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## Nearly 9 in 10 State-Level Primaries Give Voters No Choice in Candidates

*Data analysis shows March 19 primary is least competitive in at least 2 decades*

By Andrew Adams Capitol News Illinois

On March 19, voting will conclude in primary contests for hundreds of seats in the Illinois legislature and in the state's court system. But most of those contests are uncompetitive.

Statewide, 88 percent of judicial and state legislative primaries feature either a single candidate or no one running at all. This is the highest number of uncompetitive primaries for those seats in at least 20 years, according to a Capitol News Illinois analysis of data going back to 2004.

The number of primaries with no candidates running at all is similar to years past, about 33 percent. But the number of primaries with a single person running has jumped to 55 percent, from 46 percent in 2020.

John Shaw, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, said Illinois' primary participation mirrors a national trend and is partially stoked by growing political polarization and state redistricting practices. The state process for drawing legislative districts is a partisan one by law, meaning many districts have been drawn in a way that favors one party over the other.

While that's made primaries increasingly important in districts that lean heavily in favor of one party over the other, it's also helped reinforce

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## Supreme Court Rules States Can't Bar Trump From Ballot

*High court says only Congress can enforce 14th Amendment*

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Monday that individual states do not have authority to disqualify candidates for federal office based on the insurrection clause of the 14th Amendment.

The unanimous ruling by the nation's high court overturned a decision by the Colorado Supreme Court. But it also had implications in Illinois and other states where Trump had been accused of taking part in an insurrection during the events surrounding the assault on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

"We conclude that States may disqualify persons holding or attempting to hold state office," the court said in an unsigned opinion. "But States have no power under the Constitution to enforce Section 3 (of the 14th Amendment) with respect to federal offices, especially the Presidency."

That clause bars anyone from holding federal

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## Customers Pay for Utilities' Lawyers and Corporate Donations

*Tens of millions of dollars in cost recovery would be disallowed under legislative proposal*

By Andrew Adams Capitol News Illinois

Illinoisans pay tens of millions of dollars each year to utilities to cover costs they accrue for lawyers, belonging to trade groups, making charitable contributions and purchasing advertisements meant to boost utilities' public image.

Consumer advocates are pushing for a change to state law that would bar utilities from collecting money from customers for those expenditures, liability insurance covering executives and for the cost associated with filing rate cases. The bill also explicitly bans charging customers for political contributions, a practice already disallowed in Illinois.

The proposal, contained in Senate Bill 2885 and House Bill 5061, is backed by AARP Illinois and the Citizens Utility Board, a nonprofit created by the General Assembly to represent customers in front of utility regulators.

The bill would also require public hearings, like two held last year, whenever a gas, electric, water or sewer utility requests a rate increase. Rate cases, which generally take a year to complete, are currently conducted primarily online through written testimony from utilities and advocates as well as written comments submitted by members of the public.

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## 10-Week-Old Complaint Details 'Filthy' Conditions at Centralia Funeral Home

*Coroner says 'this cannot be allowed to go on' as state declines to confirm investigation*

By Beth Hundsdorfer Capitol News Illinois

The pictures that are said to depict the condition of the embalming room of the Moran Queen-Boggs Funeral Home in Centralia are shocking.

Eight photographs and one video taken late last year purported to show the conditions of the funeral home depict piles of dirty sheets, a dead rodent rotting in a stairway and water running from pipes in the embalming room.

The person who took the photographs requested to remain anonymous for their safety but filed a complaint to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in December.

Capitol News Illinois obtained a copy of the complaint that alleged conditions were unhygienic throughout the funeral home, but especially in the embalming room.

"The embalming room was spraying water from pipes overhead with bottles, trash, fluids, sheets, clothes and things unrecognizable all over the room," the complaint stated. "This place is horrific, looks like something from a scary, filthy freak show."

More than 10 weeks after that complaint – and three days after a Capitol News Illinois reporter visited the funeral home and sent questions to IDFPR – funeral home director Hugh Moran said the agency conducted an inspection on Monday. IDFPR would not confirm that they had inspected the embalming room, citing confidentiality. Moran said Tuesday afternoon that he was still operating.

Moran asserted that complaints about his business were spurred by soured business deals, but he admitted the embalming room was "unkempt," and he needed to bring in a dumpster to clean it up.

During a visit to the funeral home on Friday afternoon, the reporter met with Moran and his wife. The reception area was kept with no odor or visible rodents. But despite repeated requests, Moran denied the reporter entry to the basement of the funeral home where the prep area was located.

Moran said that out of respect for the families he serves, he would only allow licensed embalmers in his preparation room.

"Last year, we were busy. A lot of things got out of hand for me. That's my fault," Moran said on Friday. "It needs to be cleaned up, but I am the only one here."

A health crisis in September sent Moran to the hospital and a lengthy rehabilitation incapacitated him for months, he said.

During that time, Mark Styninger, who operates a funeral home in nearby Nashville and is the former owner of Moran's funeral home, helped Moran operate the business. Styninger said he never used Moran's prep room but took the bodies to his funeral home in Nashville for preparation.

One afternoon as he was walking out of Moran's funeral home after meeting with a family to make funeral arrangements, Styninger said he saw a dead rodent on the floor. Styninger, who is also the Washington County coroner, said he did not make a complaint to IDFPR but was distraught by the conditions he saw.

"He does not need to be in business. This cannot be allowed to continue like this," Styninger said.

Moran has no prior discipline on his license, according to the IDFPR website. Styninger said Moran, who used to work for him, was a talented embalmer, but the condition of the funeral home speaks to the need for intervention.

"This cannot be allowed to go on," Styninger said.

IDFPR is the regulatory and licensing agency for funeral home directors and embalmers, rather

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Alice Brennecka, 91, Harvard, March 2  
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<b>FOR STATE SENATOR THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT</b> (Vote for one)	
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COUNTY	
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<b>PROPOSITION</b>
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<p>Shall Boone County Fire Protection District #5 dissolve and be consolidated into North Boone Fire Protection District #3?</p>
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# OP-ED

## Everyday Republicans Are Being Short Changed

By Bob Evans Rockford University

The Biblical character Esau lives in infamy for having sold his birthright for “a mess of pottage”. Alarming, the Republican Party appears to be on the verge of committing the same sin. Let us count the ways.

First, the Republican National Committee was just about to declare Donald Trump its “presumptive nominee” until it was caught out. Such a premature declaration would have aborted the nomination process in its infancy.

Second, House Republicans persisted singlemindedly in impeaching Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas purely for policy disagreements, thus perverting the Constitutional process. Given the composition of the Senate the trial of the charges, if it even occurs, is a foregone conclusion.

Third, these same House Republicans relied on the testimony of a man revealed to be perjuring himself with false Russian testimony in order to discredit Hunter Biden. Hunter Biden was to be the pawn Republicans would use to discredit and ultimately impeach President Biden.

Fourth, and alarmingly, these same House Republicans rejected a Senate bill that would have generated more of the immigration reforms advocated by these same House Republicans than any proposed immigration legislation in decades. They were at least candid as to their motives. They did this at the behest of Donald Trump. They sought to deny the despised Biden any pre-election victory. As one commentator lamented, “They would rather have the issue than the reform”.

To promote the Trump candidacy Republican leaders would deny millions of Republican primary voters the efficacy of their vote. They would shortsightedly pervert the Constitutional process of impeachment. They would jettison the very immigration reforms that they have long espoused.

The Biblical Esau had nothing on today’s Republicans.



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a trend of parties choosing not to run candidates in districts that were not drawn in their favor.

“The only battle is the primary,” Shaw, a former congressional reporter, told Capitol News Illinois.

Shaw said the expectation of candidates to work across the aisle has decreased in recent decades, meaning that parties lean into ideology more.

“It is not good for governance when candidates run unopposed in a primary or general election,” Shaw said.

For about 65 percent of state legislative and judicial seats, only one party’s primary has any candidates running, with most of those primaries featuring a single candidate.

While many of those races will likely be uncompetitive in the general election as well, the number of contested seats could grow beyond what the primaries indicate via a political appointment process. The political parties have until June 3 to select a person to run on the party’s behalf in races where the primaries did not produce a winning candidate. That person would be chosen by local party officials, such as county board chairs in downstate Illinois or ward committees in Chicago.

“It’s not routine, but it’s not unheard of,” Illinois Board of Elections spokesperson Matt Dieterich said of the process.

**Long-term trends**

John Jackson, a professor at the Paul Simon Institute, said the stark divisions in party control are driven by party realignment and polarization, which have resulted in fewer candidates running on politically moderate platforms.

“That started nationally, then trickled down to state, even now to local,” he said.

Jackson, who works at an institute founded by and named for a conservative Democratic senator, noted this trend only emerged in the past few decades.

“There used to be moderates in the Republican party and moderates in the Democratic party,” Jackson said. “They were much more heterogeneous than they are.”

In Illinois, that’s led to stark partisan divides that also fall squarely along urban-rural lines. The city of Chicago remains the center of Democratic power in a democratically controlled state. Republicans have few primary candidates in the city and no serious challengers to most Democrats running.

Rural Illinois, meanwhile, remains almost unrepresented by the state’s Democratic party in the legislature or on the bench, with few Democratic candidates filing to run on rural primary ballots.

Only one legislative seat is competitive for both Democrats and Republicans: the 76th House District. This district contains most of the city of DeKalb as well as stretches of DeKalb, LaSalle and Bureau counties. The district’s current representative – Rep. Lance Yednock, D-Ottawa – is not running for reelection, and two Republicans and three Democrats are vying to replace him.

The legislative primaries that have drawn the most candidates include two four-way Democratic contests in the Chicago area. The primary for the 20th Senate District in Chicago, a seat currently held by Sen. Natalie Toro, D-Chicago, is Toro’s first senate race. She was appointed to the seat last summer to fill out the remainder of former Sen. Cristina Pacione-Zayas’ term after she resigned to take a position with the city of Chicago.

In the House, the south suburban 79th District also features four Democrats vying for the seat. The district has been represented by a Republican

since 2016 and is currently held by Rep. Jackie Haas, R-Kankakee.

The 53rd Senate District Republican primary also drew four candidates. That seat is currently held by Sen. Tom Bennett, R-Gibson City, who is not running for reelection. He was appointed to the seat early last year after serving in the state House.

**Judicial elections getting more attention, low competition**

While there are primaries for 82 judicial positions across the state, about 85 percent of them feature either one or no candidate on the ballot. Just over half feature a single candidate across both major party primaries.

Part of this is due to the high number of races in Cook County – a very Democratic area – which operates the second largest court system in the nation.

But the low number of interested candidates can be partially explained by shifting career goals among lawyers, according to Eizabeth Monkus, senior research attorney at the nonprofit judicial reform advocacy group Chicago Appleseed Center.

“People come into the profession with different goals than they used to,” Monkus said.

Monkus noted that there are more people interested in what she called “movement lawyering,” where a person furthers political and social goals through legal advocacy, rather than working as a trial lawyer or working on criminal cases.

“If you’re working to change the world, judges have less power to do that than you might expect,” Monkus said.

But judicial elections are important because of their impacts on a local – often personal – level, where Monkus said judges’ decisions can have a “long and lasting” impact.

Monkus noted that since she began working in judicial elections over a decade ago, people are more aware of judicial elections than they used to be, despite the relatively low number of candidates in any given race. She attributed that to increased voter interest, more campaigning in high-profile races and more thorough news coverage.

The most high-stakes judicial primary this year is the battle over one of the state’s Supreme Court seats from the 1st District in Cook County.

That race features Joy V. Cunningham running to keep the seat she was appointed to in 2022 against Jesse G. Reyes, an appellate court judge who also ran in 2020 in a heated seven-way primary for the seat currently held by P. Scott Neville. Reyes came in second in that race with 20.3 percent of the vote to Neville’s 26.2 percent.

As with most judicial races this year, it’s a one-party race at this point. No Republicans are currently running for the seat on the state’s highest court.

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**Court**

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or state office if they previously took an oath to defend the Constitution and then later participated in an insurrection or rebellion against the United States or gave aid and comfort to its enemies.

Enacted in the aftermath of the Civil War, it was intended to prevent former Confederates who had served in government before the war from returning to positions of power, but it has rarely been used in the nearly 150 years since the end of Reconstruction.

There was renewed interest in the amendment in the wake of events on Jan. 6, 2021, when throngs of protesters – many of them arguably summoned to action by Trump and his allies – stormed the Capitol in an effort to prevent Congress from certifying the results of the 2020 elections in which Trump was defeated for reelection by Democrat Joe Biden.

When Trump filed to run again in 2024, challenges were filed in several states. In Illinois, a group of voters filed an objection to his candidacy in the March 19 Republican primary, arguing that he was disqualified under the 14th Amendment.

The Illinois State Board of Elections dismissed the objection, partially on the grounds that it did not have authority to decide constitutional questions. But last week, a Cook County circuit judge reversed that decision and ordered Trump removed from the Illinois primary ballot, although she put her decision on hold pending further appeals in state courts as well as the pending U.S. Supreme Court decision.

When the nation’s high court issued its decision Monday, Ron Fein, legal director of the voting rights group Free Speech for People, which organized the ballot challenge in Illinois, called the ruling “disgraceful.”

“The Supreme Court couldn’t exonerate Trump because the evidence of his guilt was overwhelming, so instead the Justices neutered our Constitution’s built-in defense against insurrectionists and said the facts don’t matter,” he said in a statement.

But Trump, in remarks at his Mar-a-Lago estate that were carried on CBS News, called the decision “important” and “well crafted.”

“And I think it will go a long way toward bringing our country together which our country needs,” he said.

The unanimous portion of the ruling did not address several questions such as whether Trump’s actions on Jan. 6 constituted an insurrection or whether Section 3 of the 14th Amendment applies to the office of president. It only held that individual states are not empowered to enforce that provision because allowing them to do so could lead to conflicting opinions and wreak havoc on national elections.

“The ‘patchwork’ that would likely result from state enforcement would ‘sever the direct link that the Framers found so critical between the National Government and the people of the United States’ as a whole,” the court said, quoting from an earlier Supreme Court decision.

Although the court was unanimous in saying states do not have authority to enforce Section 3 of the 14th Amendment, it was more divided on the question of how that provision could be enforced.

A majority on the court cited Section 5 of the amendment and said only Congress could enforce that provision through “appropriate legislation.” But three justices who were nominated to their seats by Democratic presidents – Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, and Ketanji Brown Jackson – wrote a concurring opinion saying it was unnecessary to address Congress’ powers or duties.

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“Today, the majority goes beyond the necessities of this case to limit how Section 3 can bar an oathbreaking insurrectionist from becoming President,” they wrote. “Although we agree that Colorado cannot enforce Section 3, we protest the majority’s effort to use this case to define the limits of federal enforcement of that provision.”

A fourth justice, Amy Coney Barrett, wrote separately that the opinion should have been limited to reversing the Colorado Supreme Court decision.

Answering questions at an unrelated event in Urbana Monday, Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker said he believed Trump remaining on the ballot would be a net positive for Democrats in Illinois.

“We’re going to win here in Illinois and beat Donald Trump and, I think I said yesterday or the day before, I think it will help Democrats that he’s on the ballot,” Pritzker said.

David Becker, executive director of the nonpartisan Center for Election Innovation & Research, said the decision effectively put an end to state-level challenges to Trump’s candidacy based on the 14th Amendment. But he said the issue will almost certainly come up again if Trump wins the general election in November.

“The one place where I think this is likely to come up is on Jan. 6, (2025),” he said. “If Donald Trump wins, I think we can absolutely expect that there will be members of Congress who will object to his electoral votes – perhaps in many, many states – on the basis that he’s not a qualified candidate, because he violated section three of the 14th amendment.”

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## Utilities

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An analysis from CUB found that last year, companies spent about \$28 million for legal representation, expert testimony and other costs accrued in six Illinois Commerce Commission cases that resulted in electric and gas rates going up for most Illinoisans. The state’s two largest water utilities, Aqua Illinois and Illinois American Water, are going through rate cases right now, which could cost the companies about \$3.2 million in expenses.

But since rate cases are required by state law, utilities argue such expenditures are necessary costs of doing business.

A representative of Commonwealth Edison, the electric utility for most of northern Illinois, argued that the state’s current regulatory process ensures that “no unreasonable or imprudent costs” are passed to customers.

“As a regulated utility, ComEd must demonstrate to the Illinois Commerce Commission that the investments it recovers from its customers are prudent and reasonable,” spokesperson Shannon Breymaier said in a statement. “In months-long processes in which consumer, public interest, environmental, and governmental groups participate actively, the ICC reviews our costs and rates.”

In total, the proposed legislation would reduce the amount of “recoverable” costs – meaning costs chargeable to customers – for the six largest Illinois utilities by \$45 to \$63 million annually, according to a CUB analysis.

Representatives of several utilities that reviewed costs calculated by CUB said they are in the right ballpark. But some companies took issue with some of the group’s methodology, noting that some costs, like insurance and some membership dues, seemed larger than their own calculations.

Reforming what costs utility customers pay for has been a consideration for Illinois policymakers for several years.

In 2020 – amid the early stages of a bribery scandal at ComEd that would eventually lead to its CEO’s conviction on felony charges and bring down former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan – Gov. JB Pritzker laid out an eight-part outline for energy policy and ethics reform.

Parts of that plan would eventually inform the 2021 Climate and Equitable Jobs Act and 2022 Reimagining Energy and Vehicles Act, both of which the Pritzker administration celebrates as major policy wins.

But one element of that plan has yet to come to fruition: a prohibition on utilities recovering costs for charitable contributions from ratepayers.

These charitable contributions, according to Pritzker’s 2020 policy statement, were often used “to curry favor with elected officials.”

“Utility company charitable donations should be exactly that – charitable,” Pritzker’s office said at the time. “They should come from the pockets of the corporation or their executives, not from the pockets of ratepayers.”

The governor has not taken a position on the legislation pending in Springfield.

Analyses from WBEZ in 2021 and the Chicago Tribune in 2015 found that some charitable contributions from ComEd went to politically influential nonprofits and groups that advocated for the utility’s interests, although the company denied exerting political pressure on its grantees.

ComEd’s Breymaier told Capitol News Illinois the company is proud to support organizations that improve workforce training, protect the environment and provide social services. She

also noted that regulators review all spending, including those contributions.

David Schwartz, a spokesperson for Chicago-area gas utilities Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas, noted that the ICC capped the amount of charitable spending the companies could charge to customers at about \$4.5 million.

The consumer advocates pushing for this legislation stressed that they are not seeking to end utilities’ charitable contributions, but rather to require that shareholders bear the cost.

“We’re not opposed to charity, it’s a great thing,” Jeff Scott, AARP’s associate state director, said. “But it should be coming out of shareholders’ pockets. Plain and simple.”

Nationwide, Illinois is one of a few states that allow utilities to charge customers for charitable contributions, according to Matt Kasper, deputy director at the pro-renewable Energy and Policy Institute.

“Illinois really stands out for allowing this practice to continue to the level it’s happening right now,” Kasper said.

The number of states reexamining what costs utilities can recover is growing. Last year, Colorado, Connecticut and Maine all passed laws banning certain expenses from being charged back to ratepayers – including charitable giving.

This year, California, Virginia, Maryland, Arizona, Ohio and New York all introduced legislation similar to Illinois’, according to Kasper.

Utilities can also exert influence through membership in trade associations, such as the American Gas Association and Edison Electric Institute.

Each year, Illinois electric and gas utilities spend \$6.5 million in membership costs to trade associations, chambers of commerce and other civic groups, according to CUB.

Two years ago, EEI advocated for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to revisit its policy on granting utilities “right of first refusal” for transmission line construction and this year it filed comment with the Environmental Protection Agency over clean air rules.

The AGA also regularly supports policies favorable to the gas industry, such as last year when they offered comments to the Department of Energy and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Utilities also pay for “goodwill advertising,” another category of spending that would be banned under the proposed legislation.

“The goodwill advertising is basically brand recognition and creating general warm and fuzzies about your company that also happens to

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be a regional monopoly with no competition, by statute,” Eric DeBellis, CUB’s general counsel said in an interview. “This is effectively a form of lobbying directed at the public, so you’re paying for them to try and make you like them.”

Peoples Gas’ Schwartz and representatives of Ameren and Nicor echoed ComEd’s spokesperson in their defense of the companies’ spending.

“Regulators always closely examine all of our costs, including charitable contributions,” Schwartz said in a statement. “We are committed to serving Chicago and the northern suburbs, including non-profit community organizations.”

A representative of Ameren Illinois, which operates as both a gas and electric utility for much of central and southern Illinois, noted that the company makes investments in “organizations and causes that build stronger communities and support a better quality of life for our customers.”

Nicor Gas spokesperson Jennifer Golz also added that the northern Illinois gas utility provides funding to charities, including to its own emergency assistance program administered by the Salvation Army, without seeking to recover the costs from ratepayers.

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## Former Gov. Pat Quinn Backs GOP-Sponsored Ethics Amendment

*Measure would allow citizens to petition for ethics-related amendments*

By Peter Hancock

*Capitol News Illinois*

A Republican proposal that would give citizens the ability to propose ethics-related constitutional amendments on the ballot received a bipartisan boost Tuesday when former Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn endorsed it.

“I think it’s very, very important that this year, 2024, that the people of Illinois have their General Assembly consider an ethics initiative,” Quinn said at a Statehouse news conference. “We need this in our state.”

Under the state’s current constitution, citizen-initiated amendments are limited to amending Article IV, which deals with the legislative branch of government. Further, they are limited to offering “structural and procedural subjects” contained in that article, meaning they can only deal with basic aspects of the legislature such as its size, organization, and procedures.

The proposed change – House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 19, by Rep. Ryan Spain, R-Peoria – would expand the scope of citizen-initiated amendments to allow for changes to Section 2 of Article XIII, which requires candidates for state offices to file statements of economic interest. As of Tuesday, Spain’s measure had just one Republican cosponsor.

Specifically, Spain’s proposal would authorize citizen-initiated amendments calling for “stronger ethical standards” for candidates or officeholders of state offices, offices of local units

of government, school districts, and positions on boards or commissions created by the Illinois Constitution.

“At its core, it’s a way to empower our citizens, our voters, to deliver upon the ethical reforms and standards of conduct in office that we need more of in the state of Illinois,” Spain said.

The concept of allowing voters to bypass their own elected legislative bodies and force public votes on proposed laws or constitutional amendments – known as “initiatives and referenda” – emerged during the Populist era of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and they are more widely used in some states than others.

Missouri, Ohio and Michigan, for example, all allow citizens to propose and vote on constitutional amendments and state statutes as well as vetoes of laws passed by their legislatures. Illinois, by contrast, has only limited authority for citizen-initiated amendments.

Quinn recalled being part of an effort in 1976 to put a package of three ethics-related constitutional amendments on the ballot, but the Illinois Supreme Court rejected the attempt, saying the proposals went beyond what was allowed by the Illinois Constitution.

So far, the only citizen-initiated amendment to succeed in Illinois occurred in 1980, with an amendment to reduce the size of the General Assembly from 177 members to 118.

In recent years, Republicans have made ethics reform a central theme of their strategies, both in the General Assembly and on the campaign trail. Those efforts have intensified greatly in the last two years following the federal corruption indictments of former Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan and former top executives of Commonwealth Edison who were accused of bribing him.

But Quinn, who became governor following the impeachment and conviction of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, said he pushed for ethics reform during his time in the governor’s office, but his efforts were stymied by Madigan.

“I was governor for six years,” he said. “And over and over again, I asked the afore-mentioned Mike Madigan to consider an ethics initiative. And he said no, he said he didn’t believe in that. Well, he’s not here anymore. He’s on trial.”

Madigan’s trial on corruption charges is scheduled to start Oct. 8.

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## Foster Urges Administration to Negotiate a Stop to Fighting, to Secure Release of Hostages, to Boost Humanitarian Aid, and Preserve Opportunity for a Two-State Solution

Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) joined 61 Members of Congress in urging the Biden Administration to use their leverage to negotiate a stop to the fighting in Gaza and implement policies centered around a two-state solution.

“I continue to be deeply alarmed by Prime Minister Netanyahu’s handling of the war in Gaza and his disregard for the loss of civilian life. It is essential that the Biden Administration continues to pursue a stop to the fighting that allows for the release of the remaining hostages by Hamas and ensures Palestinian civilians are protected with access to critical humanitarian aid,” said Foster. “I also call on the Administration to take all necessary action to reach a sustainable two-state solution that respects both Israel’s long-term security and the self-determination of the Palestinian people.”

In the letter, the Members urged the Biden Administration to:

Continue to urge the Israeli government to pursue a negotiated stop to the fighting to achieve the immediate release of the hostages, secure desperately needed humanitarian aid for the people of Gaza and conduct a full assessment of the prosecution of this war – including whether it is laying the groundwork for a lasting peace.

Publicly outline a clear plan and pathway to a Palestinian state that emphasizes the critical role that a significantly reformed Palestinian Authority must play in post-war Gaza; and further make clear that the US will not accept Hamas’s occupation or operational control of Gaza, nor Israel’s reoccupation of Gaza or any attempt to establish Israeli illegal outposts or settlements in the Gaza Strip.

Institute greater oversight over arms and material purchased with US assistance to verify compliance with domestic and international law. To that end, we welcome your recent National Security Memorandum and look forward to its enforcement. Additionally, continue to press the Israeli government that going forward – if the fighting continues – the war must be carried out through targeted and limited operations against Hamas that are conducive to implementing an exit strategy and a transitional governance structure in Gaza.

Take continued action to preserve and ensure the opportunity for a two-state solution, such as by reinforcing US positioning that the West Bank and Gaza are “occupied territory” under international law and continuing to condemn and further hold accountable settler violence in the West Bank by enforcing the recent executive order.

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**William David "Bill" Hetland**, 79, a longtime resident of Kenosha, WI died peacefully of natural causes in the care of The Bay at Sheridan, on January 29, 2024 after fighting several health issues.

Bill was born on May 15, 1944 to Clair and Laurette Hetland. He is survived by his life partner Phillip Anderson and his brother, Richard B. Hetland.

Bill was creative and compassionate with a strong work ethic. He served in many capacities during his lengthy tenure at Nicasa Behavioral Health Services, a not-for-profit addiction prevention and treatment agency between 1990-2024.

Bill was a prolific writer and after receiving his Bachelor's Degree from Northern Illinois University, served as editor, managing editor and editor of multiple departments at numerous newspapers including the Belvidere Daily Republican in Belvidere, Illinois.

Bill was known and loved by many people across the Midwest and beyond. His family, friends, coworkers and clients, knew Bill as loyal and enthusiastic, but above all, always had a great sense of humor.

Bill was proud of his military service in the US Army as a Vietnam veteran (1968-1970) where one of his duties was writing for High Awards, highlighting other veterans service, as Specialist Five, U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division, Vietnam.

April 1, 1981. This special date cannot go without mention, as it was a day Bill was most proud of. April Fools Day; the day he became sober.

He was a wonderful presenter, writer, and spokesperson for Nicasa and advocate for recovery. His job included acting as Community Development Coordinator and as Court Liaison. He dedicated his life to assisting numerous people in addiction recovery, working in Nicasa's Waukegan facility, returning home every night to care for Phil, who was a quadriplegic injured years earlier in an automobile accident.

Bill was an excellent motivational speaker, award-winning writer and editor, showing consistent solid leadership. According to Bill's resume, he was particularly proud to have "spearheaded a drive to form Mesabi Family YMCA in northern Minnesota, writing a newspaper column calling for formation of YMCA, where he organized community meetings and chaired the steering committee."

He was also praised by "United Way of Lake County for presentations to employees of three companies which resulted in outstanding increases (56%, 51% and 28%) in contributions to the annual campaign."

A Celebration of Life was held on Thursday, February 29th, 2024, from at Nicasa's Waukegan Greenwood location for Bill's work family, clients and friends.

A second Celebration of Life will be held at the Belvidere VFW Post 1461, March 9, from 2pm to 4pm and will include a full military honor guard at 2:30pm in the facilities Memorial Garden.

Bring your favorite story about Bill or how he touched your life to add to a scrapbook for Phil.

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Bill has been cremated per his wishes. Donations/gifts may be made at the VFW or in care of Proko Funeral Home and Crematory, 5111 60th St., Kenosha, WI 53144.

## Belvidere UAW Local 1268 President to Join Foster for SOTU

Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) will be joined by Matt Frantzen, President of UAW Local 1268 in Belvidere, for this year's State of the Union Address.

"I'm proud to have Matt Frantzen as my guest for President Biden's State of the Union Address," said Congressman Foster. "Matt's leadership of UAW Local 1268 over the past year was crucial to our efforts to save the Belvidere Assembly Plant, as was the solidarity of UAW members in Belvidere and across the Midwest. The Assembly Plant has been the beating heart of the Belvidere community for decades, providing good jobs and serving as an economic engine for the entire region. I'm proud that we were able to work together – all levels of government, the UAW, and Stellantis – to forge a deal that won't just allow workers to get back on the job at the Assembly Plant, but will also bring billions of dollars in new investments to Belvidere."

"I'm honored to join Congressman Foster at this year's State of the Union Address. After Stellantis idled the Assembly Plant last February, Bill was one of the first to call asking how he could help. From getting the White House involved to securing federal incentives, he played a vital role in ensuring the plant reopened and workers could return to Belvidere," said Matt Frantzen. "Thanks to the tenacity of UAW leadership and workers across the country, last year was a historic year for labor. I look forward to hearing President Biden's plan to build on that momentum to strengthen unions and build an economy where workers get the pay, benefits, and job security they deserve."

Matt Frantzen joined President Biden on stage during his visit to Belvidere on November 9, 2024 – the first presidential visit to the area in decades.

The State of the Union Address is on March 7, 2024.

## Rep. Maurice West Announce Restaurant Relief Grant Program

Illinois State Rep. Maurice West, D-Rockford and the Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (RACVB) announced the launch of a \$1.5 million state-funded grant program. The funding will provide vital relief to restaurants in Rockford and Winnebago County that suffered skyrocketing unemployment insurance rates resulting from state-mandated closures. RACVB will serve as the grant administrator, overseeing the application and distribution of funds to eligible restaurants in Winnebago County.

"Rockford and Winnebago County restaurants were hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic and unfortunately the impact of the pandemic has continued to follow them because they followed the rules. With this grant program, we're taking meaningful steps to support those who diligently followed closure mandates in 2021, remain operational to this day, and have continued to face increased unemployment insurance rates," Rep. Maurice West said. "This assistance will help ensure the resilience and vitality of our restaurant industry, a cornerstone of our community's culture and economy."

*Key Details of the Restaurant Relief Grant Program:*

Eligibility: To qualify to apply, an authorized representative of a restaurant will need to certify that:

1. The restaurant's principal place of business is located within the geographical boundaries of Winnebago County, Illinois.

2. The restaurant complied with the indoor dining closure mandates enacted by the State of Illinois during the first quarter of 2021 via Executive Orders 2021-01, 2021-02, 2021-03, 2021-04, and 2021-05.

3. In complying with indoor dining closure mandates in Q1 of 2021 the restaurant laid off staff and, as a result, has experienced an increase in state unemployment insurance charges.

4. The restaurant incurred and/or will incur a higher rate of state unemployment benefit charges in 2022, 2023 and 2024, because of the higher unemployment benefit charges in Q1 of 2021.

5. The restaurant remains operational today. Additionally, restaurants must also fall under one of the following two North American Industry Classification System Codes: 722511 (Full-Service Restaurants) and 722513 (Limited-Service Restaurants).

Application Window: The application window opens today, February 26, 2024, and will remain open for 30 days, closing at 5 p.m. on March 28, 2024. Interested applicants can submit their applications and required documents through the online portal available at [GoRockford.com/Restaurant-Grant](http://GoRockford.com/Restaurant-Grant). The application takes less than an hour to complete and relies on payroll forms and related documents. If funds remain available after the first round of grants are awarded, additional application periods may be announced.

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<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 12 (Vote for one)</b>
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 13 (Vote for one)</b>
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 14 (Vote for one)</b>
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 15 (Vote for one)</b>
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 16 (Vote for one)</b>
<input type="radio"/> BRUCE MARQUARDT
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 17 (Vote for one)</b>
<input type="radio"/> LAURA FRAZIER
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELVIDERE 18 (Vote for one)</b>
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON FLORA 1 (Vote for one)</b>
<input type="radio"/> JOHN ALBERTINI
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON FLORA 2 (Vote for one)</b>
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON FLORA 3 (Vote for one)</b>
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CALEDONIA 1 (Vote for one)</b>
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CALEDONIA 2 (Vote for one)</b>
<input type="radio"/> SUSAN J. FLANDERS



# LEGAL NOTICES

<b>PRECINCT</b>
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CALEDONIA 3</b>
(Vote for one)
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CALEDONIA 4</b>
(Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> TRACY RANGEL
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CALEDONIA 5</b>
(Vote for one)
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MANCHESTER</b>
(Vote for one)
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SPRING</b>
(Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> EVA M WOYWOD ROBERTS
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BONUS 1</b>
(Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> MICHAEL YATES
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BONUS 2</b>
(Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> ANDREA KOOISTRA
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BOONE 1</b>
(Vote for one)
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LE ROY</b>
(Vote for one)
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON POPLAR GROVE 1</b>
(Vote for one)
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON POPLAR GROVE 2</b>
(Vote for one)
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON POPLAR GROVE 3</b>
(Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> ANGELIQUE "ANGIE" BODINE
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON POPLAR GROVE 4</b>
(Vote for one)
No Candidate
<b>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON POPLAR GROVE 5</b>
(Vote for one)
No Candidate
<b>PROPOSITION</b>
<b>BOONE COUNTY FPD NO. 5 PROPOSITION TO DISSOLVE BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #5 AND CONSOLIDATE WITH NORTH BOONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #3</b>
Shall Boone County Fire Protection District #5 dissolve and be consolidated into North Boone Fire Protection District #3?
<input type="radio"/> YES
<input type="radio"/> NO

**Public Notice**

Early Voting for the March 19th, 2024 General Primary Election will begin on Thursday, February 8th, 2024 and end March 18th, 2024. 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 for holidays. The office will also be open on Saturday, March 16th, 2024 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. The office will be closed on Monday, February 19th, 2024 in observance of Presidents' Day.

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

Laura Bettis  
Chief Deputy Clerk

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

**Oakbrook Woods Condominium Homeowners Association vs Jack Offenheiser, Deceased, et al defendants**  
Case No 23 EV 83.

Notice is hereby given to you, all Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Jack Offenheiser and All Unknown Occupants, that the above entitled action has been filed against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Boone County, Illinois for the recovery of the possession of real estate located at 1633 West Chrysler Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008.

You are hereby required to appear in person on February 23, 2024 at 10:45am in Courtroom 3, Circuit Court of Boone County, Located in the Boone County Judicial Center, 601 North Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008, for return date of this cause. You are further required to file your written appearance by yourself or your attorney at the same place and time.

Now unless you, the said above named defendants appear at the time and place fixed for return date, judgment by default will be entered against you for possession of the aforesaid premises and an order for possession will be issued out of said court by which you will be dispossessed of said premises.

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

**In the Matter of: ALICE E. McCOY, Deceased 2024-PR-2 CLAIM NOTICE**

NOTICE is given of the death of ALICE E. McCOY, who died on October 9, 2023. Letters of Office were issued on January 4, 2024 to ROBERT CUMMINS, 5695 Country Ct, Roscoe, Illinois 61072, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Douglas R. Henry, of Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley & Van Evera, LLP, 6833 Stalter Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61108.

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before July 11, 2024, 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 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 her attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: January 9, 2024  
DOUGLAS R. HENRY - #6229426  
BARRICK, SWITZER, LONG, BALSLEY & VAN EVERA, LLP  
6833 Stalter Drive; Rockford, IL 61108  
(815) 962-6611  
dhenry@bslv.com

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF BOONE, ss.

In the Circuit Court of Boone County, Civil Division. Estate of Luis Angel Rosas Garcia, Minor. Case No. 2023GR34.

Notice is hereby given you, Sergio Rosas Mora; Maria Isabel Garcia Lopez, that a Petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County by Maria de Jesus Rosas Mora praying that she be appointed guardian of the above named minor.

A hearing on said Petition will be held before the Assigned Judge on April 23, 2024, at 09:15 A.M., in Room 3, Boone County Courthouse, 601 N Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008.

Constance M. Doyle (6257764), Attorney for Petitioners, P.O Box 870, Palatine, Illinois 60078.

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

**NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,**  
-v.- **2023 FC 73**  
**BERNARD W. SPENCER et al Defendant**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 12, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 25, 2024, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 96 IN CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 72-2060 AND CORRECTED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 73-4912 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 153 COLUMBIA ST NW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065  
Property Index No. 03-22-352-007

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

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

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, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100  
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527  
630-794-5300  
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com  
Attorney File No. 14-23-06055  
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Case Number: 2023 FC 73  
TJSC#: 43-4549

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.

Case # 2023 FC 73  
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IN THE COURT OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

**Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff,**  
-v.- **23 FC 66**  
**JEREMY OWEN, Defendants.**

**11669 Russellville Road, Belvidere, IL 61008**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/3/2024, an agent of Auction.com LLC will at 1:00 PM on 4/10/2024 located at 601 N Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Part of the Northwest 1 4 of Section 4, Township 44 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the South 1 2 of the Northwest 1 4 of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 29 seconds East along the North line of the South 1 2 of the Northwest 1 4 of said Section, 328.34 feet; thence South 00 degrees 7 minutes 23 seconds East, parallel with the West line of the Northwest 1 4 of said Section 398 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 29 seconds West, parallel with the North line of the South 1 2 of the Northwest 1 4 of said Section 328.34 feet to the West line of the Northwest 1 4 of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 7 minutes 23 seconds West along the West line of the Northwest 1 4 of said Section, 398 feet to the point of beginning, subject to the rights of the public and State of Illinois in and to those portions thereof taken, used or dedicated for public road purposes; situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois.

Commonly known as 11669 Russellville Road, Belvidere, IL 61008  
Property Index No. 06-04-100-008

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.  
The judgment amount was \$351,778.63

Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com LLC. No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) 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.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 23-16194IL.

Auction.com LLC  
100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606 - 872-225-4985  
You can also visit www.auction.com.  
Attorney File No. 23-16194IL  
Case Number: 23 FC 66

NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

**MANUFACTURERS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, an Iowa State Bank, Plaintiff,**  
v. **Case No. 2024FC20**

**STEINER MANAGEMENT GROUP INCORPORATED, a dissolved corporation; LOGAN AUTO SALES INC., an Illinois corporation; LOGAN AUTO BODY, INC., an Illinois corporation; CARL B. TRIPLETT; DAWN R. MOYER; TRIPLE T TRANSPORT OF ILLINOIS, INC., a dissolved corporation; STATE STREET AUTOMOTIVE, a dissolved corporation; NIKLES OF PETERSBURG, INC., an Illinois corporation; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; CITY OF BELVIDERE; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY; TAX LIEN INVESTMENTS; NORTHERN ILLINOIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, an Illinois corporation; UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSES; UNKNOWN HEIRS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.**

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSES; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit having been duly filed in my office, NOTICE is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSES; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage concerning the premises described as follows, to-wit:

A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Forty-four (44) North, Range Three (3) East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows to wit: Commencing at a point on the Southerly line of the State Road crossing said Section and leading from Chicago to Galena, 68.14 rods East-erly from the intersection of the Southerly line of said State Road and the Quarter Section line dividing the Northeast Quarter and the

Northwest Quarter of said Section; running thence from said point, Southerly 20 rods at right angles with the Southerly line of said State Road; thence Easterly 8 rods parallel with the Southerly line of said Road; thence Northerly 20 rods parallel with said Southerly 20 rods to the Southerly line of said State Road; thence Westerly 8 rods along with the Southerly line of said Road; to the place of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM that part to the City of Belvidere recorded June 9, 2021 as Document No. 2021R04215 and described as follows to-wit: A parcel of land being a part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at 5/8" iron pin in the Southerly line of a public road designated as Logan Avenue, 68.14 rods Easterly of the intersection of the West line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 36 with the Southerly line of said Logan Avenue, as measured along the Southerly line of Logan Avenue, said point also being the Northwest corner of the premises conveyed by Eduardo Cabello, Jr. and Mary Sue Cabello to John C. Woodruff by Warranty Deed recorded March 1, 1994 as Document No. 1994R01813 in Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; thence South 74 degrees 18 minutes 55 seconds East along the Southerly line of said Logan Avenue, a distance of 65.95 feet; thence South 16 degrees 27 minutes 23 seconds West, a distance of 2.21 feet; thence North 74 degrees 01 minutes 01 seconds West, a distance of 65.95 feet to a point in the West line of said premises so conveyed; thence North 16 degrees 27 minutes 23 seconds East along the West line of said premises so conveyed, a distance of 1.87 feet to the point of beginning. FURTHER EXCEPTING a parcel of land being part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36 Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at a 5/8" iron pin in the Southerly line of a public road designated as Logan Avenue, 68.14 rods Easterly of the intersection of the West line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 36 with the Southerly line of said Logan Avenue, as measured along the Southerly line of said Logan Avenue, said point also being the Northwest corner of the premises conveyed by Eduardo Cabello, Jr. and Mary Sue Cabello to John C. Woodruff by Warranty Deed recorded March 1, 1994 as Document No. 1994R01813 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; thence South 74 degrees 18 minutes 55 seconds East along the Southerly line of said Logan Avenue, a distance of 65.95 feet to the point of beginning for the hereinafter described parcel of land; thence South 74 degrees 18 minutes 55 seconds East along the Southerly line of said Logan Avenue, a distance of 66.29 feet to the Northeast corner of said premises conveyed by Eduardo Cabello, Jr. and Mary Sue Cabello to John C. Woodruff; thence South 16 degrees 27 minutes 23 seconds West along the East line of said premises so conveyed; a distance of 2.56 feet; thence North 74 degrees 01 minutes 01 seconds West, a distance of 66.28 feet; thence North 16 degrees 27 minutes 23 seconds East along the West line of said premises so conveyed a distance of 2.21 feet the point of beginning; all being situated in the City of Belvidere, County of Boone and State of Illinois.

COMMON ADDRESSES: 1007 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 and 1011 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois 61008  
PINS: 05-36-206-061 (1007 Logan Avenue) and 05-36-206-062 (1011 Logan Avenue)

And for other relief, that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, the said above-named Defendants, file your Answer to the Complaint of said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Boone County, Boone County Courthouse in the City of Belvidere, Illinois, on or before the 30th day of March 2024, default may be entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Pamela Coduto, Circuit Clerk of the Circuit Court, 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
BOONE COUNTY - CHANCERY DIVISION  
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SG MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2006-FRE1, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FRE1, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
2024 FC8  
NANCIE WIENK, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Nancie Wienk Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that this case has been commenced in this Court, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT NINE (9) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF LUNGSTROM'S SUBDIVISION BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 4, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN BOOK 8 OF PLATS, ON PAGE 445 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 8403 GRANGE HALL ROAD, GARDEN PRAIRIE, IL 61038

And which said Mortgage was made by: Nancie Wienk, the Mortgagor, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENTS & LOAN, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, Illinois as Document No. 2005R15051; and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Boone County Circuit Clerk  
601 N. Main Street  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
On or before April 1, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.  
2215 Enterprise Drive  
Suite 1512  
Westchester, IL 60154  
Telephone: 312-940-8580

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting

to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BOONE COUNTY  
DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT): VANAH CARNAGIO  
Case No. 2024-MR-4  
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: VANAH CARNAGIO to the new name of VANAH SERRANO. The court date will be held on March 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 in Courtroom # 3  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,  
-v-  
2023 FC 79  
JOHN C. MCKIRGAN et al Defendant  
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 1, 2024, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 5 (EXCEPTING THE SOUTH THIRTY FEET THEREOF) OF BLOCK 2 OF LOOP, BABCOCK AND CARPENTER'S ADDITION TO BELVIDERE, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1019 WHITNEY BLVD, BELVIDERE, IL 61008  
Property Index No. 05-36-153-025

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

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

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

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

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

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100  
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527  
630-794-5300  
E-Mail: pleadings@jilcslegal.com  
Attorney File No. 14-23-06549  
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Case Number: 2023 FC 79  
TJSC#: 44-325

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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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, March 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:

The applicant, Venancio Resendez (property owner), is seeking a variance to construct an accessory building in excess size of what is permitted in the R-1 District, 800 square feet up to 900 square feet, and a variance in the rear yard setback of 15' down to 5' feet, pursuant to 2.8 (Variations) and Section 3.5.4 (Lot Development Standards) of Section 3.5 (R-1, Single-family Residential District) and 5.2 (Accessory Structures or Use) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance, at 8727 Quail Drive, PIN 08-04-253-013, in unincorporated Spring Township, Boone County, Illinois.

The applicant, Pivot Energy IL 70 LLC, is seeking a special use permit in the A-1 Agricultural Preservation District for a solar energy facility pursuant to section 2.7 Special Use and Section 3.16.1 (Table of Permitted Uses) and Chapter 4 Design Criteria for Specific Uses 4.22 Solar Energy Systems Siting 4.2 of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance, in unincorporated Boone County, at 52xx Stone Quarry Road, PIN 07-03-400-005, in unincorporated Flora Township.

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

Craig Hale, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE, ss.  
In the Circuit Court of Boone County, Civil Division. Estate of Luis Angel Rosas Garcia, Minor. Case No. 2023GR34.

Notice is hereby given you, Sergio Rosas Mora; Maria Isabel Garcia Lopez, that a Petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County by Maria de Jesus Rosas Mora praying that she be appointed guardian of the above named minor.

A hearing on said Petition will be held before the Assigned Judge on April 23, 2024, at 09:15 A.M., in Room 3, Boone County Courthouse, 601 N Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008.  
Constance M. Doyle (6257764), Attorney for Petitioners, P.O Box 870, Palatine, Illinois 60078.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS  
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC Plaintiff,  
vs.  
23 FC 16  
LARRY SUHR; DAMON RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SHIRLEY M. SUHR, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHIRLEY M. SUHR DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,  
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P.I.N. 05-26-254-002.  
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For information call Mr. Chad Lewis at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 205 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 22-087255 IJSC

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Notice of Annual Township Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of Caledonia Township in the County of Boone and State of Illinois that the AnnualTown Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at The Caledonia Township Building located at 2430 Main Street, Caledonia for the transaction of the following: Nominate and elect Moderator, Approve minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting, Reading of Annual Financial Statements, Old Business and New Business.

Dated March 5, 2024  
Theresa Balk, Town Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
CALVIN E. CLINKENBEARD, Deceased.  
CASE NO.: 2024 PR 10

CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Calvin E. Clinkenbeard. Letters of Office were issued on February 26, 2024 to Karen L. Doyle at 1524 N. Church Street, Rockford, IL 61103, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is James Hursh, Guyer & Enichen, P.C., 2601 Reid Farm Road, Suite B, Rockford, IL 61114.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before September 7, 2024, 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 5/18-3 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, IL 61008, or with the estate's legal representative, or both.

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

DATED: March 7, 2024  
By: Guyer & Enichen, P.C.  
By: /s/ James P. Hursh  
Attorney for Independent Administrator  
James P. Hursh, #6230997  
Attorney for Estate  
Guyer & Enichen, P.C.  
2601 Reid Farm Road  
Rockford, IL 61114  
815.636.9600  
jhursh@guyerlaw.com  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE COUNTY  
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4185 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a RACECARS business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of MAX KAHLER RACING that its location is or will be 1013 IL ROUTE 173, in Caledonia, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-701-6990  
Maximilian Richard Kahler, 1013 IL Route 173, Caledonia, Illinois 61011

I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 14, 2024

Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder  
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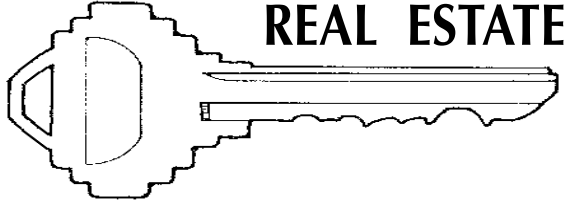


STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4186 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a LANDSCAPING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of ALWAYS GREAT LANDSCAPING that its location is or will be 3040 Popsie Drive, in Belvidere, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-566-9379  
Rigoberto Rico, 3040 Popsie Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008  
I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 22, 2024

Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder  
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IN THE COURT OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff,

-v.- 23 FC 66  
JEREMY OWEN, Defendants.

11669 Russellville Road, Belvidere, IL 61008

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/3/2024, an agent of Auction.com LLC will at 1:00 PM on 4/10/2024 located at 601 N Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 11669 Russellville Road, Belvidere, IL 61008  
Property Index No. 06-04-100-008

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was \$351,778.63  
Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com LLC. No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 23-16194IL.

Auction.com LLC  
100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606 - 872-225-4985  
You can also visit www.auction.com.  
Attorney File No. 23-16194IL  
Case Number: 23 FC 66

NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,

-v.- 2023 FC 73

BERNARD W. SPENCER et al Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 12, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 25, 2024, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 153 COLUMBIA ST NW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065  
Property Index No. 03-22-352-007

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

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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, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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Attorney File No. 14-23-06055

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2023 FC 73

TJSC#: 43-4549

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.

Case # 2023 FC 73

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v.- 2023 FC 79

JOHN C. MCKIRGAN et al Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 1, 2024, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1019 WHITNEY BLVD, BELVIDERE, IL 61008  
Property Index No. 05-36-153-025

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

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TJSC#: 44-325

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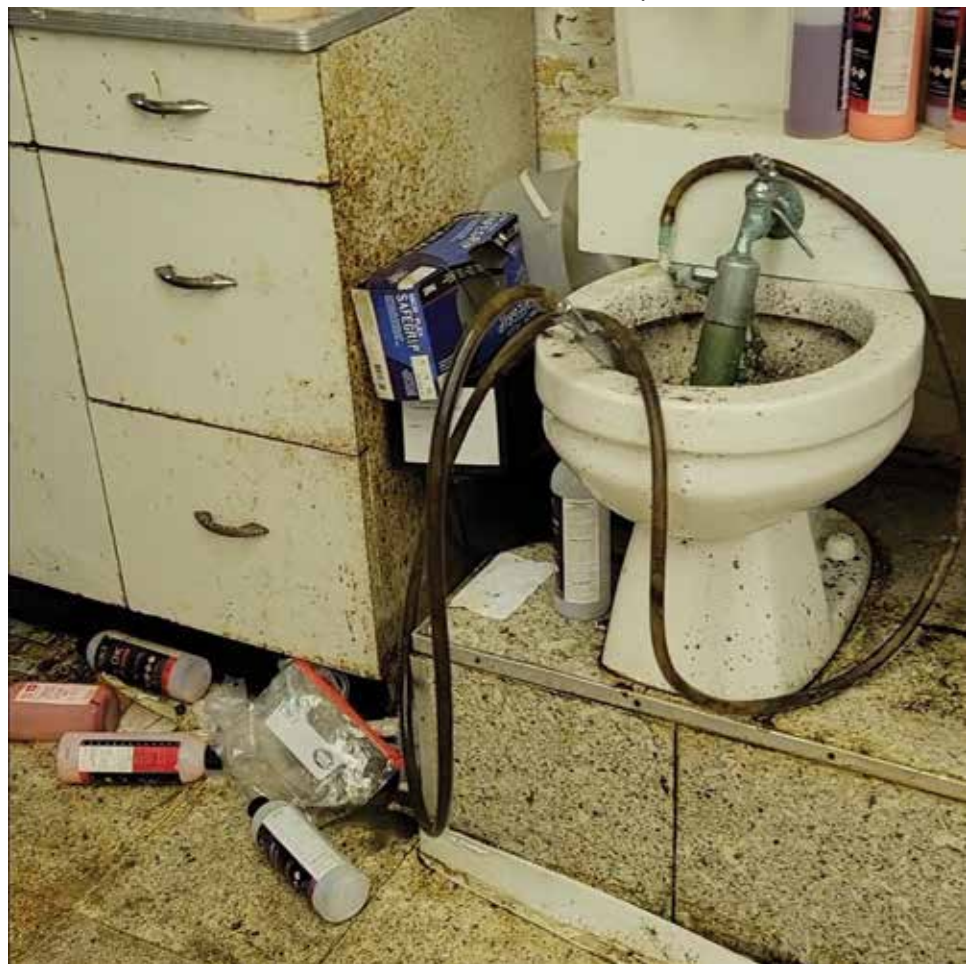


Photo of the embalming room of the Moran Queen-Boggs Funeral Home

### Funeral Home

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than the facilities where they operate. The agency does not regularly inspect funeral homes.

“Under current regulations, IDFPR only inspects the preparation room inside funeral homes. They must be maintained with the proper equipment (including drainage, running water, electricity, and ventilation), along with supplies and instruments necessary to prepare and embalm the body. Preparation rooms must also be sanitary and available for inspection to determine

elaborate either.

“Complaints received and investigations undertaken by IDFPR are confidential, unless and until the Department files an enforcement action or publicly disciplines a licensee,” Slaby stated.

This comes weeks after allegations that IDFPR failed to act for months against another Illinois funeral director in Carlinville after receiving a complaint alleging the director cared for remains in an “unacceptable and criminal nature” and had a decomposing body in his prep room.

compliance,” IDFPR spokesperson Chris Slaby wrote in response to questions sent on Friday morning.

Depending on the circumstances, IDFPR may be able to discipline Moran for professional i n c o m p e t e n c e , gross negligence or malpractice in the practice of funeral direction and embalming, including for poor hygiene conditions.

After he received a copy of the photographs provided to Capitol News Illinois, Moran declined to say whether they accurately depicted the condition in his funeral home.

IDFPR would not

The investigation into Albert August “Gus” Heinz resulted in more than a dozen lawsuits and several exhumations of misidentified remains, including five at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

In October, Heinz agreed to surrender his license after Sangamon County Coroner Jim Allmon discovered decomposing corpses in his prep room. A subsequent investigation revealed that bodies had been cremated under the wrong names and families from coast to coast received the ashes of strangers instead of their loved ones.

A criminal investigation by the Illinois State Police is ongoing. As of Wednesday, no charges had been filed against Heinz.

Michael Sharkey, counsel for the Illinois Funeral Directors Association, said Tuesday that his association was concerned about the allegations. He noted Moran was not a member of the association.

“Decedents deserve better. Assuming the photographs that we were provided are authentic, we are saddened and angered that any individual in our beloved and noble profession would conduct themselves like this,” the association said in a statement.

In Moran’s case, the December complaint went unanswered for more than 10 weeks.

There have been at least six deaths handled by Moran in those two and a half months. The latest funeral is scheduled for Friday.

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