



The Riches that We have Lost

by David Larson

The two men standing in the photograph are in front of the Bar that used to anchor the east side of North State Street at the Kishwaukee River. Probably, there are still a few of us left in town that remember the Bar as the State Tap.

Several Wild West Show posters and advertisements decorated the front window of the Bar. The highly-ornate font used on the window reflects a time when signs were hand-painted and original.

Often the photographs that appear on the front page of this newspaper were created under special occasions or unusual circumstances. For example, why would a photographer find himself with fresh glass photographic plates in downtown Belvidere on any day? Did the two men on the front stoop of the Bar have anything to do with the presence of the photographer, or was the scene merely serendipitous?

The tall guy on the right wore a straw hat and a necktie, while the guy on the left enjoyed a stogie. He held the cigar in his left hand and perhaps owned a fancy pocket-watch that could have been held in place by the fob that graced the waist of his trousers.

Yes, the two standing there might have found themselves at the Bar on North State Street with little or nothing to do but to pose for the photograph. The photographer's interruption

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2022 Illinois Report Card: Highest Graduation Rate in a Decade

Highest graduation rate in over a decade driven by gains for Black and Hispanic students

Illinois' teacher workforce gains defy national trends, adding 2,500 new teachers

Pace of student growth outperforming pre-pandemic levels

Illinois high schoolers notched their highest graduation rate in a decade, as students' academic growth outpaced pre-pandemic levels, under ISBE's nationally acclaimed Learning Renewal Guide. The statistics are being released as part of the state's annual Illinois Report Card.

Additionally, every demographic group experienced accelerated growth in 2022 in both English language arts and math.

"Illinois students and educators are resilient, dedicated and have much to be proud of in their latest Report Card," said Governor JB Pritzker. "I'm pleased that the growth in the graduation rate is driven by some of our most vulnerable students, and that all our students collectively are picking up their learning and demonstrating tremendous growth. Our plans to diversify and strengthen the teacher pipeline are beginning to yield fruit, as we defied the national trends and added 2,500 new teachers. Of course, we still have much work to

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Early Voting Expands as Campaign Season Enters Final Weeks

Pritzker, Bailey traveling state amid campaign's final stretch

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Early voting hours and locations greatly expanded across the state this week as the campaign season entered its final two-week stretch.

Polling places opened across the city of Chicago as well. Information on early voting for each local election authority can be found on the Illinois State Board of Elections website here, or by visiting elections.il.gov.

According to the state elections board, 265,937 of the 795,085 requested mail ballots had been returned as of Monday, while 66,934 early votes had been cast and 1,009 grace period votes cast.

The candidates for governor, meanwhile, continued their final pushes to get out the voters that have not yet cast a ballot.

For Gov. JB Pritzker, the recent public appearances included a stop Tuesday in Rock Island County, where he appeared with Democratic 17th Congressional District candidate Eric Sorensen to support that candidate over his GOP rival, Esther Joy King. Sorensen and Pritzker emphasized their support for abortion rights.

On Monday, the governor rallied with teacher unions in Peoria, then in Urbana, speaking to

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--In Our Opinion--

Politics for Grownups

Julie Bliss

We endorse Julie Bliss for a four-year term as Boone County Clerk.

For 26 years, it has been the practice of *The Boone County Journal* not to endorse candidates for office. Today, we are making an exception. The integrity of America's elections has been called into question.

Fortunately, in Boone County, our elections are conducted and supervised by our Clerk and Recorder, Julie Bliss. We have confidence in the integrity of the elections that she supervises.

Ms. Bliss has been County Clerk for over five years, and has served with distinction. She is running unopposed for another four-year term. Elected as a Republican, she conducts her office in a strictly non-partisan manner. Ms. Bliss is competent, has a reputation for fairness, and has the respect of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. Ms. Bliss is congenial and helpful. She provided invaluable assistance to us in publishing maps of the various Congressional, state, and local legislative districts in Boone County and throughout the region this past January. Over the years, she has helped us many other times. It has been a pleasure to work with her.

Ms. Bliss exemplifies what public service is supposed to be about.

There are thousands of county clerks throughout the United States who perform the same duties as Ms. Bliss. We believe the overwhelming majority of them are hard-working, patriotic Americans who regard government employment as both an honor and a privilege. These clerks are personally dedicated to the precepts of honest, fair elections, in which every voter's vote is counted. The indignities and false accusations many of these clerks have had to suffer in the last election cycle is inexcusable. In endorsing Ms. Bliss, we also salute those election officials and their integrity.

An Historic Opportunity

The greatest failure in Boone County politics has been a breakdown of the two-party system. Ideally, competition forces both parties to nominate their best and their brightest for public office.

In Boone County, it has led to incompetent Republicans, particularly state legislators, who have ignored Boone County's needs for decades, giving Boone County the lowest rate of return of any downstate county on revenues paid to state government.

The Democratic response? All too often the Democratic alternative has been a ballot that reads "No candidate."

Most recently, under Republican leadership, Boone County received no share of local casino revenues. Belvidere received no funding from the Build Illinois program for its multi-million-dollar stormwater amelioration project. The reason? Belvidere's legislators failed to ask. After it was disclosed that Marengo was granted \$29 million for a similar project, Belvidere Mayor Mike Chamberlain was defeated last year for reelection.

Unfortunately, because of redistricting, State Representative Joe Sosnowski and State Senator David Syverson won't have to face the music on election day in Belvidere. Mr. Syverson has no opponent in his new district, and we'll see how much of an issue casino money is to Mr. Sosnowski's race in his realigned district.

Change may be coming

This time, to their credit, the Democrats have offered a number of credible candidates. Whether you choose to vote for them, we believe that several of them at least merit your consideration:

Bill Foster

The incumbent Congressman in the 11th District (which now includes Belvidere and Marengo) holds a Ph.D. in Physics from Harvard University. Foster was an award winning physicist at Fermilab for 22 years and has been in Congress for twelve years. He has visited Belvidere several times and has expressed an eagerness to sit down with the *Journal* to discuss local and national issues.

Steve Stadelman

With a degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Mr. Stadelman is a former news presenter at WTVO in Rockford. Since 2013, Stadelman has been the Illinois State Senator from the 34th District. Since redistricting, Stadelman has been a familiar face in Boone County and taken an interest in the community. Most notably, he sponsored legislation at the request of Growth Dimensions (along with David Vella) to provide electric car and battery manufacturing incentives for Stellantis in Belvidere, Ford in Chicago, and Rivian in Normal. This legislation received widespread, bipartisan support.

David Vella

Mr. Vella has practiced criminal law for over twenty years, and been a State Representative for two years. His district has been modified to include Belvidere. Along with Mr. Stadelman, Vella took a lead role in sponsoring legislation to incentivize electric car manufacturing. Local political leaders have told us that Vella has done more for Boone County in the past year than his predecessor, Joe Sosnowski did in twelve. We were particularly

taken by Mr. Vella's observation that, when he first started practicing law, his accused clients were in their twenties. Now he sees fourteen- and fifteen-year-olds accused of serious offenses. He believes the solution includes programs to assure that young people either attend college or are enrolled in vocational apprenticeship programs to set them on the right track. His objectives as a state representative include bringing that to fruition.

Peter Janko

A candidate for state representative in Illinois' 69th House District, Peter Janko came to America as a 4-year-old refugee from postwar Germany. Proud of his Chicago upbringing, he started working at age 12, and has had a long, diverse career that has seen him work for Ernst and Young, Motorola, and start his own business. Mr. Janko has been involved in many community organizations including the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust and the McHenry County Preservation Commission. He has worked tirelessly to bring rail service to Huntley, Marengo, Belvidere, and Rockford.

Illinois' 69th House District has been moved east. While it still takes in North Central Boone County, it excludes Belvidere, but now includes Marengo and Harvard. Joe Sosnowski is the incumbent.

We also note the candidacies of **Lisa Haderlein** for Congress in the 16th District, **Gerald Podraza** in the Illinois Senate 45th District, and **Freddy De La Trinidad** for Boone County Board. These three candidates also warrant your consideration. All seven of these candidates maintain websites that further detail their qualifications and objectives.

Generally speaking, qualified, sane people won't run for political office and subject themselves to the attacks of the crazies. The treatment Eric Sorensen is receiving from Esther King in the 17th Congressional District and the outrageous attacks of Republican candidate Jonathan Ojeda on David Vella prove the point. The Ojeda campaign's comments regarding David Vella and grammar school restrooms are particularly disgusting, and are a reflection on Mr. Ojeda's character.

Because Republicans don't accept responsibility, they have captive organizations masquerade as independent organizations to do their dirty work. One even went so far as to darken the skin color of Wisconsin Senate candidate Mandela Barnes. These shadowy groups do the Republican's mudslinging using names like "People Who Play By the Rules Political Action Committee" or "Families For a Safer Illinois." This allows Republicans to evade responsibility and maintain the "country-club" image that their brand is built upon.

Mr. Ojeda hasn't stopped by the *Journal* to tell us why our readers should vote for him. He didn't show up at the League of Women Voters candidate forum in Poplar Grove, either. Considering that Mr. Ojeda doesn't even have a website outlining what he plans to do for Boone County tells us that he is a rerun of Joe Sosnowski. No thanks. Belvidere deserves better.

We are inspired by the competence of these aforementioned candidates, as well as their courage in standing up to bullying and mudslinging.

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Each week, the Journal seeks to present a variety of voices.

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Blind Loyalty

I'm a Republican. My Grampappy was a Republican. He said Franklin Roosevelt was a Communist. I have to vote Republican! If I didn't vote Republican, what would Grampappy say?

What would your "Grampappy" say if he saw seditious troupes of Trumpanzees scaling the walls of the United States Capitol, killing police officers, and defecating on the floor and desks of the United States House of Representatives? What would he say about an attempt by those primates to kidnap and murder the Vice President of the United States?

If your Grampappy wouldn't have been outraged, he should go back to the shithole country he came from.

Blind loyalty to any political party is mindless, unpatriotic, and un-American. It's time to start voting for a particular candidate instead of slavishly voting a straight ticket.

The defining characteristic of being an adult, as opposed to being an adolescent, is taking responsibility for one's behavior. Republicans have a long history of trying to change the subject when confronted with their indiscretions.

We've heard Republicans, including Members of Congress, tell us that the insurrectionists of January 6, 2021 were "ordinary tourists" or, alternatively, that these were liberal Democrats, trying to besmirch the reputation of the Republican Party.

In an era of ubiquitous television cameras, these lies won't fly. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has painstakingly reviewed the video to determine the identities of the culprits. What should come as no surprise is that this attack was orchestrated and carried out by registered Republicans. A number of them were local public officials, party leaders, or had law-enforcement backgrounds. A goodly number have been arrested, convicted, and some are serving time in prison, which is where they belong for violently attacking the government of the United States of America.

Instead of Republicans taking steps to purge their party of this widespread criminal element, they have embraced these violent criminals and terrorist organizations. Power trumps patriotism for these folks, and they continue to repeat the lie that the Presidential election of 2020 was stolen. Sadly, some of our local friends have joined the chorus.

Joe Biden was honestly elected President, as we all well know. By wide popular and electoral vote margins. Donald J. Trump lost, whether you personally like it or not. He is a sore loser, and, if you were reared properly, the kind of person your parents told you not to be. We have no use for Mr. Trump or his corrupt buddies, including Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Spare us the nonsense that the Republican Party is the party of law and order or traditional American values.

OP-ED

Authoritarianism vs. Economic Liberalism: The Crafting of Foreign Policy that Works Better

All sensible people in all responsible nations must dread the looming possibility of nuclear weapons being employed in Ukraine, as well as the threat of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan. These possibilities are frightening indeed. Perhaps, though, they can at least induce us to finally shed the silly, sophisticated notion that has for so long distorted our policies toward regimes such as these.

That errant notion is the childishly naive belief that authoritarian regimes such as these actually respond to old fashioned bourgeois concerns and priorities. We have long believed that if we just engaged these autocracies, opening their economies to trade and economic competition, then their citizens would eventually come to clamor for economic freedom, as well as for the political freedom that would certainly follow. Peace would follow prosperity, or so we believed.

The very same naive capitalistic belief that open markets would generate open societies generated in turn the naive belief that aggression could effectively be deterred by that allegedly terrifying, but actually ineffective, "weapon" known as economic sanctions. Well timed sanctions would deter or defeat aggression, or so we thought.

Candor is required now more than ever. The conditions facing us demand it. It is past time to recognize that autocracies are not motivated primarily by economics. We may be; but they are not. The currency in which they trade is power. They seek power, control, and even glory. They disdain our apparent obsession with universal trade and open markets.

If any good is to come from these troubling and threatening international crises then we should at least avail ourselves of the opportunity to learn an invaluable lesson about policies that will and will not work.

Bob Evans
Rockford University

Supreme Court 2nd District: Longtime Judge Rochford, Judicial Newcomer Curran Vie For Open Seat

Race could determine partisan makeup of state's high court

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Two seats on the Illinois Supreme Court are up for vote on Nov. 8 and the outcomes of those races could flip the state's high court from a Democratic majority to a Republican one for the first time in more than 50 years.

In the 2nd District, longtime Judge Elizabeth "Liz" Rochford, a Democrat, is facing former Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran, a recent Republican U.S. Senate candidate who has never served as a judge.

They're vying for a 10-year term on the Supreme Court in a seat which includes DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Lake and McHenry counties. It's one of

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR THE NORTH BOONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the North Boone Fire Protection District No. 3 for 2022 will be held on November 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Boone FPD No. 3 Fire Station, 305 W. Grove Street, Poplar Grove, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dan Zaccard, Fire Chief, 305 W. Grove Street, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065, (815) 765-3366.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$789,795.14.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$852,980. This represents an 8.0% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$0.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$0.00. This represents a 0.0% increase over the previous year.

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might have gotten in the way as the pair savored a cool beer or a sharp nip of the rye whiskey that was advertised on the front window. The two could have been at the Bar to buy tickets to the Wild West Show advertised in the window.

The taller man could have been the proprietor. One might imagine him managing the bar while entertaining his patrons with conversation. The very short man, a beloved, working fixture of the Bar probably cleaned tables, swept the floor, and had to stand on a stool to pour a draft beer. He was willing to do the work others did not want to do, happy for the employment and the social connections it brought. The two worked as a team, knew everyone, and everything there was to know about everyone in Belvidere 100 years ago.

There is something special here, but as the years past it faded, which is why the building is hardly recognizable today. The everydayness of things often hides value. Despite the commonness of the Bar, then, it would be extra special if it were in the exact same condition today. It would be a great place to socialize, have a local craft beer or scotch, a simple burger with fries, or a ribeye steak. The ambience would make it a success. Authentic Belvidere, not just a marketing gimmick.

Belvidere was at one-time doing business on the lower level of these buildings as well as the ground floor and upper stories. These buildings were designed for such commerce, and the original does look much better than today with filled-in stairways. This eclectic design has been lost to decisions made in the everydayness of life. The opportunity to start a business to serve the needs of the community or to attract tourism with the architectural feature of a lower-level business entrance has been lost. Perhaps facilitated by the "wisdom" of the City Council of the Day? Maybe there was no sense of the past having importance when those decisions were made. But the question now becomes what preservation decisions should we be making?

The community's memory is anchored by its 19th Century business district on the north and south sides of the river. If that district continues to deteriorate, the cultural heart of the city will be a strip mall and a chain discount store. As time has passed, the window we see in the photograph has taught us a lesson that we should learn today. The everyday commonness of the bar blinded those as to what should have been done and what we should be paying attention too, investing in, and doing today. Our goal should be to become responsible stewards of Belvidere's heritage for the benefit of future generations.

The Journal wants to thank the Boone County Historical Society for allowing use of the photograph.

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the state's seven Supreme Court seats. Three of them are from District 1, which is Cook County, while four other geographic districts across the rest of Illinois each have one seat.

It's a race that's become more visible on the airwaves in recent days, with Gov. JB Pritzker chipping \$500,000 into the Rochford campaign war chest. Her backers have aired ads that highlight Curran's long history of antiabortion rhetoric. Rochford, meanwhile, has support from abortion rights advocacy groups and her campaign website

bills her as a champion of women's rights.

In recent podcast interviews with Capitol News Illinois, Rochford cited her experience and record as evidence that she'll approach the job with impartiality, while Curran asserted independence from party and claimed past controversial comments won't have any bearing on how he approaches his work on the bench. Those interviews can be found here and on most podcast apps.

Rochford has served as a 19th Judicial Circuit judge since her appointment to the bench in 2012. Prior to that, she served more than 22 years as a commissioner on the Illinois Court of Claims, three years as an assistant state's attorney in Cook County and 13 years in private practice.

The Illinois State Bar Association and DuPage County Bar Association rated her "highly recommended," while the Lake County Bar rated her "highly qualified."

"That process is a very intense process," Rochford said of the ratings interviews. "It's very exhaustive, and it's done by a panel of attorneys and retired judges who have worked across a vast scope of areas of practice, [and] are from different political backgrounds."

She said the panel assesses integrity, impartiality, legal ability, temperament, court management, character and "experience in and around the courthouse."

"So I am very proud to have earned those highest recommendations ... because I think it speaks very well to the broad scope of my experience over 35 years in law," she said.

She also touted experience she believes will aid her in improving the administrative duties of the court, including setting up local programs in Lake County such as a guardianship help desk and creating a courtroom committed to serving self-represented litigants in family law.

Curran is less than two years removed from his nomination as the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate having unsuccessfully challenged longtime incumbent Democrat Dick Durbin and gained a reputation for not shying away from controversy.

He has also practiced law for more than three decades, starting in the Cook County state's attorney's office in 1988, then becoming an assistant Lake County state's attorney two years later. He served as chief of the Gang Crimes Bureau at the Illinois Attorney General's Office and in 2006 was elected Lake County sheriff as a Democrat before switching to a Republican in 2008. He was re-elected in 2010 and 2014. He went back into private practice after losing in Lake County in 2018.

He was rated "not recommended" by the State Bar Association, and he did not participate in interviews with the county associations, resulting in not qualified or not recommended assessments.

He said those ratings and the fact that he isn't a judge don't matter, emphasizing his experience as a private practice attorney and independent streak as a county sheriff.

"I've tried more juries than 99 percent of Illinois lawyers," he said when asked about the ratings. "You know, I think that the people who have seen me will tell you that I'm a super talented lawyer."

Curran said 70 percent of trial lawyer donations go to Democrats and suggested the ISBA favors that party. But in the 3rd District race for Supreme Court between incumbent Republican Justice Michael Burke and his Democratic challenger Mary Kay O'Brien, the ISBA gave the Republican higher ratings across the board.

Curran said in an interview with Capitol News

Illinois his judicial philosophy is a belief in "natural law," citing the philosophies of Thomas Aquinas, Thomas Jefferson and Socrates.

In a separate interview in July on the "Public Affairs" show hosted by Jeff Berkowitz and published on the Illinois Channel YouTube page in July, he said he believed "there's no question there's a deep state," and it was aligned against him in the GOP primary.

In his interview with Capitol News Illinois, he said he didn't recall the post-primary interview and didn't directly define "deep state" or answer as to whether he believes in one, but he said he believes "most Republicans" are now on board with his candidacy.

While running for Senate in 2020, Curran apologized for a comment he made that the late U.S. Rep. John Lewis was "not much of a civil rights leader" because he didn't speak out against abortion in the Black community. He said while he describes himself as "Catholic" and "pro-life," his past claims won't have any bearing on how he rules on a law's constitutionality.

"Our job is not to legislate from the bench," he said. "The Illinois General Assembly passed a statute, you know, allowing abortion, you know, very, very, very late, more so than any other state in the nation. And it's the job of the General Assembly to pass laws. It's not the job of the court. I have no authority to write laws and I don't see any reason to believe that these laws are going to get overturned."

And while Curran's Facebook page circulated claims about voter fraud in the 2020 election in a Jan. 3, 2021, post, he said other people had access to that page and he hasn't posted about the election.

"I've said Joe Biden won, and I absolutely believe that," he said.

Curran said in previous campaigns he was "kind of a bowling ball in a China shop."

But as a judge, he said, his job will be "to call balls and strikes," adding, "there's a lot of laws that are on the books that I personally disagree with, but they're completely constitutional."

As proof of his independence, he said he "stood up to the brass" in Lake County on the subject of wrongful convictions, calling for the firing or resignation of the head of the county's criminal division and making political enemies in the effort.

Curran asserted that Pritzker's donation to Rochford was an attempt to ensure a "rubber stamp" on the court, and he faulted Rochford for previously donating to now-indicted Chicago Alderman Ed Burke, the husband of Supreme Court Chief Justice Anne M. Burke.

"We need balance in the state. And the only way we're going to really, truly get balance is by flipping that court from 4-3 Democratic court to 4-3 Republican," Curran said.

Rochford said donations and endorsements play no role in how she rules. Her judicial experience, she said, has helped her strengthen the "brick wall" between her judicial duties and role as a candidate.

"I will tell you that after 10 years on the bench, when you put the black robe on all of your personal opinions, and you know, predispositions, are at the door, and you really are addressing the facts as they are before you, and applying the rule of law," she said.

Curran and Rochford each cited the "judicial canons of ethics," which are included in the Illinois Supreme Court code of conduct that prohibits a candidate from stating how they would rule on any given topic.

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“We cannot speak on behalf of a political party. We cannot in any way appear to commit to outcomes on cases,” Rochford said. “So matters that could potentially come before the Supreme Court, I can’t tell you how I might rule on them or tell you my opinion on them. Because that would be a demonstration of a potential bias.”

Curran was more willing to state his views on certain topics.

That included a controversial decision handed down by the court’s Democratic majority that blocked a constitutional amendment from appearing on the 2016 ballot. The amendment would have put the job of legislative redistricting in the hands of a nonpartisan commission rather than the General Assembly if it was approved by voters.

In a 4-3 decision, the Democratic majority ruled the ballot proposal went beyond the narrow scope outlined in the state constitution that governs citizen initiatives.

“Why should the citizenry of Illinois go out there and get signatures for a referendum for a fair map and get it on the ballot – all the work that goes to having fair maps where we’re not gerrymandering the heck out of these districts solely to maintain power – only to have the Supreme Court shoot it down?” Curran said. “I mean, I’m not promising how I’m going to rule on any decision. But I think that, you know, for people that see that, it shows that you shouldn’t have a lot of confidence in the way the Supreme Court has been going.”

Opponents of that decision used it as the main attack against former Justice Thomas Kilbride, a Democrat, in their attempt to oust him from a 3rd District seat on the bench in 2020. Kilbride became the first sitting justice to lose a retention race, garnering 56.5 percent of the vote in favor of retention while needing 60 percent.

Rochford declined to comment on the implications of that vote.

“There are a lot of people who are engaged in very extreme political views,” she said. “But that’s not where I live, you know, I live in the work of the courts. ... That’s what I do best. And really, political commentary is not my forte.”

Curran spoke more directly to the role of partisanship on the high court, stating that while he wouldn’t rule in a partisan manner, he’d rule in a manner “that is a balance to the governor.”

“Let’s say Darren Bailey wins – he is behind in the polls and everything but, you know, I hope Darren Bailey wins,” Curran said when asked what’s at stake in the Supreme Court election. “Even if he wins, chances are he’s going to be totally ineffective in many regards, because of the fact that the General Assembly has enough votes to override any veto by the governor. So the state will continue to be run by one party, that party being the Democrats. And there’s no check and balance or anything in the state.”

When Rochford was asked what’s at stake, she pointed to the fact that open Supreme Court races don’t come up very often and elected justices serve 10-year terms

“I think it’s essential that the Supreme Court justice has proper credentials and experience to sit on the court,” she said.

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do, but I am encouraged and proud to see that our children have a bright future.”

The 2022 school year saw average student growth in the 54th percentile in English language arts and the 52nd percentile in math, compared to 2021’s 38th percentile and 2019’s 50th percentile in both English language arts and math. Student growth measures how much students progressed in one year compared to other students in their grade statewide who started at the same baseline. In contrast, proficiency rates reflect the percentage of students who met or exceeded grade level standards, regardless of where they started. Illinois has among the most rigorous proficiency standards in the nation. As expected, about 20 percent fewer students met or exceeded grade level standards on spring 2022 assessments, compared to 2019.

Following the state’s Learning Renewal Resource Guide – a national model – school districts and the state started investing \$7.8 billion of federal pandemic relief funds in proven initiatives such as high-impact tutoring, summer school, additional teachers, and mental health supports.

“The 2022 Illinois Report Card data tell us that we are absolutely on the right track,” said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala. “We have challenges and work ahead of us, but the accelerated rate of learning that students achieved last year means that we’re headed in the right direction. The ways in which we invested the federal pandemic relief funds are working. We can expect to see even more growth over the next couple years as these programs expand and reach even more students.”

“The 2022 data also show historic highs in college and career readiness, including the highest graduation rate in 12 years, driven by gains for our Black and Hispanic students. This is what equity looks like: when we improve supports for historically disadvantaged students, everyone’s performance benefits.”

Growing teacher workforce

The data show a growing teacher workforce with the state adding more than 2,500 full-time teachers, including more than 500 Black and Hispanic teachers, last year. The 2022 school year establishes a four-year trend of strengthening and diversifying the teacher pipeline. Teacher retention also hit a nine-year high at 87.6% of teachers returning to the same school year to year. The state has invested heavily in strengthening and diversifying the teacher pipeline and has successfully defied nationwide teacher shortage trends.

Increased college and career readiness

Students’ college and career readiness rebounded last year with the highest graduation rate in 12 years at 87.3% - the highest graduation rate since ISBE began reporting the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate in 2011. Consistent gains in the graduation rate for Black and Hispanic students over the past four years have driven the state-level increases. Illinois schools have historically graduated Black and Hispanic students at lower rates than their White and Asian peers, but 2022 data show the graduation rates for Black and Hispanic students have grown every year since 2018, in four

years jumping a total of 6% for Black students and 5.3% for Hispanic students. The graduation rates for White and Asian students remained as high in 2022 as before the pandemic.

The rate of ninth graders on track to graduate in 2022 also rebounded to pre-pandemic levels at 86.6%. The rate of ninth grade students on track to graduate has increased 2.5% for Black students and 1.3% for Hispanic students since 2018.

The percentage of students enrolled in remedial classes at Illinois community colleges hit an all-time low of 26.4% for the Class of 2020, thanks to the implementation of transitional math and English language arts courses. Reducing the community college remediation rate is a priority for ISBE and the state’s community colleges because remedial courses cost money for students to take but do not contribute to the number of credits a student needs to graduate. High school students take transitional math and English language arts courses to ensure placement into credit-bearing courses at all community colleges and accepting Illinois universities without a placement test.

The number of students taking Career and Technical Education or dual credit courses increased again in 2022, building on a positive trend that kicked off in 2018 and was boosted by a \$5 million increase in state funding for Career and Technical Education beginning in fiscal year 2020.

Enrollment

Illinois’ enrollment in 2022 stabilized to the pre-pandemic trend of declining approximately 1 percent per year, which tracks the declining birth rate nationwide and in Illinois. Birth rates nationwide have declined 17 percent since 1990. Births in Illinois have declined about 2 percent per year or 19 percent total since 2010. Fewer children born means fewer students enrolled in school.

Chronic absenteeism

The Report Card also highlights areas of immediate need, including the finding that 30% of students were chronically absent last year, which aligns with national trends. A chronically absent student missed 10 percent or more of the school year – approximately 17 or more days – due to excused or unexcused absences. In line with the data reported by other states, the rates of chronic absenteeism were even higher for Black students at 48%, Hispanic students at 36%, low-income students at 43%, English Learners at 35%, and students with disabilities at 40%. The sky-high rates of chronic absenteeism make the accelerated growth Illinois students accomplished even more encouraging.

ISBE has dedicated \$12 million through a new state-funded grant to combat chronic absenteeism. Each of the 38 Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers, including Chicago Public Schools, received between \$180,000 and \$1.2 million this fall to fund truancy intervention services, such as counseling, tutoring, credit recovery, home visits, mentoring, and transportation.

Mental health and social-emotional wellness also impact student attendance. ISBE has invested more than \$100 million in mental health community partnership grants, establishing eight regional social-emotional learning hubs, and supporting school districts in adopting the Resilience Edu-

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LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

Early Voting for the November 8, 2022 General Election will begin on Thursday, September 29, 2022 and end November 7, 2022. Early Voting for Boone County residents 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, 8:30AM to 5:00PM, except holidays. The office will also be open on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM

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

*The Republican Party Candidates will be listed first on the ballot, followed by Democratic Party Candidates. This ballot placement was determined by a lottery held on August 16, 2022 at 9am. Independent candidates are listed after party candidates.

Julie A. Bliss

Boone County Clerk & Recorder

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDUARDO A. CARABALLO, Deceased

CASE NO. 2022 PR 50

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of EDUARDO A. CARABALLO, who died on April 23, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on October 12, 2022 to Megan Basten, 6633 E. Greenway Parkway, Apt. 2079, Scottsdale, AZ 85254, who is the Administrator of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Darron M. Burke, of Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley & Van Evera, LLP, 6833 Stalter Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61108.

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before April 21, 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 Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

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

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

Dated: October 17, 2022
MEGAN BASTEN, Administrator
DARRON M. BURKE - #6302978
BARRICK, SWITZER, LONG,
BALSLEY & VAN EVERA, LLP
6833 Stalter Drive, Rockford, IL 61108
(815) 962-6611 / dburke@bslv.com

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

MIDLAND STATES BANK, Plaintiff,

vs Case No. 2022-FC-80

JORGE A. VALDEZ, UNKNOWN OTHERS
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE (FOR PUBLICATION)

NOTICE is given to Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, as to the following-described real estate, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure action has been commenced and is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is November 12, 2022.

1.) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

2.) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

3.) The name of the title holder of record is Jorge A. Valdez.

4.) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

LOT FIVE (5) EXCEPTING THE SOUTHERLY 8 1/2 FEET THEREOF, IN BLOCK 7 OF JOEL WALKERS ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF BELVIDERE, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

1.) Common address of mortgaged property is 309 N. State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008-3224, Permanent Index Number 05-26-427-002-0000.

2.) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

(A) Name of mortgagee: Alpine Bank & Trust Co. n/k/a Midland States Bank

(B) Name of Lien: Mortgage

(C) Date of mortgage: May 16, 2017

(D) Name of mortgagor: Jorge A. Valdez

(E) Date and place of recording: May 24, 2017

Boone County Recorder's Office

(F) Identification of recordings: Document No. 2017R02609

The undersigned further certifies, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1218, that:

1.) The plaintiff making said claim and asserting said mortgage lien is: Midland States Bank, 6838 East State Street, Third Floor, Rockford IL 61108.

2.) Plaintiff claims a mortgage lien upon said real estate.

3.) The nature of said claim is the mortgage lien and foreclosure action described above.

4.) The names of the persons against whom said claim is made are: all persons identified as defendants above.

5.) The legal description of said real estate appears above.

6.) The name and address of the person executing this notice appears below.

7.) The name and address of person who prepared this notice appears below.

Dated: October 6, 2022 MIDLAND STATES BANK

By: Jeffrey M. Glass

Jeffrey M. Glass (ARDC# 6206976)

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

BANKUNITED N.A. Plaintiff,

-v.- 2022 FC 15

DARRIN M MCCracken, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 28, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 31, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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 DALBIGNÉ STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-26-176-018

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$66,498.30.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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 RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES Plaintiff's Attorneys, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 239-3432. Please refer to file number 20IL00013-2.

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.

RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES

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Attorney File No. 20IL00013-2

Case Number: 2022 FC 15

TJSC#: 42-3213

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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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC

One East Wacker - Suite 1250

Chicago, IL 60601

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC., Plaintiff, v. ELVIRA ZAMROZIEWICZ, AKA E. ZAMROZIEWICZ; ADRIAN ZAMROZIEWICZ, AKA A. ZAMROZIEWICZ; BMO HARRIS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA HARRIS BANK BARRINGTON, N.A.; CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2022FC76

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Adrian Zamroziewicz, AKA A. Zamroziewicz, 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 57 in Unit Ten of Candlewick Lake Subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded as Document Number 72-3475 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois, situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois.

109 Prince Court, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 03-26-103-014

Now, therefore, unless you, Adrian Zamroziewicz, AKA A. Zamroziewicz, 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 December 18, 2022, 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

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

In the Matter of the Estate of: PETER MARATOS, Decedent.

CASE NO. 2022-PR-51

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of PETER MARATOS. Letters of Office were issued on the 18th day of October, 2022 to JEANETTE MARATOS, 607 Madison Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061, who is the legal representative of the Estate. The attorney for the Estate is GEORGE P. HAMPILOS, of Hampilos & Associates, Ltd., 308 West State Street, Suite 210, Rockford, Illinois 61101.

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before April 27, 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 Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk--Probate Division, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the estate 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 their attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated: October 21, 2022

By: /s/George P. Hampilos, Esq.

George P. Hampilos, Esq.

George P. Hampilos — ARDC #6210622

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NOTICE OF BID LETTING

The Village of Timberlane will be accepting sealed proposals for snow and ice control and removal for the village roads with a total of 10.1 +/- miles and 20.7 +/- lane miles. Bid proposals are due to the Village of Timberlane on November 14, 2022, by the close of business via mail to Village of Timberlane, P O Box 56, Caledonia, IL 61011 or via email to president@villageoftimberlane.org

a.) Bid shall specify an hourly rate cost for ice removal product, and an estimate for time per snow fall, minimum yard capacity of dump trucks to be utilized, and minimum length (in feet) of plows, and additional required equipment available to be utilized.

B.) Successful Bidder must comply with IDOT standards for snow and ice removal.

C.) All bids shall be submitted in writing.

D.) Village reserves the right to waive technicalities and reject any or all proposals.

E.) Prior to submitting any bid, all bidders must contact Steve M Rapp, Village President at 815 985-4514 or president@villageoftimberlane.org regarding further requirements and to receive a bid letting package.

October 24, 2022

By Order of the Village of Timberlane

By: Steve M Rapp, Village President

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Flora Township

Flora Township meeting will be Tuesday November 7th at 6:30 pm at Flora Township Office, 3100 Town Hall Road, Belvidere, for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town.

Kenneth Freeman, Flora Township Supervisor

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: Ronald J. Mewitz, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2022 PR 53

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of Ronald J. Mewitz. Letters of Office were issued on October 25, 2022 to Marissa Morrison, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Mark D. Brynteson, 2969 Rolling Meadow Court, Belvidere, IL 61008. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before April 27, 2022, 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 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date as stated above shall be barred.

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Mark D. Brynteson

Attorney for Administrator

Mark D. Brynteson

ARDC No.: 627884

2969 Rolling Meadow Court

Belvidere, IL 61008

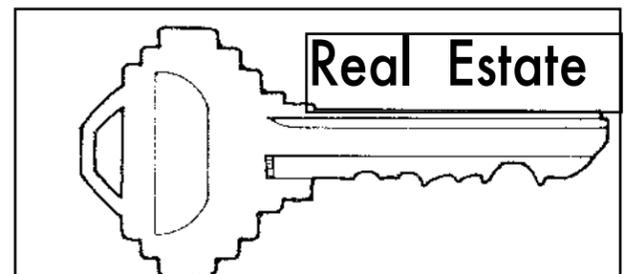
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANKUNITED N.A. Plaintiff,

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DARRIN M MCCracken, Defendant

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Commonly known as 1117 DALBIGNÉ STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-26-176-018

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$66,498.30.

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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 RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES Plaintiff's Attorneys, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 239-3432. Please refer to file number 20IL00013-2.

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Attorney File No. 20IL00013-2
Case Number: 2022 FC 15
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ASSUMED NAMES

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a mechanic shop in said County and State under the name of WINKELMAN'S TRUCK AND AUTO REPAIR at the following post office address: 1451 McKinley Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Amanda K. Winkelman, 1219 Dalbigne Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # (815) 742-9888.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 10th day of October, A.D. 2022

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
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cation to Advance Community Healing model of trauma-responsive schools. REACH enables districts to assess their trauma needs and create action plans to address those needs so students and staff can thrive.

Summative Designations

Annual summative designations returned to the 2022 Illinois Report Card for the first time since 2019, as federally required. Summative designations are based on multiple measures of school performance, including student growth for elementary and middle schools and graduation rate for high schools. The Comprehensive and Targeted designations identify schools to receive additional funding and support for school improvement. ISBE amended every indicator in the accountability system to account for the impact of the pandemic on school performance metrics and urges caution in comparing 2022 designations to 2019, since the designations are based on essentially two different accountability systems.

Equity Journey Continuum

The 2022 Illinois Report Card features a brand new data element called the Equity Journey Continuum, which serves as an informational tool for districts to track their progress toward closing gaps in student achievement, opportunities, and supports. The tool analyzes data points that districts already collect and report to ISBE, through the lens of equity, to make that data more useful for improving outcomes for all students.

Voting

some of the Democratic Party's most important backers. That was the governor's latest labor union stop, following a Sunday appearance before the International Union of Electric Engineers Local 150 in suburban Countryside.

"I really mean it, democracy is on the line and that's not an exaggeration," Pritzker said in Urbana alongside state lawmakers and representatives of the Illinois and American Federation of Teachers labor unions. "You see, people like Darren Bailey – election deniers and insurrectionist supporters – are on the ballot. Fundamental freedoms are under attack and Donald Trump is waiting in the wings to take the reins of power in 2024."

That Bailey is too extreme for Illinois is a message Pritzker has emphasized throughout the campaign, and he has remained on the attack against his conservative rival even as recent polls have shown the incumbent with a double-digit lead. As of Oct. 18, the political handicapping website FiveThirtyEight, which aggregates data from multiple polls, estimated Pritzker's average lead at 14.3 percentage points, 49.5 percent to 35.2 percent. It had the Libertarian candidate, Scott Schluter, at about 6.4 percent.

Bailey's campaign released its own sponsored poll, which was logged by FiveThirtyEight, that showed him trailing Pritzker by about two percentage points – a drastic outlier from multiple nonpartisan polls.

In his daily Facebook video Tuesday – a method of virtual outreach that reaches in the thousands to tens of thousands of watchers daily – Bailey contended he was in the lead.

"Cindy and I and many of our prayer warriors across the state, we dedicate Tuesday to prayer and fasting and just waiting, you know, to see what deception and what lies and what tricks JB Pritzker has up his sleeve in these next two weeks because he knows he's losing," he said.

The Republican spent Monday morning greeting voters at the Belmont train station in Chicago while his Twitter account spent the early part of the week retweeting stories about shootings in the city that he has repeatedly described as a "hellhole."

He spent the previous week on a "get out the vote" bus tour, stopping in 16 cities and towns across the state, including Anna, Belleville, Springfield, Champaign, Arthur, Joliet, Aurora and Naperville.

At the Springfield stop last week, Bailey once again mentioned a "zero based budget" as his plan for balancing state finances, although he has persistently refused to name any state spending cuts he would look to implement if elected. He has said that will be determined by the agency heads he hires to replace the current agency directors he plans to fire. He has said he will plan to name the replacement candidates after the election.

Bailey told Crain's Chicago Business in an interview that he believes schools receive too much state funding, and he has since stated that he believes administrators are paid too much. Administrative salaries are set by local school boards.

"Anytime public school hears the word 'more funding' which JB Pritzker loves to toss money at problems without any transparency or any accountability, everyone automatically thinks of more administration," Bailey, a former school board member in Clay County who frequently voted to raise local property tax levies, said in his Springfield stop.

"We've got to slash administrative costs and we've got to get that money to go to the classrooms," he added. "Because the vast majority of our students all across Illinois cannot read, they cannot write, they cannot do math at grade level and that must change."

His response is to "come in with a totally new approach to government because nothing's working right," he said.

Pritzker, meanwhile, touted his first-term legislative wins to the union members in Urbana,

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highlighting the increased minimum wage to \$15 hourly by 2025, protections for women seeking abortions in Illinois, the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act that increases investment in renewable energy, and the requirement that LGBTQ and Asian American history be taught in Illinois schools.

He also pointed to the legalization of recreational marijuana and the fact that spending for Monetary Award Program grants for Illinois college students has increased by \$200 million under his term.

"We're going to have to fight for what we believe in," Pritzker said. "We're up against a wave of election deniers, anti-choice extremists who will stop at nothing to turn back the clock and send us back to the Dark Ages. It's easy to feel scared about the future when you think of all that. But if we fight like hell for the next two weeks and win this election, we can get back the radical right wing and take our country back."

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