossing without demolishing a house.

Many times, this masthead has stressed the importance of employment opportunities east of Boone County to the well-being of our residents. It is vital to keep our access to Interstate 90 unclogged. This must be the highest economic priority for both Boone County and Belvidere. If it takes too many minutes to get to their jobs, Boone County workers will move closer to their employment. This reduces property values and

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public revenue. All levels of government must work together to keep this road open.

Every single minute of travel time counts.

What is the Purpose of IDOT?

Illinois is the transportation crossroads of Mid-America. Chicago owes its success and world class status to two centuries of transportation leadership.

At the risk of being simplistic, we think that township roads should connect locations within their townships. County trunks should serve traffic travelling between those townships. State roads should be there for the public when they are traveling between counties. Finally, interstate highways should be there for longer or interstate journeys.

If you subscribe to that premise, the state highway network isn't doing its job. There is no state road directly connecting Belvidere, the county seat of Boone County, to Woodstock, the county seat of McHenry County. There is no state road from here to Sycamore, the county seat of DeKalb County, nor to Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. Finally, there is no direct state highway connecting Rockford, one of Illinois' largest cities, with Waukegan, the county seat of Lake County. Lake County is the home of thirteen Fortune 500 corporate headquarters and nearly 750,000 people.

Why is the state highway system in Boone County not connected to Interstate 90? We think that Route 76 should be extended to the junction of Genoa Road and Interstate 90. Business 20 should turn east at Logan Avenue and follow the historic state route to the junction of US 20 at Shattuck Road. Other local extensions of the state highway network are also in order.

We are being shortchanged

We can't help but feel the state, particularly IDOT, is letting us down. We have seen the sprawl of DuPage County and roads like Randall Road that were built at great taxpayer expense. Illinois' motor fuel taxes rank second in the nation, only a few cents per gallon behind California. On top of that, we are charged a toll to use local expressways that are free south of Interstate 80. A toll that is being increased 57 percent next year! At those prices, shouldn't our roads be the envy of the nation?

We find ourselves looking at Wisconsin and seeing gasoline prices 50 cents per gallon cheaper in Janesville than in Belvidere. Wisconsin keeps its roads in good shape, toll-free, and has a reputation for constantly building better, higher-capacity roads. It sure seems like they are doing a better job. We travel to Missouri and even Indiana and encounter more modern roadways than we find back home.

Finally, we have IDOT and the state giving the highly profitable Union Pacific Railroad a \$300 million gift in the form of track improvements. These are disguised as a ridiculous choo-choo train from Rockford to Downtown Chicago, with no connection to O'Hare, no business plan, no feasibility study, and no proof of concept.

We are not inspired by what we have seen. Politicians, take note.

Majority vs. Minority A Stable Government

Bob Evans

Rockford University

"Think twice." "Look before you leap." "Haste makes waste." We all remember these parental words of caution. In addition to providing sound advice, these admonitions reveal that our parents in fact understood the role of the filibuster. Yes, we must explain.

Power is a dangerous commodity. We must vest government with extraordinary power, which is a necessary but risky act. The danger is especially acute in a democracy, which vests unlimited power in the majority. The majority rules, but it rules absolutely. We must remember that a lynch mob is a perfectly democratic "institution." Democracy, then, is a double-edged sword. We cherish it; but it is at the same time problematic. The majority must indeed rule; but we attempt to tame or moderate it. What we seek, as political scientist Martin Diamond posed the problem, is majority rule, but with respect for minority rights.

When the majority acts through government it acts through the legislature. In the words of The Federalist, in a democracy "the legislative power necessarily predominates." We must scrutinize the legislature.

Bicameralism requires the majority literally to think twice. The power of Congress is divided. As former Senator Ben Sasse observed, "Americans divide power again and again because we don't want it at the center of life." In fact, Sasse continues, "the Constitution begins...from extreme skepticism of consolidated power". The Federalist adds the necessary details. We "divide the legislature into different branches, and render them, by different modes of election and different principles of action as little connected with each other as the nature of their common function and their common dependence on society will permit."

The two houses of Congress are differentiated in a variety of ways, resulting in members with different views on matters of public concern. The point is straightforward. The members of each house are very different; hence they have different views. They do not agree

automatically; they must be persuaded. Majority rule is the principle of democratic legislation. The majority, however, does not preexist. It must be created through debate and persuasion.

In addition, the Senate acts as a brake on the House. The filibuster places a heavier foot on that brake. As Sasse notes, "the filibuster requires 60 votes to pass most legislation, thus providing a bulwark against consolidated power". Senator John Fetterman issues a stern warning against "the lasting impact of a Senate without the filibuster—a Senate that ignored the voices of a minority and everyday people."

Both the Republican Sasse and the Democrat Fetterman warn that eliminating the filibuster would turn the Senate into "a smaller version of the House." The filibuster differentiates the Senate and enhances its restraining function. Bicameralism is valuable not because it creates two houses. It is valuable because it creates two *different* houses.

The filibuster is a fundamental differentiating feature. As the *Wall Street Journal* observed, "the filibuster benefits the country by ensuring stability, so national policy isn't constantly flipping between polar opposites." Sasse contends that "via procedural requirements to secure a supermajority of 60 votes before legislation can be passed, the filibuster safeguards the spirit of the Constitution's anti consolidation objective," and guides the Senate toward moderate, inclusive policies. Remember further that Sasse reminds us that "the filibuster requires 60 votes to pass most legislation, thus providing a bulwark against consolidated power."

A bill must appeal to more, and more diverse interests, in order to garner an enhanced majority of 60 votes. The majority, albeit an enhanced majority, does rule. As Martin Diamond observed, the system is democratic. It is just "differently democratic." As our parents would observe, more bluntly, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

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Queen Contestants



#1 Megan Jane Walberg is the 17-year-old daughter of Pamela and Thomas Walberg of Belvidere. She will be a senior this year at Belvidere North High School and plans to attend a four-year university to pursue a degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Megan has been inducted into the National Honor Society and the English National Honor Society, was recognized as an Outstanding 4-H Member and Outstanding Sheep Exhibitor from 2019–2025, received the FFA Chapter Degree and Greenhand Degree, earned Soccer Most Valuable Player honors, has been named a Scholar Athlete and Honor Roll student, and has served as captain of both the soccer and basketball teams. Activities include 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, English National Honor Society, and Girl Scouts. Megan enjoys playing basketball, soccer, and pickleball, as well as spending quality time with friends and family. Megan’s platform is “Planting the Seed of Purpose.” Megan is currently employed as a babysitter and dogsitter. Megan is sponsored by Central Grain.



#2 Kate Marie Henninger is the 16-year-old daughter of Stephanie and Brad Henninger of Belvidere. She will be a junior this year and plans to attend Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where she will study Agriculture and join the university’s student-led rodeo team. Kate has served as the Belvidere FFA Chapter Secretary for the 2025–2026 school year, coached for the Belvidere High School Best Buddies Special Olympics program throughout her high school career, was a member of the 2025 FFA Dairy Judging Team that placed second at the state competition, and received the Markel Scholarship, which funded a paid internship and an Agricultural Education course. Activities include drill team, barrel racing, showing dairy cows, and mentoring Essential Elements students at Belvidere High School. Kate enjoys riding her horse, boating at the lake, relaxing and watching TV with her dog, and spending quality time with her friends and family. Kate’s platform is “Equine Therapy.” Kate is currently employed at Buckle. Kate is sponsored by Gallano Trucking.



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#3 Jozlyn Elisamay Mundy is the 17-year-old daughter of Jenni and Joe Mundy of Belvidere. She will be a senior this year and plans to attend Joliet Junior College, where she will study Animal Science and compete on the livestock judging team. After college, Jozlyn plans to become a large animal veterinarian and establish a show pig production facility dedicated to raising competitive show pigs for youth livestock exhibitors.

Jozlyn has earned numerous honors through FFA, 4-H, livestock judging, and animal exhibition. Her accomplishments include being named FFA National Finalist for Section 6 and winning multiple Section 6 FFA championships in livestock judging, dairy evaluation, swine production entrepreneurship, veterinary science, and agronomy, and Boone County 4-H Outstanding 4-Her of the Year. She has also exhibited numerous champion animals, including Grand Champion Swiss Dairy Cow at both Harvard Milk Days and the Boone County Fair, Grand Champion Market Hog at the Sandwich Fair, Grand Champion All Other Breeds Market Hog at the Boone County Fair, and Senior Swine Showmanship Champion.

Activities include 4-H Federation, FFA, livestock judging, leadership events, agricultural education, and participation in a show pig association. Jozlyn enjoys livestock judging, showing animals, attending jackpot shows and county fairs, spending time at her family's lake house, boating, relaxing at the beach, shopping, spending time with friends, playing with her puppy, Blu, and mentoring younger 4-H members with their livestock projects. Jozlyn's platform is "Built Through the Barn." Jozlyn is currently employed at Kahl Dairy Farm. Jozlyn is sponsored by Kahl Dairy Farm.



#4 Molly Jeanette Shipton is the 16-year-old daughter of Maren Reid and Mark Shipton of Caledonia. She will be a junior this year and plans to attend a four-year college or university. Following graduation, Molly hopes to pursue a career as an architect or interior designer. Molly has earned Honor Roll recognition for six semesters of high school, received the 4-H Silver Clover Award, and serves as President of the National Honor Society. Activities include Beaver Valley Clippers 4-H Club, where she serves as Treasurer; Boone County 4-H Federation Recreation Leader; Willow Creek Presbyterian Church Youth Group; Willow Creek Presbyterian Church Session; the Willow Creek Presbyterian Church Ag Day in Argyle Committee; Sunday School teacher; and babysitting. Molly enjoys reading, raising pigs, spending time with children, photography, and playing the piano. Molly's platform is "Children's Literacy." Molly is currently a student. Molly is sponsored by Beaver Valley Grange in honor of Renee Odell.

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Illinois State Elections Board Tells DOJ it Follows Federal Law On Voting Integrity

Letter responds to Trump administration threats of criminal prosecution for noncitizen voting

Peter Hancock *Capitol News Illinois*

The Illinois State Board of Elections told the U.S. Department of Justice this week it is complying with all federal laws governing voter registration and the maintenance of voter rolls, and it pushed back against threats by the Trump administration to prosecute state and local authorities for allowing illegal election activity.

“The Board and Illinois election authorities take very seriously their responsibility to maintain up-to-date and accurate voter registration records while ensuring that no eligible voters are disenfranchised by being mistakenly removed from the rolls,” Marni Malowitz, the state board’s general counsel, said in a letter Monday to the U.S. Department of Justice. “Illinois’s comprehensive list maintenance framework, consistent with the (National Voter Registration Act), ensures free and fair elections.”

Malowitz’s letter was a response to a letter the Justice Department sent July 7 to top election administrators in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., threatening them with criminal prosecution for allowing noncitizens to remain on their voter rolls or to cast ballots.

That feds’ letter also demanded that state officials reply within five days by explaining in detail what procedures they use to regularly scrub their voter rolls of ineligible or inactive voters.

Seeking federal control

Since President Donald Trump returned to office in 2025, his administration has made numerous attempts to exert more federal control over elections. Toward that end, Trump has frequently repeated disproven claims of widespread voter fraud in the 2020 election, which he lost to former President Joe Biden.

In March 2025, Trump issued an executive order directing the Department of Homeland Security to work with other federal agencies in

compiling a national list of confirmed U.S. citizens who are eligible to vote.

He also has directed the Postal Service to pursue regulatory changes that would prohibit the transmission of mail-in ballots to or from anyone who is not on that list, although that effort has been stalled by multiple legal challenges.

Trump is also pushing for federal legislation that would require voters to show documentary proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote as well as photo identification before casting a ballot. However, the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, or SAVE Act, has stalled in the Senate, where it does not have enough votes for passage.

Meanwhile, the administration is also suing Illinois and dozens of other states seeking access to their complete, unredacted statewide voter registration databases, including sensitive personal information such as dates of birth, Social Security numbers and driver’s license numbers.

As of Monday, July 27, federal judges in 17 district courts and one appellate court had ruled against the administration, finding DOJ does not have statutory authority to demand such records. No court has yet ruled in DOJ’s favor on the issue. A federal judge in Illinois, however, has not yet ruled on the state board’s motion to dismiss the case.

State board’s response

Responding to DOJ’s July 7 letter threatening prosecution, Malowitz began by noting that DOJ “does not identify any credible evidence of voter fraud or other impropriety in an Illinois election. Nor does it contain any allegation of a violation of federal law by an Illinois election official.”

The letter goes on to argue that the U.S. Constitution “assigns primary responsibility for federal elections to the States, subject only to preemption by Congress.”

In Illinois, the letter states, responsibility for administering elections lies with the State Board of Elections, an independent, bipartisan agency whose members “are not subject to oversight by or direction from public officials or political bodies.”

“Entrusting election supervision to an independent, bipartisan board exemplifies Illinois’s commitment to ensuring public confi-

dence in elections,” the letter states. “The Board, through its bipartisan actions, safeguards against voter fraud, voter suppression, voter confusion, and public corruption.”

Among the federal laws Congress has passed that impose responsibilities on states, the letter notes, are the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

NVRA requires states to make voter registration widely available in places where people engage in other routine interactions with government, such as applying for or renewing their driver’s license or state identification card.

It also provides a uniform voter registration application form that requires applicants to attest, under penalty of perjury, that they are U.S. citizens, over the age of 18 and meet the state’s residency requirements for voter eligibility.

HAVA also requires that mail-in voter registration forms include a line where applicants check a box to indicate whether they are a U.S. citizen.

The letter states that voter registration forms in Illinois comply with those standards and, “If an applicant does not make the required certification of citizenship, the voter registration application is denied.”

The letter also states that Illinois election officials routinely check their rolls against several state and federal data sources, including data from the Department of Corrections to identify voters who are incarcerated for felony convictions and records from the Illinois Department of Public Health to identify registered voters who have recently died. Illinois also participates in the multistate Electronic Registration Information Center, or ERIC, whose members share voter registration and motor vehicle information to track voters who move from one member state to another.

Finally, the letter states that local election authorities routinely update their lists by mailing direct notices to voters to determine whether registered voters are still living at the same address.

“Illinois’s multilayered approach to voter list maintenance is working,” Malowitz said in the

letter to DOJ. “This commitment precludes establishing the specific intent and/or willfulness required for criminal liability under the laws cited in your letter.”

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#5 Isabelle Rose Bahena is the 17-year-old daughter of Melissa and Juan Bahena of Poplar Grove. Isabelle graduated from North Boone High School in the spring of 2026 with a 4.1 GPA and will attend Rock Valley College this fall. Her future plans include pursuing a career as a school counselor or teacher, where she hopes to help others, build meaningful connections, and make a positive impact in her community. Isabelle served as President of the National Honor Society, maintained Honor Roll status throughout all four years of high school, and graduated with a 4.1 GPA.

Activities include National Honor Society, Student Council, Cheerleading, and community volunteering. Isabelle enjoys traveling, shopping, playing pickleball, and spending time with her family. Isabelle's platform is "Community Connection." Isabelle is currently employed at Chick-fil-A.

Isabelle is sponsored by Wellness Tree Family Chiropractic.



#6 Jessi E. Bemis is the 16-year-old daughter of Cyndi and Brian Bemis of Rockton. She will be a junior this year at North Boone High School and will begin dual enrollment through Rock Valley College. Following graduation, Jessi plans to major in Business and minor in Statistics. Activities include Hockey, Soccer, Track, Basketball, FFA, French Club, Tech and Costuming for North Boone High School drama productions, and Math Team. Jessi enjoys baking, sewing, and painting in her free time. Jessi's platform is "Breaking the Ice: Women in Non-Traditional Activities." Jessi is currently unemployed. Jessi is sponsored by Society Carpet Cleaners.







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TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH

NON-LIVESTOCK BLDG. CLOSED TODAY ONLY FOR JUDGING
Commercial Exhibit Halls Open At Noon, Midway Opens At Noon

8 AM	4-H Poultry Show	Poultry Barn
8:30 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show	Outdoor Horse Arena
12 PM	Flag Raising - VFW	Grandstand
12 PM	Harness & Colt Racing	Grandstand (Free)
12-1 PM	Music by Hallie (Milestone Singers)	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
2:30-5:30 PM	Galaxy (Classic Country)	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
3 PM	Weigh-In Swine Jr. & Open Show	Swine Barn
6-9:30 PM	Ranch Sorting Competition	Pony Arena (Free)
	Contestants enter at Gate 4 (Sponsored by Stillman Bank)	
7-10 PM	Dale Rhode & The Crossroads Band	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
7:30 PM	QUEEN PAGEANT & LITTLE MISS PAGEANT (Sponsored by Byron Bank)	Grandstand (Free)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

All Exhibit Halls Open at 10 AM
Midway Opens at Noon. Ride Specials from Noon - 5 PM

7:30 AM	Open & Jr. Poultry Show	Poultry Barn
8 AM	Open Rabbit Show	Rabbit Show Room
9 AM	4-H Horse Speed Events	Pony Arena
9 AM	4-H Purebred Swine, Dairy Steer, Sheep Show & Youth Beef Judging	Livestock Buildings
10 AM-12 PM	Youth Beef Judging Contest to Follow Dairy Steer Show Kids Day (Games & Contests) Ages 8 & Under, Ages 9-12 (Sponsored by Midland States Bank/Belvidere) Compete in Sack Races, Balloon Blowing, Bubble Gum Chewing, Egg Toss & Watermelon Eating for Trophies & Prizes. Ages 8 & Under, Ages 9-12	Gazebo Park (Free)
11 AM	4-H Beef Carcass Show Will Start Following the Completion of the Youth Beef Judging	Livestock Arena
12-5 PM	REDUCED CARNIVAL RIDES (Rides individually priced. No wristbands.)	Midway
12 PM	Dairy VIP Classes	Dairy Arena
12-3:30 PM	Acoustic Millennium Band Contests held during band breaks - Ages 15 & Older Watermelon Eating, Seed Spitting, Bubble Gum Blowing, Twinkie Eating, Soda Drinking	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
3:30 PM	4-H Rabbit Show	Livestock Arena
3:30 PM	Boone County 4-H Driving Drill Team	Outdoor Horse Arena
4-5 PM	Jung's Tae Kwon Do Demonstration	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
5 PM	Antique Tractor Parade	Grandstand (Free)
5:30-6 PM	Step To Grace	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
6 PM	Draft Horse Pull	Outdoor Horse Arena
7-10 PM	Missing Links (Classic Rock/R&B)	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
7 PM	BANDA NUEVA RAZA	Grandstand (\$10)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH

Senior Citizens Day (65 & Older) Free Admission
All Exhibit Halls Open at 10 AM • Midway Opens at 11 AM. Ride Specials 11 AM - 5 PM
BBQ Pulled Pork Dinners at Grange Food Complex from 11 AM until Gone.

8 AM	4-H Goat Show	Goat Barn
8 AM	Junior Sheep Show	Sheep Barn
9 AM	4-H Dairy & Beef Shows	Livestock Buildings
9 AM	Pee Wee Poultry Show	Poultry Barn
9 AM	Pony Classes	Pony Arena
10 AM	Peace Lutheran Worship Service	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
10 AM	Kids Day (Games & Contests) (Sponsored by Midland States Bank/Belvidere) See Wednesday Schedule	Gazebo Memorial Park (Free)
10 AM	FARM TRACTOR PULLS	Grandstand (\$9)
12-5 PM	REDUCED CARNIVAL RIDES (Rides individually priced. No wristbands.)	Midway
11:30 AM-2 PM	Gene Shepherd & Mike Schneider Band	On The Grounds
12-3 PM	Matthew Wundrow Band (Polka/Classic Country)	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
2 PM	ILLINI LOCAL TRACTOR & TRUCK PULLS Stock Gas & Diesel ISP Truck Shootouts, Super Stock Garden Tractors, Altered Trucks, Hot Street Diesel Trucks, NA Tractors (Sponsored by Burger King & Alta Equipment Co.)	Grandstand (\$9)
3:30-5:30 PM	Rockford Barber Shop Chorus	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
4 PM	Draft Horse Cart Classes Beginning with an Open 6-Horse Hitch - Classic Series (Sponsored by Byron Bank)	Outdoor Horse Arena
5 PM	4-H Livestock Auction	Livestock Arena (Free)
6-10 PM	Kevin Burns - Good Vibrations (Tropical/Island Music)	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
6 PM	Mother/Daughter Look Alike Contest Sign up at 5:30 PM behind Entertainment Bldg. Judging at 6 PM. Casual Wear. (Conducted by Arnie Pearse) Prizes awarded immediately following contest 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$40, 3rd - \$30 Contestants must pay fair admission at the gate	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
6:30 PM	ILLINI STATE PULLERS Featuring NA Super Stock & Pro Field Tractors, Pro Stock Diesel Trucks, Too Hot to Farm Tractors, Super Stock Trucks, Semi's, Limited Pro Stock Tractors, Econo Mod Mini-Rods, Light Super Stock Tractors, Light Pro-Stock Diesel Trucks	Grandstand (\$15)
7 PM	Father/Son Look Alike Contest Same instructions as Mother/Daughter (Both Contests Sponsored By Parnell Foods)	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH

All Exhibit Halls Open at 10 AM • Midway Opens at Noon
Fish Dinners at Grange Food Complex from 11 AM until Gone.

8 AM	Dairy Goat Show - Open Class	Goat Barn
8:30 AM	Open & Junior Market Barrow Show	Swine Barn
9 AM	Open Sheep Show, Dairy & Beef Shows Plus Junior Dairy & Beef Draft Horse Halter Show - Classic & Junior Cart Classes	Livestock Buildings
9 AM	Pony Halter & Performance Classes	Inside Horse Arena
10 AM - 1 PM	ATV Racing by KICKABUDA Promotions (Sponsored by Hammertime Sports)	Pony Arena
12-3 PM	Grass Attack (Bluegrass)	Grandstand/Bleachers (Free)
3:30-4:30 PM	Magic by Herb Rosene	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
4:30-7:30 PM	Gene Shepherd & Mike Schneider Band	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
5 PM	4-H Master Showmanship Contest	On The Grounds
5-6 PM	Mrs. Lemaster School of Dance	Livestock Arena
6 PM	Open Wether Show	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
7-10 PM	Silver Creek Band (Country)	Sheep Barn
7 PM	NEXT LEVEL BULL RIDING (Sponsored By: Bel Rock Asphalt, C.E.S. Inc., Cosmopolitan Club of Belvidere, Galliano Trucking, Boone County District #2, Stillman Bank, Twin Towers)	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
		Grandstand (\$20)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

All Exhibit Halls Open at 10 AM • Midway Opens at Noon
Charcoal-Broiled Chicken Dinners at Grange Food Complex from 11 AM until Gone.

7 AM	Weak End Antique Tractor Pulls Followed by Rock County Pullers & Amateur Garden Tractor Pull	Grandstand (Free)
8:30 AM	Pee Wee Swine Show	Swine Barn
9 AM	Open Sheep Show	Sheep Barn
9 AM	Open & Jr. Steer Judging	Livestock Arena
9 AM	Open & Jr. Dairy Cow Classes Beginning with Holstein & Including All Breeds	Dairy Arena
9 AM	Boer Goat Open Show	Boer Goat Tent
9 AM	Pony Performance & Hitch Classes	Pony Arena
9:30 AM	Youth Amateur Talent Contest Sign Up Open To All Amateur Talent	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
10 AM	Draft Horse Hitch Classes Starting with 6-Horse Hitch & Work Down (Sponsored by Byron Bank)	Outdoor Horse Arena
10:30 AM - 3 PM	Talent Contest 10:30 AM Junior Talent (Ages 14 & Up) 12:30 PM Senior Talent (Ages 15-21) (Sponsored By: Parnell Foods) Prizes for Both Age Groups: 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100. Contestants must pay admission at the gate.	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
12 PM	Swine Costume Show	Swine Barn
12 PM	Supreme Gr. Champion Dairy	Dairy Barn
1 PM	Pony Hitch Classes	Pony Arena
3 PM	Fur & Feather Auction	Livestock Arena (Free)
3:30-4:30 PM	Main Street Players of Boone County	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
3:30 PM	D&D PRO RODEO	Grandstand (\$20)
4:30-7:30 PM	Gene Shepherd & Mike Schneider Band	On The Grounds
5-6 PM	Celia's Dance & Education Center	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
7-10 PM	Boone Boys 45th Anniversary Show	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
7:30 PM	D&D PRO RODEO	Grandstand (\$20)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

All Exhibit Halls Open at 10 AM • Midway Opens at Noon
Charcoal-Broiled Pork Chop Dinners at Grange Food Complex from 11 AM until Gone.

8:30 AM	Church Service Conducted by Gideon's International	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
9:30 AM	No. Illinois Outlaws Shootout	Pony Arena (Free)
10 AM	Pedal Pushers Pull (Sponsored by The Henninger & Cloyd Families)	Livestock Arena (Free)
11 AM	Junior Dairy Cattle - Pee Wee Show	Dairy Arena
12 PM	Auction of Zolli's Wood Carvings	Oak Glen Rd. Near Gate 2
12:30-1:30 PM	Lip Sync Contest Prizes: 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25. Conducted by Arnie Pearse Contestants Must Pay Admission To The Fair	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
1 PM	ROBO'S EXTREME DEMO DERBY Young Guns Full Size: 1st \$1100, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100 80 New HO BO - Stock: 1st \$1100, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100 Pro Stock Compacts - "Heats Consi Feature": 1st \$1600, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$400, 4th \$200, 5th \$100 **Highest Placement Boone County Resident** Trophy & \$1000	Grandstand (\$20)
1:30 - 3:30 PM	Karaoke Contest Prizes: 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25. Conducted by Arnie Pearse Contestants Must Pay Admission To The Fair	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
5-8 PM	Novillada Nortena (Regional Mexican Music)	Entertainment Bldg. (Free)
5 PM	Air Fly By - Poplar Grove Airport, Steve Thomas	Over Track Infield
6 PM	ROBO'S EXTREME DEMO DERBY OPEN WIRE FULL SIZE CARS - HEATS CONSI FEATURE 1st \$1600, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$400, 4th \$200, 5th \$100 **Highest Placement Boone County Resident** Trophy & \$1000 Mini Vans/SUV - Open Wire Rules: 1st \$1100, 2nd \$600, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100 3/4 Ton Pickup - Full Size Stock Farm 1st \$1000, 2nd \$600, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100 Boone Bone Stock Compact: 1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200 Classes To Change at Promoters Discretion	Grandstand (\$20)

Schedule subject to change, but we do our best to adhere to it.

During The Fair: SHOW TICKETS on sale all day at Gate 1
Ticket Office or at Grandstand Ticket Office before shows!

HORSE EVENTS - FREE ADMISSION TO ALL HORSE EVENTS LISTED HERE

TUESDAY

8:30 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show	Outdoor Horse Arena
12 PM	Harness & Colt Racing	Grandstand (Free)
6-9:30 PM	Ranch Sorting Competition	Pony Arena

WEDNESDAY

9 AM	4-H Horse Speed Show	Pony Arena
3:30 PM	Boone County 4-H Driving Drill Team	Outdoor Horse Arena
6 PM	Draft Horse Pull	Outdoor Horse Arena

THURSDAY

9 AM	Pony Classes	Pony Arena
4 PM	Junior Draft Horse Performance & Cart Classes Beginning With An Open 6-Horse Hitch - Classic Series (Sponsored by Byron Bank)	Outdoor Horse Arena

FRIDAY

9 AM	Draft Horse Halter Show - Classic & Junior Cart Classes	Inside Horse Arena
9 AM	Pony Halter & Performance Classes	Pony Arena

SATURDAY

9 AM	Pony Performance & Hitch Classes	Pony Arena
10 AM	Draft Horse Hitch Classes Starting With 6-Horse Hitch	Outdoor Horse Arena
1 PM	Pony Hitch Classes	Pony Arena

SUNDAY

9:30 AM	Northern Illinois Outlaws Riding/Shooting Exhibition	Pony Arena
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Entertainment BUILDING

Located East Side Of Exhibit Hall #1. Free Admission.

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TUESDAY

Music by Hallie & The Milestone Singers
(Country & Bluegrass).....12-1 PM
Hard Times Band (Classic Country).....2:30-5:30 PM
Dale Rhode & The Crossroads Band (Country).....7-10 PM

WEDNESDAY

Acoustic Millenium Band.....12-3 PM
Contests held during breaks – Ages 15 & Older
Watermelon Eating/Seed Spitting, Bubble Gum Blowing, Twinkie Eating
and Soda Drinking. Prizes for Each Contest 1-\$15, 2-\$10, 3-\$5.
Conducted by Arnie Pearse
Jung's Tae Kwon Do Demonstration.....4-5 PM
Step To Grace.....5:30-6 PM
Missing Links (Classic Rock/R&B).....7-10 PM

THURSDAY

Peace Lutheran Worship Service.....10-11 AM
Matthew Wundrow Band (Polka/Country).....12-3 PM
Rockford Barbershop Chorus.....3:30-5:30 PM
Kevin Burns 'Good Vibrations' (Beach Music).....6-10 PM
Sign-Up For Look-A-Like Contest.....5:30 PM
Mother/Daughter Look-A-Like Contest.....6 PM
Father/Son Look-A-Like Contest.....7 PM
(Look-A-Like Contests Sponsored by: Parnell Foods)

FRIDAY

Grass Attack Band (Bluegrass/Country).....12-3 PM
Magic by Herb Rosene.....3:30- 4:30 PM
Ms. Lemaster's School of Dance.....5-6 PM
Silver Creek Band (Classic Country).....7-10 PM

SATURDAY

Amateur Talent Contest Sign-Up.....9:30 AM
Free to sign up. Must pay admission to fair. Sponsored By: Parnell Foods
Junior Talent Contest (Ages up to 14).....10:30 AM
1st Prize \$200 * 2nd Prize \$150 * 3rd Prize \$100
Senior Talent Contest (Ages 15-21).....12:30 PM
1st Prize \$200 * 2nd Prize \$150 * 3rd Prize \$100
Main Street Players Theatre Group Presents.....3:30-4:30 PM
Celia's Dance Center Performance.....5-6 PM
The Boone Boys 45th Anniversary Show.....7-10 PM

SUNDAY

Church Service by Gideon's International.....8:30-9:30 AM
Lip Sync Contest12:30-1:30 PM
Karaoke Contest.....1:30-3:00 PM
(Contestants must pay admission to fair at the gate)
Novillada Nortena (Traditional Mexican Music).....5-8 PM

ASSORTED FREE EVENTS

**Official Fair Opening w/Flag Raising & VFW Color Guard
Followed Immediately By Harness Racing**

12 Noon - Tuesday - Grandstand

Ranch Sorting Competition

6-9 PM - Tuesday - Pony Arena

Queen & Little Miss Pageant

7:30 PM - Tuesday - Grandstand

Antique Tractor Parade

5 PM - Wednesday - Grandstand

Draft Horse Cart Classes

4 PM - Thursday - Outside Horse Arena

**Weak End Antique Tractor Pull & The Rock County Pullers
& Amateur Garden Tractor Pull**

7 AM - Saturday - Grandstand Bleachers

Draft Horse Wagon Hitch Classes

10 AM - Saturday - Outside Horse Arena

Pony Hitch Classes

1 PM - Saturday - Pony Arena

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Saturday 12:30, 1:30 & 4 PM • Sunday Auction at Noon
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Pleasant Hill Construction Inc., R.P. Lumber, Watson & Son Excavating)

Draft Horse Pulls

Outside Horse Arena - Wednesday 6 PM

Northern IL Outlaws Riding/Shooting Show

Pony Arena - Sunday 9:30 AM

Oxen Exhibit

Near Gate 3 - On Big Thunder Road - OPEN DAILY

Kids Day Games & Contests

Behind Exhibit Hall # 3 - Wednesday & Thursday, 10 AM-11:30 AM
(Sponsored by: Midland States Bank)

Pedal Pushers Tractor Pull

Livestock Show Arena - SHOWTIMES: Sunday, 10 AM
(Sponsored by: The Henninger & Cloyd Families)

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Grandstand Bleachers - SHOWTIMES: Friday, 10 AM
(Sponsored by: Hammertime Sports)

Gene Shepherd & Mike Schneider Band

Strolling The Grounds

SHOWTIMES: Thursday, 11:30 AM - 2 PM, Friday & Saturday, 4:30-7 PM

4-H Wee Farm Petting Zoo

Behind Exhibit Hall #3 - OPEN DAILY - 9:30 AM - 8:30 PM

One Room School House

South End of Track - OPEN DAILY - 10 AM - 6 PM

The Boone County Grange Museum

North of The Sheep Barn - OPEN DAILY 9:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Magic Mike

Strolling the Grounds Afternoons & Evenings Wednesday - Sunday

Judge Denies Trump Administration Access To Illinois Voter Data

Law does not give DOJ 'general auditing power' over state election officials

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

A federal judge ruled late Friday that Illinois is not required to hand over its complete, unredacted voter registration data, including sensitive personal information, to the Trump administration.

In a 14-page opinion, Judge Colleen Lawless reached the same conclusion as judges in 18 other federal districts and one appellate circuit who have ruled in nearly identical cases. She found that the Civil Rights Act of 1960 does not give the U.S. attorney general "general auditing power" to demand voter data.

No court has yet ruled in favor of the administration's demand for voter data.

She also said the Department of Justice failed to provide any factual basis for suggesting state officials have done anything wrong in maintaining the state's voter registration database and that it offered no legitimate purpose for seeking the information.

"The Attorney General's demand is deficient in both its stated basis and purpose and cannot be enforced against (Illinois State Board of Elections Executive Director Bernadette) Matthews," Lawless wrote.

Demand for data

The Justice Department began demanding access to states' unredacted voter registration rolls shortly after President Donald Trump took office for a second term in 2025.

The lists include sensitive personal information such as dates of birth, driver's license numbers and partial Social Security numbers — what election law expert David Becker has referred to as "the Holy Trinity of identity theft."

In August 2025, the state elections board gave DOJ a copy of its statewide voter registration database, with sensitive information redacted. That is the same information it makes available to candidate committees and political parties, but lawyers for DOJ said that was insufficient.

In its petitions, DOJ said it needed the complete database to ascertain whether states were meeting their legal duties under federal laws to maintain accurate and up-to-date voter rolls and to take affirmative steps to purge the rolls of ineligible voters,

including noncitizens.

DOJ cited a provision of the Civil Rights Act giving the attorney general authority to "demand in writing" from state election officials any "record or paper" related to an election that has taken place in the previous 22 months.

But attorneys representing outside groups that intervened in the Illinois case argued that was only a pretext and that DOJ's real purpose was to purge state voter rolls of suspected noncitizens by cross-checking their rolls with a national citizenship database.

Court ruling

In her opinion, Lawless did not address that alternate theory about DOJ's motives. Instead, she focused on the agency's stated reasons.

She said the Civil Rights Act does not give federal investigators blanket authority to demand records from state election officials and that it requires them to show both a "basis and purpose" for the demand.

Lawyers for the Justice Department argued they met that obligation simply by citing the legal authority that the statute gives to demand the information. But Lawless rejected that argument.

"If the Attorney General could simply justify his demand with a statement of any purpose whatsoever, the requirement that he specify his purpose (and his basis) would be pointless and

it would provide him with unfettered authority to demand voting records," Lawless wrote.

She said the Civil Rights Act of 1960 was enacted to combat racial discrimination in voting and that a demand for records under that law "must relate to Congress's rationale behind granting the Attorney General investigatory authority over certain federal voting records."

"Congress did not confer a general auditing power to the DOJ over state election officials," she wrote.

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Pritzker Signs New Laws Requiring Businesses To Accept Cash, Pay Employees For Jury Duty

Governor signed 87 bills on Friday

Ben Szalinski Capitol News Illinois

Most Illinois retailers will be required to accept cash payments beginning in 2028 under a bill Gov. JB Pritzker signed on Friday.

House Bill 4592 requires retailers that employ someone to process in-person consumer transactions must accept cash payments on purchases under \$500, though the businesses do not have to accept bills larger than \$20.

The requirement does not apply to self-check-out machines, overnight sales, if a business runs out of cash, membership-only businesses, or phone or internet purchases. Businesses that do not follow the law will have to pay fines.

"For many Illinois residents, cash remains a dependable and necessary way to pay for everyday purchases," Sen. Christopher Belt, D-Swansea, said in a statement. "People deserve the freedom to choose how they pay."

The measures was one of 87 bills Pritzker signed on Friday.

Jury pay

Employers will now have to pay their employees their full rate of pay while they are serving on jury duty under House Bill 4844. Businesses with 25 or fewer employees are exempt from the

requirement, which begins immediately.

CPR practice

House Bill 4788 requires schools, beginning in the 2028-2029 school year, to provide breasted and non-breasted manikins for CPR practice in middle school and high school. The goal is to give students more practice with female victims, who studies show are less likely to receive help from bystanders when suffering cardiac arrest.

"When someone's life is on the line, every second counts," Sen. Laura Ellman, D-Naperville, said in a statement. "More inclusive, realistic CPR training helps people act quickly and save lives."

Workload report

Senate Bill 3314 requires higher education institutions to provide more transparency about how many credits their faculty members are teaching.

The law requires the state's colleges and universities to, beginning in Sept. 2028, report annually the number of credit hours being taught by full- and part-time faculty members. The reports would be organized by tenure status and discipline.

Lawmakers supporting the bill said the goal is to provide more transparency for students and educators about the higher education system and ensure faculty members are receiving necessary support.

"This legislation helps shine a light on who is doing the teaching in our colleges and universities by making clear how many credit hours are taught by full-time versus part-time faculty," Illinois Education Association President Karl Goeke said in a statement. "Our students and their families deserve to know who is leading the bulk of the classes at their colleges and universities."

Human trafficking

Drivers on Illinois interstates will soon notice more information about human trafficking at rest stops.

House Bill 4654 requires the Illinois Department of Transportation to install signs with resources for human trafficking victims in bathrooms at all rest areas, beginning immediately.

Airport noise

Senate Bill 4041 requires O'Hare and Midway airports in Chicago to conduct noise studies at least every five years beginning by the end of 2030. The study must map out how sound is distributed around the airport and forecast how noise will be distributed going forward.

Mental health treatment

House Bill 5193 allows more patients to be transported by ambulance to a mental health institution rather than a hospital emergency room beginning immediately. The law now allows people under the influence of drugs or alcohol to be transported to approved mental health

facilities if EMTs determine that's a more appropriate location and it is approved by their supervisors.

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Fruits and vegetables are pictured at a County Market grocery store in Springfield. The items are eligible for purchase under the federal SNAP program. (Capitol News Illinois photo by Andrew Campbell)

Illinois Launches New Program to Provide Food Benefits to People Who Lost SNAP

Program established in budget is in response to federal reductions

Ben Szalinski

Capitol News Illinois

A new state program took effect Saturday to provide food benefits to people who have recently become ineligible because of federal changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

The Families Receiving Emergency Support for Hunger, or FRESH, program kicked off Aug. 1 after state lawmakers appropriated \$70 million in the fiscal year 2027 budget to establish a state food assistance program. The initiative allows households that lost their SNAP benefits earlier this year to receive a \$400 one-time payment.

“At a time when the cost of groceries, gas, and utilities are all rising, Donald Trump and Republicans decided to strip food assistance from nearly 100,000 people,” Gov. JB Pritzker said in a statement. “In Illinois, we passed the FRESH program to help provide some relief for families kicked off food assistance, but no state can backfill the cruel and imminent cuts set in motion by Trump’s budget bill.”

About 150,000 Illinoisians were expected to lose food assistance benefits beginning May 1 after new work requirements established by Congress went into effect. About 1.5 million Illinoisians received SNAP benefits in June, according to the Illinois Department of Human Services. That includes 830,342 households. The number of beneficiaries in June was down 134,734 people compared to April.

Eligible households are those that lost benefits because of the federal changes and are automatically enrolled in the FRESH program. Recipients will receive the one-time payment to their Illinois Link card to use on food.

People who lose SNAP coverage in the coming months will also receive payments until funding for the program runs out.

Other financial impacts

The budget also included \$55 million to

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#1 Eleanor Joy Atkins is the 7-year-old daughter of Courtney and Jeffery Atkins of Belvidere. Eleanor will be in 2nd grade this fall and is sponsored by YOUNiquely Handmade.



#2 Stassi Noelle Gunsteen is the 8-year-old daughter of Danielle and Bobbi Gunsteen of Belvidere. Stassi will be in 4th grade this fall and is sponsored by Unfiltered Aesthetics.



#3 Blayke Camille Anderson is the 9-year-old daughter of Amy Bailey and Brent Anderson of Poplar Grove. Blayke will be in 4th grade this fall and is sponsored by Lindberg Pumpkin Patch.



#4 Rilynn Rose Blackburn is the 9-year-old granddaughter of Penny and Curt Fowler of Belvidere. Rilynn will be in 4th grade this fall and is sponsored by Gallano Trucking.



#5 Macy Elizabeth Joy Matz is the 6-year-old daughter of Brittany and Daniel Matz of Poplar Grove. Macy will be in 1st grade this fall and is sponsored by Mom and Dad.



#6 Emalyn Grace Fleming is the 8-year-old daughter of Sarah and Tim Fleming of Poplar Grove. Emalyn will be in 3rd grade this fall and is sponsored by Aunt Laura Carter.



#7 Raelynn Jade Ortgiesen is the 9-year-old daughter of Jessica and Jake Ortgeisen of Caledonia. Raelynn will be in 4th grade this fall and is sponsored by Grandma and Grandpa.



#8 Olivia Marie DeMartino is the 7-year-old daughter of Stephenie and Michael DeMartino of Belvidere. Olivia will be in 1st grade this fall and is sponsored by Village Auto Body.



#9 Cambrie LaNae McSweeney is the 7-year-old daughter of Chelsey and Daniel McSweeney of Belvidere. Cambrie will be in 2nd grade this fall and is sponsored by Lee Auction Service.



#10 Emersyn Clair Mireles is the 7-year-old daughter of Liz and Anthony Mireles of Poplar Grove. Emersyn will be in 2nd grade this fall and is sponsored by Mom and Dad.



#11 Madison Frances Ang is the 7-year-old daughter of Rebecca and Andrew Ang of Caledonia. Madison will be in 2nd grade this fall and is sponsored by Boone Farm Caledonia.

Food Benefits

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hire 450 Department of Human Services employees, including staff to update state systems to comply with federal changes to SNAP and Medicaid eligibility.

Illinois, and most other states, are set to be on the hook for higher costs in the coming years because of the changes Congress made.

Beginning in in October 2027, states will cover half of administrative costs for the program and many states will begin covering a portion of SNAP benefits. States with an error rate greater than 10% will have to cover 15% of the cost of benefits starting in fiscal year 2029.

Illinois' error rate was 14.7% in federal fiscal year 2025, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That was up from 11.6% the year before.

Illinois will have another year to produce a lower error rate, giving the state more time to rectify problems. As of now, the state could be on the hook for \$700 million in new SNAP costs by the end of 2028 if nothing changes.

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
-v.- 2026FC7

JARED A DEBOLT A/K/A JARED ALEXANDER DEBOLT; ILLINOIS
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; SECRETARY OF
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
8788 Sheffield Drive,
Belvidere, IL 61008

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 6/24/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 8/24/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 8/26/2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

LOT EIGHT (8) AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 2 OF OAK HILLS ESTATES, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOT 11 OF OAK HILLS ESTATES PLAT NO. 1 AND A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH FIRST NAMED SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED IN BOOK 5 OF PLATS ON PAGES 10 AND 11 AS DOCUMENT NO. 123385 ON MAY 9, 1962 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 8788 Sheffield Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-19-227-016

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

The judgment amount was \$186,184.14

Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 8788 Sheffield Drive into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. 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)(l) 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.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 25-23307IL.

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Case Number: 2026FC7

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

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Plaintiff

vs. Case No.

REBECAH M. ALLEN, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2003 AND KNOWN AS THE REBECAH M. ALLEN TRUST NO. 1, COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD LIEN CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit having been duly filed herein, NOTICE IS HEREIN GIVEN YOU, REBECAH M. ALLEN, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2003 AND KNOWN AS THE REBECAH M. ALLEN TRUST NO. 1, COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD LIEN CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled action, that an action is now pending in this Court as shown above, wherein the Plaintiff seeks to foreclose a mortgage made to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, with respect to the following described real estate:

UNIT 19-4 IN COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS AS DELINEATED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: PART OF LOT 18, LOT 19, AND LOT 20 AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 2 OF COUNTRYSIDE MALL SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 2002R05940, IN ENVELOPE 267-B IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS; WHICH SURVEY IS RECORDED AS COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS ADD-ON EXHIBIT "A" ON JULY 12, 2005 AS DOCUMENT

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PROPERTY INDEX NUMBER: 03-26-406-012
Commonly known as: 13569 HARVEST WAY, POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065

NOW, THEREFORE, you are further notified to file your appearance in the Office of the Clerk of the Court above stated on or before September 3, 2026, and if you fail to do so or do not otherwise make your appearance on or before said date, this cause may be heard and judgment entered as prayed for in said Complaint without further notice.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Boone County, Illinois, this 14th day of July, 2026.

Pamela Coduto
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Boone County, Illinois
FRANKS, GERKIN, PONITZ & GREELEY, P.C.
Attorney for Plaintiffs
19333 E. Grant Hwy., PO Box 5, Marengo, IL 60152
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Boone - Belvidere, ILLINOIS
SELENE FINANCE, LP, Plaintiff
vs. 25 FC 54 CALENDAR
BRIAN PEMBLE; MELISSA A. PEMBLE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant
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 September 3, 2026, at the hour 12:15 p.m., Outside the Circuit Clerk's Office in the Lobby of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT ONE (1) IN BLOCK EIGHT (8) OF THE TOWN OF CAPRON, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; THEN RUNNING EAST FOUR (4) RODS; THENCE SOUTH EIGHT (8) RODS; THENCE WEST FOUR (4) RODS; THENCE NORTH TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF CAPRON COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
P.I.N. 04-11-104-003.

Commonly known as 320 W. MAIN ST., CAPRON, IL 61012.
The real estate is: 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 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgement of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-321943

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Boone - Belvidere, ILLINOIS
The Huntington National Bank, Plaintiff
vs. 26 FC 3 CALENDAR
Armandina Romero; Foundation Finance Company LLC; U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of NRZ Recovery Trust, Defendant

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LOT 10 IN BLOCK 11 IN COLUMBIA SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 7, 1901, IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 31, IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
P.I.N. 05-35-178-010.

Commonly known as 1203 WEST 5TH STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008.

The real estate is: 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 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgement of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Suite 1250, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 25-026440

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF BOONE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
KEVIN KOZLOWSKI, Deceased, CASE NO. 2026 PR 29
CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of KEVIN KOZLOWSKI. Letters of Office were issued on July 1, 2026, to BARBARA KOZLOWSKI, c/o 7124 Windsor Lake Parkway, Loves Park, IL 61111, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is JEREMY RAMSEY, 7124 Windsor Lake Parkway, Loves Park, IL 61111.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before January 29, 2026, 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 Div. at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. 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/her attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

DATED: July 14, 2026
BARBARA KOZLOWSKI
Name: JEREMY RAMSEY
ARDC Number: # 6276765
Attorney for Estate
Address: 7124 Windsor Lake Parkway
Loves Park, IL 61111
Telephone: (815) 988-4364
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Boone - Belvidere, ILLINOIS
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff
vs. 24 FC 44 CALENDAR
Nicole K. Levins; et. al., Defendant
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 August 27, 2026, at the hour 12:15 p.m., Outside the Circuit Clerk's Office in the Lobby of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT 182 IN UNIT NO. 7 OF THE CANDLEWICK LAKE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-2875 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
P.I.N. 03-28-229-003.

Commonly known as 104 Gables Dr., SW Poplar Grove, IL 61065.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a common interest community unit, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgement of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-03408

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff
-v.- 2025 FC 3
BRAD SHERFINSKI, GINA SHERFINSKI, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., BYRON BANK - PG, Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 20, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 25, 2026, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT (176) ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX IN CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-2875 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Commonly known as 116 GABLES DR SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065
Property Index No. 03-28-229-009
The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.
The judgment amount was \$120,936.64.

Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 100% of the bid amount shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The certified check must be made payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. 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 Johnny Dale Frevert, Jr., KELLEY KRONENBERG, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N CLARK STREET SUITE 1150, CHICAGO, IL, 60602 (312) 216-8828.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Boone County Health Department will receive bids marked BCHD-2026-01 for the purpose of Driving and Maintenance/Towing of their Mobile Health Unit. Bid documents will be available on or after August 3, 2026. Those interested may visit www.boonehealth.org for further details. Copies of the bid document will be available for viewing at the Boone County Clerk's office, located at 1212 Logan Ave. Belvidere, IL 61008. Bids will be accepted at the Boone County Clerk's office at 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 until Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Bids will be opened at 11:15 a.m. the same day in the Boone County Board Room at 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008. The Boone County Health Department reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.
Published in the Boone County Journal August 4, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOONE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:

The applicant, Goodmark Nurseries, LLC, c/o Jonathan Schwantz, is seeking a special use permit for agriculture use employee housing in the A-1, Agriculture Preservation District. Pursuant to Chapters and Sections, 3.03 Special Use Permit, 7.07 A-1 Agriculture Preservation District and 8.02 Principal Uses and Structures of the Boone County Unified Development Ordinance. Located at 11635 Wange Road Capron, Illinois 61012, PIN: 04-13-400-005, in unincorporated Boone Township, Boone County, Illinois.

All persons interested may appear at the hearing and be heard at the stated time and place.

Carl Rudy, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals
Published in the Boone County Journal on Tuesday August 4, 2026.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SELF STORAGE AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that Boxed Up Self Storage, or its affiliates, on behalf of the Owner of the facilities indicated below, intends to hold its public sale to satisfy a lien by selling personal property belonging to those individuals listed below for cash on August 19, 2026, at approximately 7pm CST.

Boxed Up Self Storage – Poplar Grove
4431 IL Route 173, Poplar Grove, IL 61011-9754
Unit # - Tenant
#412 - Torres, Gardy

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. See website for terms and conditions. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on www.storage-treasures.com. A buyer's premium up to 15% and a cleaning deposit will be charged per unit. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at Boxed Up Operations Center located at 1511 E Riverside Blvd, Loves Park, IL 61111 to complete the transaction. Boxed Up Self Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. All sales are final.

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

Jacqueline Gurrola
VS Case No. 2026-DC-000136
Justino de Jesus Vazquez-Torres

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given to you, Justino de Jesus Vazquez-Torres, Defendant that this case has been commenced against you in this Court asking for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Kane County, on or before the 10th day of August, 2026, a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Dated: 07/28/2026
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NOTICE OF AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE
APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES
BY THE COUNTY BOARD

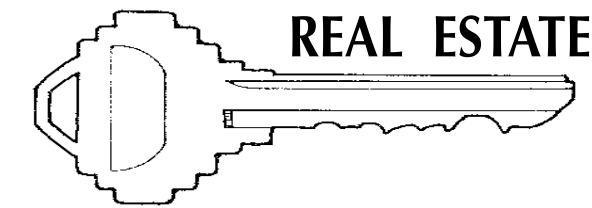
Notice is hereby given that on July 20, 2026, the Honorable C. Robert Tobin entered an order that cause should be shown, if any exist, against the confirmation and appointment of the persons selected by the County Board of Boone County, Illinois, as judges of election on or before August 20, 2026, at 8:45a.m. The persons selected by the County Board of Boone County, Illinois, are on file with the County Clerk’s Office at 1212 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008.
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ASSUMED NAMES

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. DBA4295 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a Selling of fresh fruits and veggies business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SUSIE’S GARDEN PATCH that its location is or will be 10258 US HWY 20 in GARDEN PRAIRIE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 815-597-3011
MARY SUE BRUBACH, 7525 LAWRENCEVILLE RD, GARDEN PRAIRIE, ILLINOIS 61038
KEVIN FORREST BRUBACH, 7525 LAWRENCEVILLE RD, GARDEN PRAIRIE, ILLINOIS 61038
I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: July 24, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. DBA4294 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a FARM business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of FORGOTTEN OAKS HOMESTEAD that its location is or will be 21371 POPLAR GROVE ROAD in POPLAR GROVE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 815-596-0553
GWENDOLYN W HIRST 21371 POPLAR GROVE ROAD
POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065
I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: July 22, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. DBA4293 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a THERAPEUTIC NUTRITIONAL COUNSELOR business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of WILD AND ROOTED that its location is or will be 117 LIVERPOOL DR SE in POPLAR GROVE in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 512-395-4126
SARAH MICHELLE SCHINDLER
117 LIVERPOOL DR SE Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065
I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office.
Dated: July 17, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
-v.- 2026FC7
JARED A DEBOLT A/K/A JARED ALEXANDER DEBOLT; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
8788 Sheffield Drive,
Belvidere, IL 61008

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 6/24/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 8/24/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 8/26/2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
Commonly known as 8788 Sheffield Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008
Property Index No. 05-19-227-016
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.
The judgment amount was \$186,184.14
Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 8788 Sheffield Drive into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction’s end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. 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)(l) 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.
For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 25-23307IL.
Auction.com, LLC
100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 – 872-225-4985
You can also visit www.auction.com.
Attorney File No. 25-23307IL
Case Number: 2026FC7
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 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Boone - Belvidere, ILLINOIS
SELENE FINANCE, LP, Plaintiff
vs.25 FC 54 CALENDAR
BRIAN PEMBLE; MELISSA A. PEMBLE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant
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 September 3, 2026, at the hour 12:15 p.m., Outside the Circuit Clerk’s Office in the Lobby of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 04-11-104-003.
Commonly known as 320 W. MAIN ST., CAPRON, IL 61012.
The real estate is: 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 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgement of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff’s Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-321943
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Boone - Belvidere, ILLINOIS
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff
vs. 24 FC 44 CALENDAR
Nicole K. Levins; et. al., Defendant
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 August 27, 2026, at the hour 12:15 p.m., Outside the Circuit Clerk’s Office in the Lobby of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 03-28-229-003.
Commonly known as 104 Gables Dr., SW Poplar Grove, IL 61065.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a common interest community unit, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgement of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff’s Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-03408
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Boone - Belvidere, ILLINOIS
The Huntington National Bank, Plaintiff
vs. 26 FC 3 CALENDAR
Armandina Romero; Foundation Finance Company LLC; U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of NRZ Recovery Trust, Defendant
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 September 3, 2026, at the hour 12:15 p.m., Outside the Circuit Clerk’s Office in the Lobby of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for

cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 05-35-178-010.
Commonly known as 1203 WEST 5TH STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008.
The real estate is: 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 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgement of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff’s Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Suite 1250, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 25-026440
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff
-v.- 2025 FC 3
BRAD SHERFINSKI, GINA SHERFINSKI, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., BYRON BANK - PG, Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 20, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 25, 2026, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 116 GABLES DR SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065
Property Index No. 03-28-229-009
The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.
The judgment amount was \$120,936.64.
Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 100% of the bid amount shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The certified check must be made payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. 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 Johnny Dale Frevert, Jr., KELLEY KRONENBERG, P.A. Plaintiff’s Attorneys, 20 N CLARK STREET SUITE 1150, CHICAGO, IL, 60602 (312) 216-8828.
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.
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Welcome to the 2026 Boone County Fair!

On behalf of the Boone County Fair Association Board of Directors, our staff, our volunteers, exhibitors, sponsors, and the Granges of Boone County, I would like to welcome you to the 2026 Boone County Fair!

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday with our theme, "Stars, Stripes & Fair Delights!", we invite you to enjoy six unforgettable days of family fun, agriculture, entertainment, and tradition. Whether you're here for the outstanding livestock shows, exciting grandstand events, free entertainment, delicious fair food, exhibits, vendors, or the midway, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The Boone County Fair has been bringing families together for generations, and we're proud to continue that tradition while celebrating the people and communities that make our fair so special.

Thank you for being part of this great American tradition. We hope you make wonderful memories and enjoy your visit to the Boone County Fair!

See you at the fair!

John Henninger, President

Boone County Fair Association

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