



Black Coffee and Fresh Coffee Cake

By David Larson

Just imagine, the early morning sun is rising and the thermometer outside the kitchen window registers -2 degrees. Coffee is brewing and all you can think is, "Wouldn't it be great if I had some piping-hot rolls, dripping with maple frosting?" But I don't want to go outside yet, and "Who can deliver? Amazon?"

If you lived in Belvidere in the late 1800s, there was one reliable source: The Bowley Family and their Belvidere City Bakery. You could have had an order coming from H.F. Bowley, who, presumably, is behind the reins of his horse pulling the Belvidere City Bakery delivery wagon in the photograph. In the late 1800s, the bakery had a horse and a delivery wagon, and H. F. Bowley was willing and able to manage any weather to deliver the goods. For some it might be hard to imagine that a century or more ago, fresh baked goods could be delivered daily to their home.

Through the years, there have been many different bakeries in Belvidere. One of the earliest bakeries in Belvidere, the Belvidere Bakery, advertised in May, 1854 in *The Belvidere Standard*, published by Ralph Roberts. The bakery was located opposite Doty's Hotel near the bridge, and it delivered to regular customers.

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Supreme Court Stays Cash Bail Statewide after Kankakee County Ruling

Initial ruling invalidated bail changes in 64 counties; Supreme Court appeal is pending

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

A Kankakee County judge ruled Wednesday, Dec. 28, that lawmakers overreached their constitutional authority in passing a measure to abolish cash bail in Illinois, while other provisions in the wide-ranging SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform were not affected by the ruling.

The ruling by Judge Thomas W. Cunningham initially left the impending cash bail reform in limbo in at least 64 of Illinois' 102 counties that had joined the consolidated lawsuit ahead of the reform's scheduled Jan. 1 implementation.

A Dec. 31 order from the Illinois Supreme Court, however, stayed the cash bail provisions' implementation for all 102 counties until the court could rule on an appeal to the case on an expedited but indefinite timeline. The ruling prevented an uneven application of pretrial practices, as many counties had planned to forge ahead

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City Increases Property Tax Levy by 5%

By David Larson

At the December 19th Belvidere City Council meeting, the City Council raised its property tax levy by five percent. Despite having home-rule status, which Belvidere attained in the 2010 Census, when the city's population grew to over 25,000, Belvidere has not raised property taxes since 2017.

Home rule status allows a municipality or county to avoid state-mandated caps on property tax levies. Without home rule, a taxing district can increase its levy only by the rate of inflation, or five percent, whichever is lower. In 2022, inflation was about seven percent.

Over the years, however, Belvidere has created alternative revenue streams: a utility tax, a quarter cent sales tax, and a two-cent gasoline tax. The last two were created during the tenure of the preceding mayor. In the City of Belvidere, property taxes are about 30% of total revenue.

City operations, including police, fire, public works, administrative salaries, buildings, equipment, and pensions are the core of the city's budget. Any remaining funds are available for festivals as well as development projects, which

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Which is more important the amount of taxes paid or how the governments spends it?

OBITUARIES

- Manuel "Manny" Alfaro, 55, Belvidere, Dec. 29
- Arlene Angell, 92, Belvidere, December 28
- Stephen Ciko Jr., 78, Capron, December 25
- Shirley Davis, 84, Belvidere, December 26
- Rosetta "Rose" Gehrke, 76, Belvidere, January 2
- Violet Johnson, 95, Belvidere, December 21
- Larry Lester, 83, Capron, December 28
- James Moore, 61, Harvard, December 24
- Shirley Suhr, 87, Belvidere, December 24
- Mary Stamm, 70, Capron, December 24
- Larry Swanson, 67, Belvidere, December 23
- Eva Thrasher, 80, Belvidere, December 26
- Carrol Verken, 88, Belvidere, December 27
- Kimberly Wennmacher Lembke, 60, Belvidere, Dec. 29
- Byron Stumpf, 75, Belvidere, Jan 2

Notables:

- Pope Benedict XVI, 95, Rome, December 31
- Barbara Walters, 93, Boston, December 30
- Pele, 82, São Paulo, December 29
- Kirstie Alley, 71, Tampa, December 5
- Christine McVie, 79, November 30
- Jerry Lee Lewis, 87, Nesbit, Mississippi, Oct. 28
- Angela Lansbury, 96, Los Angeles, October 11
- Loretta Lynn, 90, Hurricane Mills, TN, Oct 4



Byron Stumpf Belvidere, II. passed away peacefully at his home on January 2, 2023. Byron was 75 years old. A future celebration of Byron's life with family and friends will be arranged at a later date.

Bakery

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Its primary baked goods were bread and crackers. Belvidere was not yet incorporated, and was merely a settlement on the prairie west of Chicago with barely a thousand residents. One of the most significant people to have ever lived in Belvidere, Allen Fuller, barely an adult, had just arrived with his family.

Home Bakery opened its doors in May 1883. It was located 2 doors north of the American House on North State Street in Belvidere. In that approximate location, some may still remember Jack's Bakery from the 1960s.

J. Fenwick was proud of the Home Bakery. His bakery was in the original business district like the Belvidere Bakery. In his advertisements in *The Belvidere Standard* he stated, "If you want to see the marvel of the age, come and see our Vale's Patent Revolving Oven, the greatest wonder known to man." Home Bakery offered 6 loaves of fresh baked bread for 25 cents. Fenwick baked more than fresh bread and crackers. He had a deeper selection of cakes, pies, and choice confectionary to offer the ever-more-demanding consumer tastes of Belvidere, a city with electricity and telephones.

In 1896, Rubin's Bakery on North State Street shows up in *The Belvidere Standard*, claiming the finest line of bakery goods in the city. The phone number was 25.

In 1900, both The Star Bakery and the W.W. Brittan Bakery advertised in the pages of the *Belvidere Daily Republican*, the new daily newspaper, to promote their bakery on the festive occasion of a new century.

The photograph above illustrates that the Belvidere City Bakery employed a man and a horse to travel a circuit delivering bakery goods to those that did not or could not come to their bakery store at South State Street near Logan Avenue. It

is difficult to identify exactly where this photo was taken, as buildings in the background have been removed.

The effort to serve people at home were not solely confined to the bakery business.

Dairies delivered bottled milk until the early 1960s before that service disappeared. In addition to milk, of course, dairies would also deliver a wide range of dairy products. Many still can remember seeing the Muller-Pinehurst delivery trucks travel around the area. Muller-Pinehurst was one of many dairies in the area of Boone County that produced and delivered dairy products to local homes by way of the milkman. Muller-Pinehurst Dairy in Rockford is still in operation, but has now become a division of a group called Prairie Farms, an entity that advertises itself as "a farmer owned and operated cooperative." These dairies used bottle caps made in Belvidere by the millions, which were delivered by Difford's Transport.

Prescriptions were delivered to the elderly or the infirm that could not get outside because of a disability. Druggists would blend the prescribed potions by hand, place the drugs inside a bottle, and have someone deliver the drugs to the door of the person in need. Delivery service is still available at the only locally-owned drug store in Belvidere, O'Brien's.

Grocery stores and liquor stores also once delivered to homes, but those days disappeared after World War II, when everyone had one or two cars in their garage or on the street. Doctors made "house calls." Even some dentists and portrait photographers would make house calls. Those services have also disappeared. If people are ill today, they don't call a doctor, they go to a hospital emergency room or they stand in line at an immediate care clinic.

Remarkably, many other consumer items are now available for home delivery as a result of the internet. Once only available by mail-order catalog, today the Amazon-style merchant has become the dominant retailing model alongside the big box store.



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Cash Bail

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with cash bail changes until the order was issued. Neither Cunnington's ruling nor the Supreme Court order invalidated other provisions of the SAFE-T Act which had already taken effect, such as reforms to police officer training and certification standards and police body camera requirements.

Cunnington wrote in a 36-page decision that the cash bail provisions effectively and improperly amended a section of the state's constitution that states, "all persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties," except in a few specific circumstances.

He also wrote that ending cash bail is an improper overreach by lawmakers, who have no constitutional authority to govern the administrative functions of Illinois courts due to the separation of powers. Bail, Cunnington wrote, has been held by the Supreme Court to be "administrative" in nature.

The constitution also specifically mentions bail in a section on victims' rights, when it states victims have a right "to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in denying or fixing the amount of bail." Cunnington found that eliminating bail prevents courts from "effectuating the constitutionally mandated safety of the victims and their families."

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said in a news release the state will appeal the decision directly to the state Supreme Court. That appeal was filed Dec. 30.

"Most of the SAFE-T Act's provisions have been in effect for more than a year, and regardless of today's circuit court decision, all parts of the SAFE-T Act, including the pretrial release portions addressed in the court's decision, will go into effect Jan 1," Raoul said. "For instance, the right of individuals awaiting criminal trials – people who have not been convicted of a crime and are presumed innocent – to seek release from jail without having to pay cash bail will go into effect in a few short days, despite the court's ruling against those provisions."

Cunnington rejected other arguments by the dozens of state's attorneys that centered on the legislative process, namely that the bill was not given a proper hearing and violated the "single subject" rule. Court precedent holds that as long as the House speaker and Senate president certify that a bill is properly passed, courts have no standing to intervene, he wrote.

The Supreme Court's Dec. 31 order also noted the clerk of the Supreme Court is "directed to contact the parties and coordinate an expedited process for this appeal."

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improve the quality of life and the future of the community.

The end of Lifeline Ambulance Service, which has been provided to the city at no cost, will create a new, undetermined expense that will be part of the city's core expenses.

The \$46 million South-Side storm sewer improvement project is being paid for one section at a time from the funds available after core expenses are met.

Recently, Logan Avenue was rebuilt to maintain and improve the capital infrastructure of the city. Logan Avenue, like the storm sewer project, was paid for without resorting to a property tax referendum. A property tax referendum is a process where the public agrees to raise property taxes for a stated purpose.

The sewer plant is in need of a multi-million-dollar upgrade. The reduction of water and sewer usage by Stellantis will likely lead to an increase in water and sewer rates, according to the Director of Public Works, Brent Anderson. Two water wells have been closed recently, and a new well to replace one of them will cost \$5.2 million.

Mayor Clint Morris stated to the *Journal* that "infrastructure is essential for Belvidere's future development. Companies who consider where to locate are concerned with the city's ability to deliver water and sewer services." He went on to say that when a company decides to locate here, expanding infrastructure reserve funds plays an important role in maintaining an adequate cash flow until replacement funds in the form of grants arrive in the city's bank account.

Six years of frozen property taxes during a period with a cumulative inflation rate of over 35 percent caused some of the "tax hawks" to bend, but not without some deep concerns.

Alderman Ric Brereton, (R) 5th Ward, expressed his concern that any spending other than core spending should stop, and that the council should endeavor to cut waste in core spending, which initially caused him to support no increase in the levy. He said that in doing so, it would force the waste out of

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the budget.

Mayor Morris said that his original starting point of a 7.7 percent increase was a starting point to begin to deal with the current reality. In the final vote, the vote to raise the property tax by 5 percent met opposition from an equal number of aldermen, who appeared to be in favor of something closer to 7.7 percent. The mayor broke the tie in favor of the 5 percent increase. Morris said that he felt it was not necessary to "pile on" the taxpayer all in one year.

New construction is a "wild card" that will bring in new property tax revenues, somewhat offsetting the increase that a taxpayer will pay as a result of the five percent tax increase.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, a federal infusion of \$3.4 million from the American Rescue Plan Act kept reserve funds from falling by half. Belvidere was faced with dipping into reserve funds for the coming year. Such a draw would have reduced the balance of those funds below the auditor's suggested minimum of 3 months' working capital.

Chicago Farm and Market Help Transform Lives

By Katie Zelechowski
Illinois Farm Bureau Partners Contributor

Cars and city buses whiz by on a nearby street as local farmers and food vendors chat with customers amid the green trees and paved paths of Lincoln Park. Skyscrapers peeking out behind the row of tents contrast the brightly colored fruits, vegetables, pastries and plants for sale at the farmers market. Agriculture looks like this in the heart of the city.

Stephanie Dunn, founder and executive director of Star Farm Chicago, has seen the value farms and farmers markets bring to the city. Her nonprofit, located in the Back of the Yards neighborhood, offers fresh ingredients to area

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The Pandemic Ushered in a New Era of Emergency Housing, But it Now Faces a Fiscal Cliff

Advocates are calling on the state to fund non-congregate hotel room shelters

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

For Illinois' homeless populations and those that serve them, the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated a crisis – the volunteer, mostly faith-based shelters that had long been the backbone of the state's emergency housing system were closing their doors.

But with the crisis – and a sudden influx of temporary federal, state and philanthropic funding – came an opportunity to move away from an already-stressed emergency housing system to what advocates say is a more dignified and effective one.

Those same advocates, however, say the new system, largely based on using government vouchers to fund private hotel rooms, is on the edge of a fiscal cliff as federal COVID-19 response funding dries up.

It's a pressing issue, more than 220 housing advocacy organizations wrote to Gov. JB Pritzker this week, because Illinois is already about 4,500 beds short of the 11,300 it needs to accommodate all individuals seeking shelter on a given night, according to a recent report to a state homelessness task force.

"Without a significant increase in state funding, the severe shelter shortage will worsen," the advocates wrote in the letter dated Dec. 21, coinciding with the first day of winter. "(Illinois Shelter Alliance) members estimate that at least 1,600 existing shelter beds could be lost during 2023 due to federal COVID-19 relief funds, mostly being spent on hotel vouchers, being fully expended."

The Illinois Shelter Alliance is a coalition of more than 50 emergency and transitional housing organizations from throughout Illinois that have organized to push for increased state emergency housing investment.

The ask for the upcoming fiscal year which begins July 1 is a \$51 million, six-fold increase to a long-stagnant emergency housing line item to sustain the new system and create a bridge to a more permanent one.

It's increasingly important, the letter noted, as Alliance members reported up to 76 percent of the churches and other facilities that have provided congregate shelters previously are unable or unwilling to resume doing so due to closures, declining membership and COVID-19 concerns.

"So, pre-pandemic, the shelter model was people survive the winter because churches let them

sleep on the floor," Doug Kenshol, executive director of the emergency housing organization South Suburban PADS, one of the signers of the letter, said in a phone call.

The pandemic, he said, changed things "almost overnight."

Providers rallied to raise the funds for hotel rooms before federal aid was provided in late March 2020 via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, or CARES Act. Federal allotments have largely sustained the new model since that point.

"The current model has been so much better than what came before," Kenshol said. "Now that we have people in hotel rooms, it's more dignified. They have privacy, they have stability, safety. They've got a locked door. They can take showers."

Kenshol, who is also a founding member of the ISA, said while the pandemic has represented a breaking point, the old system was always inadequate and underfunded.

Since Fiscal Year 2003, state funding stagnated at about \$10 million annually, a number that, factoring in inflation, amounted to a 50 percent cut over that span, advocates wrote. It amounts to just 6 percent of the funding that would be needed to make sure that all who need it have shelter.

Kenshol illustrated the effects of disinvestment on human terms, recalling an individual who was dropped off by ambulance at a suburban shelter in the years prior to the pandemic. The person had been out in the cold, experienced frostbite and had all his fingers amputated.

"And then the individual was dumped off at a shelter, a place with no professional staffing. A place operated entirely by volunteers," Kenshol said. "This person could not feed himself or bathe himself and he was being dropped off at the church for shelter."

As federal funds dry up, he said, the emergency housing system could end up in worse shape than it was prior to the pandemic if more funds are not made available.

"And so we've been in a panic at various points during the last two years that funding is ending and we have no other option, that we'll hit a cliff and everybody is just going to be put out into the street," he said.

The requested increase would bring state emergency and transitional housing funding to \$61.4 million, up from a \$10.4 million allotment that's been relatively static for years.

Of that, \$20 million would sustain 1,600 beds which advocates say are in danger of disappearing. Roughly \$29 million would go toward increasing the number of emergency shelter beds by 1,500, leasing approximately 1,000 apartments to rapidly rehouse families, and increasing the number of available hotel vouchers by more than 500.

About \$2 million of the budget request would be used to help agencies with employee recruitment and retention, including hiring staff to work with people to find alternatives to going to a homeless shelter.

But it's also part of a broader long-term vision that, in the coming years, could add as many as 3,000 beds.

The ISA members noted that while the federal hotel voucher funds are drying up, state agencies will soon make available another \$57 million in federal funding allocated specifically for the purchase or renovation of sites to serve as fixed-site and non-congregate shelter. Many local governments are also providing capital development

funds from their federal allocations.

While this creates a "once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a more humane and effective crisis housing system" with federal resources, the advocates wrote, state funding is "crucial" to providing the ongoing operational funding for the new system.

Thus, a large part of the money used for vouchers in the upcoming fiscal year could be used in later years to fund the provider-run shelters that are created with the federal funds.

Kenshol said for organizations like South Suburban PADS – which is looking to purchase up to two hotels and potentially an apartment building – the state funding is necessary for it to be able to demonstrate fiscal solvency on its applications for federal funding.

The Pritzker administration has acknowledged the importance of providing such shelter, both in a June housing report, entitled "Home Illinois," and through a recent Dec. 8 announcement that the Department of Human Services was increasing current-year emergency housing appropriation by \$5 million through a redistribution of funds already allocated to IDHS.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: shelter is not a privilege — it's a right," Pritzker said in a news release coinciding with the recent funding announcement. "With the winter season well underway and snowy days on our horizon, we are investing \$5 million to ensure that no Illinoisan goes without the shelter they need to stay warm, safe, and healthy."

A spokesperson for Pritzker said he and IDHS "look forward to working with advocates to ensure sustained investments in these critical programs in the years to come." He noted that the current-year IDHS budget included an additional \$15 million for homeless prevention programs, including the recent \$5 million increase.

In their letter, the advocates thanked the Pritzker administration for its focus on ending homelessness. Increasing emergency housing capacity, they said, is the most important next step to getting there.

"We and others will do everything we can do to make sure the State of Illinois does create enough affordable housing that will end homelessness, but, even under the best circumstances, that will take a number of years," Bob Palmer, an ISA member and policy director for Housing Action Illinois, said in an email. "Right now, we have to have a much more well-resourced emergency shelter system, especially not to go backwards in terms of serving people who are without a home today."

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Poor George

By Scott Reeder

Folks are wringing their hands over George Santos.

He's a liar. And he got caught.

He said he graduated from college. He didn't.

He said he had fancy jobs at Goldman Sachs and Citibank. They say they've never heard of him.

He said he was a successful real estate investor. He doesn't own any property and is deep in debt.

So, what do you call someone like that? Congressman.

Yes, the Republican won a toss-up district in New York. And Democrats are crying foul.

The voters were tricked. Bamboozled. Deceived. Fooled.

Sigh.

Former Springfield Mayor Tim Davlin lied about graduating from college. State Sen. Sam McCann lied about being a Marine. Rod Blagojevich lied about, well, just about everything.

I've been covering politicians for 35 years. And I've been lied to for just as long. Some folks want Santos removed from office because of what he said to get there.

With Republicans holding a razor thin majority in the House, don't hold your breath that they will remove one of their own for doing something that happened before he held office. In case you think I'm picking on the GOP, the Democrats aren't any better at policing their own ranks.

When Bill Clinton said, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky," do you remember all of the Democrats in Congress lining up to remove him from office? Me neither.

Presidential biographer Doris Kearns Goodwin once asked Lyndon Johnson why he had so often told people that his grandfather had died at the Alamo, when he knew it was not true.

Johnson, she said, confessed to the fraud, but had a ready explanation. "My grandfather wasn't killed at the Alamo," she recalled him saying. "He was killed at the Battle of San Jacinto, which Texans know was more important in achieving independence (from Mexico), but other Americans usually haven't heard of. So, I moved him to the Alamo."

"That seemed reasonable," Goodwin told a group of reporters years ago, "until I did some further checking and found he hadn't been killed in the Battle of San Jacinto either. He died in bed."

When you find discrepancies in the stories of politicians, look out. Someone who refuses to deal honestly with their private life may well distort the reality while holding public office.

Remember Johnson distorted an ambiguous encounter between a North Vietnamese and U.S. ship in the Gulf of Tonkin into the pretext for war.

I once worked for a liar. Maybe "serial fableist" would be a better term. Almost every conversation I had with him was filled with lies and distortions. He lied about big things and small. And he often ended his conversations with, "Remember, I've got your back."

Whenever he'd say that, I'd roll my eyes, tell him goodbye and hang-up the phone. I'd ask myself why he lied so much, even about things that in no discernable way benefitted him.

When he told me to lie for him, my answer was clear, "No."

Some of the best career advice I ever received came from a public servant named Gene Callahan. He told me, he would always tell prospective employers two things: "I'll never lie for you, and I'll return all of my phone calls by the end of every day."

Some folks might ask what does not lying and returning phone calls have to do with one another? One is about a lie of commission and the other about a lie of omission. Both are bad. He wasn't the type to avoid calls so he wouldn't have

to answer tough questions.

His daughter former U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, is one of the most honorable public servants I've ever covered. He raised her right. (Cheri and I worked together for a decade at the Quad-City Times.)

In our cynical age, it's easy to dismiss all politicians as liars. Many are. But not all.

This growing cynicism stems from many things, not the least is the corrupt system that we find ourselves in. Most members of Congress and the Illinois General Assembly face either no or nominal opposition.

When a voter learns that they have been lied to, there is little they can do when they have no alternative on the ballot.

But what about the hotly contested races like that of George Santos? Well, the best disinfectant is sunlight. And in this case, the media organizations that covered the race let us down.

With the exception of the reporting from one small weekly newspaper in his district, we never were told of Santos' deceptions until after he had been elected. New York is the last U.S. city with three daily newspapers and it's the center of the media universe. And nobody picked up that there was a liar in their midst?

The necessary shoe-leather reporting wasn't done.

Journalism is being the public's eyes and ears. That means going to the courthouse and checking candidate's backgrounds for criminal convictions, calling schools to see if their education claims are true. One of my favorites is checking birthdates. You'd be surprised how many politicians lie about their age.

Unfortunately, less of that is happening. So, what can voters do when they learn that the candidate they voted for lied to them?

There isn't a whole lot you can do about a liar - other than not elect them again.

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Chicago

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residents and resources to empower minority business owners.

"What we love to do is hire from the community and then bring those people back to the community to interact with other people in the public, to talk up Back of the Yards, vocational training, and all of the other programming that we do [at Star Farm]," she said.

The urban farm includes five planting sites where workers and volunteers grow more than 10,000 pounds of produce each year. The farm also aggregates an additional quarter million pounds of fruits and vegetables from local growers, including from minority farmers who participate in the farm's incubator program.

"The incubator farm is a shared space that people can come together [who] either want to

learn about farming or to help mentor other people who want to farm," said Natasha Coleman, one of five women participating in the program.

She grows and sells a variety of tomatoes, collards, chard, peppers, onions, radishes, beets and more, through her business, Coleman Pharaoh Garden.

Dunn's mentorship and the use of Star Farm resources, such as an on-site cold storage facility, helped Coleman grow her enterprise to include an additional 10 acres in 2022.

"When we're able to offer basic resources like land and water access, [incubator farmers] have the chance to really unfold their dreams," Dunn said. "We've seen an incredible amount of empowerment, strength and courage come from these women."

Star Farm farmers sell their products at a variety of traditional markets, pop-up shops and mobile markets throughout the year. Producing foods that are "culturally relevant" to community members is a priority for Dunn.

"Farmers markets are a unique access point for communities because we're right in the neighborhoods where [customers] live," Dunn said. "When customers come to a farmers market instead of going to a traditional grocery store, they know that they can expect to have a conversation with a real person who was the producer behind the food."

Many of those interactions take place at farmers markets like Green City Market, located in the Lincoln Park and West Loop neighborhoods. To help make fresh foods affordable to area residents, some vendors not only match Illinois Link (also known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Electronic Benefits Transfer) dollars but triple them for customers as part of a USDA pilot program. Eligible market shoppers who spend \$25 of LINK benefits get an automatic \$50 more to spend.

"What we believe here at Green City Market is that access to local food is a right, not a privilege, and everyone should be able to shop at the farmers market and support local, sustainable growers," said Mandy Moody, the nonprofit market's executive director.

"One of the best kept secrets of Green City Market is the beautiful community of bringing folks together and having that opportunity to chat with the person who has had their hands in the dirt and that grew that food for you," Moody said. "There's this wonderful sense of gratitude that is exchanged at the farmers market with shoppers."

This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit ILFBpartners.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

In the Matter of the Estate of IVA V. VENTURA, Deceased.
No. 2022-PR-29
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS
NOTICE is given of the death of Iva V. Ventura. Letters of Office were issued June 8, 2022 on to Deno M. Ventura, Loves Park, Illinois who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles T. Sewell, 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before June 16, 2023, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk--Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 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 attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated: June 16, 2022
Deno M. Ventura, Independent Executor
Charles T. Sewell, L.L.C.
Attorney at Law
215 South State Street
Belvidere, IL 61008
Phone: 815-544-3118
Email: charlest1@aol.com
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE
MARTIN EXTERIORS, INC., Plaintiff,
vs. No. 2022 FC 69
EK REAL ESTATE FUND I, LLC, TVC FUNDING II, LLC;
UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION AS TO UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to KIMBERLY GREENENWALD, EK REAL ESTATE FUND I, LLC, TVC FUNDING II, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled action, that a complaint for foreclosure and other relief has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois by said Plaintiff against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of the Mechanics Lien dated February 1, 2022, and recorded on March 4, 2022, as Document No. 2022R01336 on the premises legally described as follows:

Address: 2803 Huntington Dr, Belvidere, Illinois 61008
P.I.N.: 06-31-454-023
The lienor of said Mechanics Lien is MARTIN EXTERIORS, INC.
The owner of record is EK REAL ESTATE FUND I, LLC, TVC FUNDING II, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, KIMBERLY GREENENWALD, EK REAL ESTATE FUND I, LLC, TVC FUNDING II, LLC, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants, file your answer to the complaint for foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, held in the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61108, on or before February 9, 2023, which is thirty (30) days after the last date of publication, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a judgment for foreclosure entered in accordance with the prayer of the complaint for foreclosure.

Pamela Coduto, Circuit Clerk
Patrick M. Moore #6297232
Attorney for Plaintiff
120 W. State Street, Suite 303
Rockford, Illinois 61101
(815)962-5490
pmoore@derangocain.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
-v.- 17 CH 1
JAMES R. GAUTHIER, CARIE GAUTHIER Defendant
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LOT SEVENTEEN (17) IN BLOCK FIFTEEN (15) AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 4 OF SHEFFIELD GREEN, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 3RD P.M., THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION WAS RECORDED JANUARY 25, 1971 IN BOOK 7 OF PLATS ON PAGES 42 & 43 AND AS DOCUMENT NO. 71-150 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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Property Index No. 05-35-380-010
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Case Number: 17 CH 1
TJSC#: 42-4717

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-v.- 2022 FC 15
DARRIN M MCCracken Defendant
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Lots Seventy-Eight (78) and Seventy-Nine (79) in Meadow Lawn, a Subdivision of part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded September 26, 1907, in Book 3 of Plats, Page 1, situated in the City of Belvidere, County of Boone, in the State of Illinois.

Commonly known as 1117 DALBIGNE STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008
Property Index No. 05-26-176-018
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOONE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:

The applicant, Gracie Robles, is seeking a special use permit in the A-1, Agricultural Preservation District to allow an assembly hall use, pursuant to section 2.7 (Special Use) and Section 3.16.1 (Table of Permitted Uses) of Boone county Zoning Ordinance at 289 Irene Rd. Unincorporated Boone County, Flora Township.

Tony Savino, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals
Published in the Boone County Journal on January 5, 2023.

Public Notice

Early Voting for the February 28, 2023 Consolidated Primary Election will begin on Thursday, January 19, 2023 and end February 27, 2023. This election is only for City of Belvidere WARD 2 voters. Early Voting will be conducted at the Boone County Clerk's Office, 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00PM, except holidays. The office will also be open on Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

For more information about Early Voting please contact the Boone County Clerk's Office at 815-544-3103.

* This Consolidated Primary includes ONLY a Republican Ward 2 Alderperson Race.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
MIDFIRST BANK., Plaintiff,
v. Case No. 2022FC85

DERRICK H. JERNSTAD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Derrick H. Jernstad, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Nine (9) and Ten (10) both in Block Seven (7) in Nijah Hotchkiss' First Addition to the Town of Belvidere, as platted and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois. Situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois.
1125 Pearl Street, Belvidere, IL 61008
05-35-283-017

Now, therefore, unless you, Derrick H. Jernstad, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, on or before February 28, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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

Alan S. Kaufman (6289893)
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613
Email: sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
File Number: 22-032011
13210813
Published in *The Boone County Journal* Jan 12, 19, 26, 2023

ASSUMED NAMES

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a real estate business in said County and State under the name of Angie Wait at the following post office address: 9010 Edson Road, Capron, IL 61012 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Angie Wait Moen, 9010 Edson Road, Capron, IL 61012; phone # (815) 494-1531.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 15th day of December, A.D. 2022
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in *Boone County Journal* 12/22/22, 12/29/22, 01/05/23 - P

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a digital media production and consulting business in said County and State under the name of AMPLIFIER MEDIA CONSULTING at the following post office address: 232 Ridgestone Trail, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Beatrice Marion Rinaldi, 232 Ridgestone Trail, Poplar Grove, IL; phone # (815) 276-5285.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 31st day of October, A.D. 2022
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
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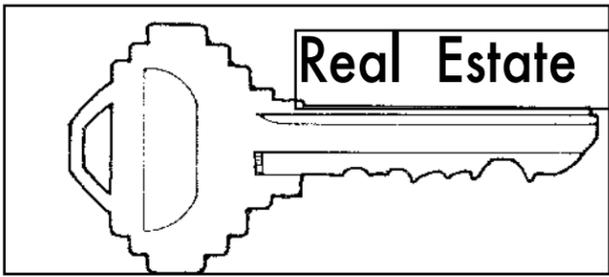
This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a Mowing business in said County and State under the name of J & B MOWING at the following post office address: 106 West Park Street PO Box 256, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Justin Bodey, 106 West Park Street PO Box 256, Poplar Grove, IL 61065; phone # (815) 543-9814. Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 4th day of January, A.D. 2023

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in *Boone County Journal* 01/05,12,19.

2023 Election Results

The 2023 election of Directors for the Boone County Soil & Water Conservation District Board was a general election held Wednesday January 4, 2023 at the District Office. Michael Frank and William Hall were elected for two year terms and will take office on the first Monday in March.

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With Labor Dispute Settled, Railroads Focus on Service

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It's not necessarily back to business as usual for the nation's railroad industry now that the threat of a nationwide strike has been averted for a second time.

Industry representatives, who met with members of the National Grain and Feed Association at the Country Elevator Conference and Trade Show held fittingly at Union Station in St. Louis, say the focus now is to build crew numbers and improve overall rail service.

"Ultimately, it's best for the overall economy. It was a compromise that takes into consideration both parties' side to the story," said James Wilson, director of marketing for Norfolk Southern Corp. "Hopefully everybody can come to grips with it, put it behind us and go to work."

President Joe Biden signed into law a measure forcing 12 rail labor unions to adopt an agreement with rail companies earlier this month, ending the threat of a strike.

The labor dispute, along with shortages of crew members in some areas, contributed to rail service issues much of this year. A lack of timely grain shipments became problematic for the elevator industry during harvest and was exacerbated by low water levels on the Mississippi River system, which simultaneously snarled barge traffic.

"We're manpower constrained in terms of moving product," Wilson said. "Our service was not where we wanted it to be. It goes back to train crews available to move the product."

Rick Paterson, managing director of Loop Capital Markets in New York, reported recent "on-time" rates of 88% for CSX, 89% for Kansas City Southern, the mid-70% range for grain movements in October for Canadian Pacific, 65% for Union Pacific and 60% for BNSF's grain network.

Only Canadian National has posted on-time rates near 100% since July. Norfolk Southern doesn't report such rates.

Overall, there have been 13 meltdowns in the North American rail industry since 2014, according to Paterson. He defined a meltdown as a situation in which a railroad runs out of crew or locomotives at a critical location, which reduces speed and compresses capacity.

Operations of a rail network generally slow about 20% during a meltdown.

"The common denominator of meltdowns has been crew shortages," Paterson said.

He believes the railroad industry must come up with a better system to manage crew capacity and it needs to implement service reform and not just service recovery.

And that's just what some are doing.

"We've aggressively gone out and hired and continue to hire," Wilson said of Norfolk Southern. "We feel our network is actually running pretty well right now. We feel pretty confident how we've been performing."

The company has a target of surpassing 7,500 train engine employees.

"Hopefully recessionary and inflationary issues subside and don't impact our ability to hit our forecast," Wilson added. "We appreciate the patience (from rail customers) continuing to work with us as we went through labor issues and service issues."

Down the road, the rail industry is also looking at automation and technology to help deal with labor constraints.

Jim Gales, of Gales Design and Consulting, outlined the development of a "manless rail terminal" for grain elevators at the conference.

"This stuff is doable," said Gales, who noted an automated grain terminal is in use in a controlled environment. "The technology is out there."

Elsewhere, LEADER AutoPilot, technology that automatically controls trains, was designed for railroads to improve operations.

An automatic test run, with no human intervention, was successfully carried out with a heavy haul cargo train on a 48-mile test track in Colorado.

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Boone County Clerk's Office to Provide Assistants with Voting

Public Notice/ News Release

Boone County Clerk, Julie A. Bliss, wishes to inform registered voters who are elderly or have disabilities of the many aids and provisions for assistance in voting at the upcoming election. Bliss said that her office welcomes inquiries by anyone who feels they may wish to take advantage of these aids at the February 28, 2023 Consolidated Primary Election. This election is only for WARD 2 VOTERS OF BELVIDERE.

Clerk Bliss stated all registered voters may vote by mail. They may contact her office to request an application or print an application from the County website at www.boonecountyil.gov. After filing the application with the County Clerk's office, the ballot will be mailed to the voter at home, or wherever he or she may be at the time, along with complete instructions for voting and returning the voted ballot. Voters have until noon February 23, 2023 to apply to vote by mail. Please request your ballot as soon as you know you would like to vote by mail. Early voting is also available at the County Clerk's Office beginning January 19, 2023 through February 27, 2023.

Judges of Election are permitted to deliver a ballot to any voter curbside, who cannot get into the polling place on Election Day if an application has been received in the County Clerk's office prior to Election Day. These judges may deliver the ballot to the voter at the point at which he or she is unable to continue toward the Polling Place as long as this point is within 50 feet of the Polling Place entrance. Assistance is also available in the Polling Place. A touch screen voting machine will also be available that is specifically designed to assist voters with disabilities to cast their vote in the County Clerk's Office or the Polling Place.

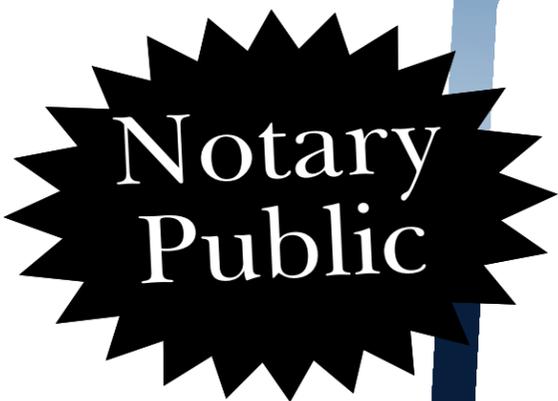
For further information on elections, voter registration and the available assistance to voters who are elderly or have disabilities, contact the Boone County Clerk's Office at 1212 Logan Ave., Belvidere, IL 61008. Regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the phone number is 815-544-3103.

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