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The I.O.U. Club Recognized Progress in 1927

By David Larson

With the recent improvement of Logan Avenue in Belvidere, and the 100th anniversary of the I.O.U. Club, a uniquely Belvidere service club, we remember the celebration in 1927, when Logan Avenue was first paved.

In 1927, Belvidere paved Logan Avenue, making it suitable for the new age of the automobile. Having survived its first four years, and successful in its fund-raising efforts, the I.O.U. Club gave the city a celebration upon the opening of the fully improved Logan Avenue. The event concluded at the South State Street and Logan Avenue intersection, where the first stop light in Boone County gave its first signal at the stroke of midnight before a large crowd who gathered to witness the event.

The I.O.U. Club began in 1923 and has produced the Easter Egg Hunt in the park, and the Halloween Parade since the 1920s and a Christmas Party for First Graders in Boone County every year since the Great Depression.

The following is a rather long story, originally published in the *Belvidere Daily Republican* on August 6, 1927. It provides an insight into life in Belvidere in 1927 and a complete description of the I.O.U. Club's event:

Fine Program Witnessed By Vast Throng

I.O.U. Club and the business and professional men of the city were hosts Friday night to the biggest crowd ever gathered here at a street entertainment –entire affair fine success.

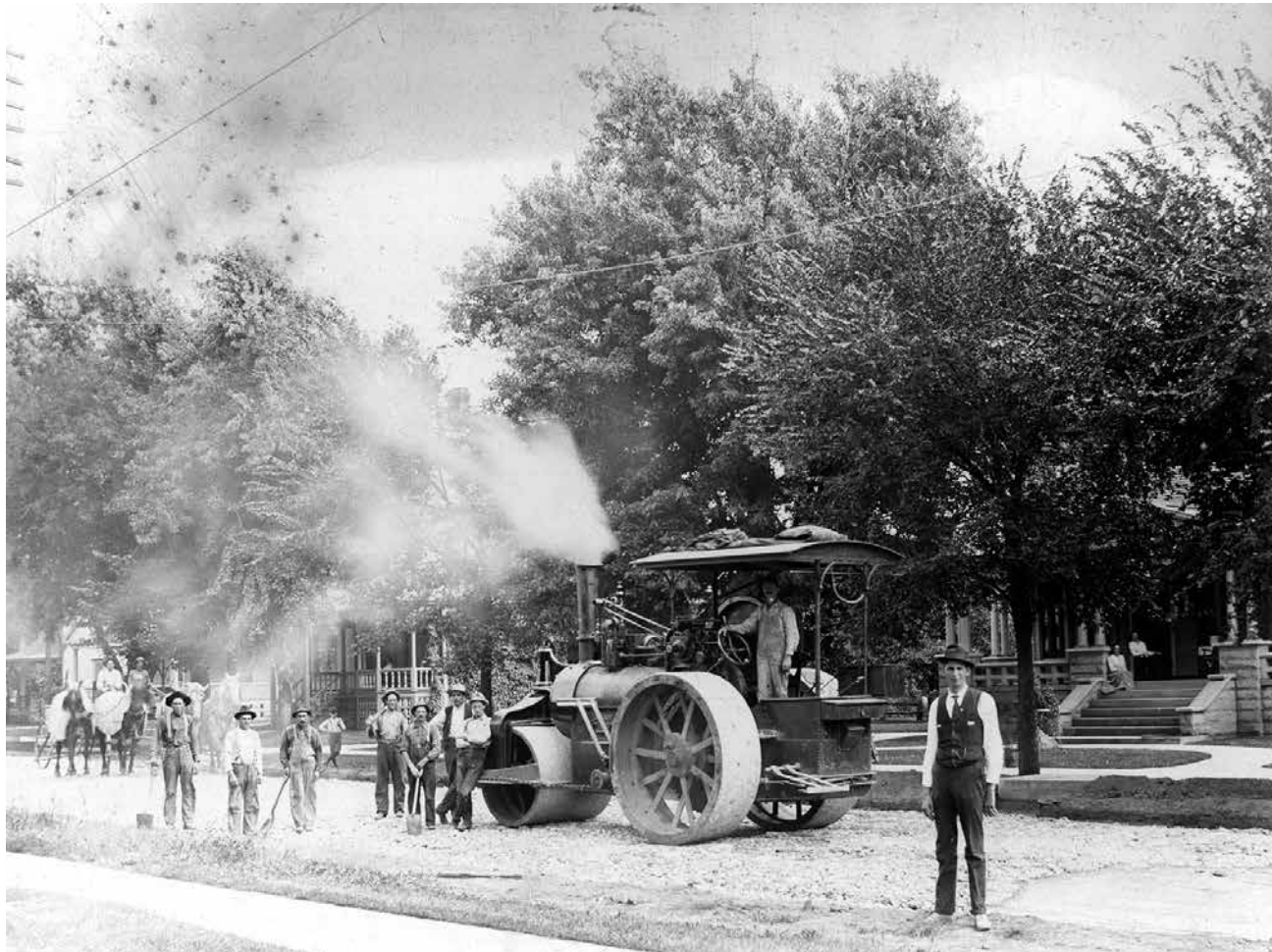
The celebration of the opening of the new Route 5 pavement to the intersection of South State and First streets went over with a bang.

There was a big crowd at the fairground considering all the circumstances, and the program there was splendidly carried through, to the edification of probably 4,000 people. The fact that this came in the midst of harvesting and threshing probably cut the crowd down one half.

In the evening the streets near the intersection of State and Logan were massed with people. It is the opinion of good judges that this was the biggest crowd ever gathered for a street entertainment here.

The I.O.U. club and its members, who sponsored the whole affair may well feel gratified at its success, a big demonstration bringing in so many people here and carrying the affair through without accidents or any marring circumstances. People from country districts who had found it impossible to get in for the afternoon festivities were on hand in the evening, many people from Marengo were there, Rockford was represented, and all the smaller communities east and west and

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Road work on Logan Avenue 1927

St. Louis-to-Chicago Amtrak Route Begins Faster Service

*\$2 billion project covers speed increase,
safety upgrades, new cars*

By Andrew Adams Capitol News Illinois

A trip from St. Louis to Chicago via Amtrak's Lincoln Service will be about 15 minutes quicker starting this week due to track upgrades that allow for increased speeds.

The Amtrak line ran its first 110 mph service on Monday, up from 90 mph previously, which would make the one-way trip less than five hours long. The trip is now a full 30 minutes quicker than when the service ran at 79 mph when the project began in 2010.

The faster speed doesn't meet the federal definition of high-speed rail – 125 mph – but the new Lincoln Service is faster than most other Amtrak trains. Less than half of Amtrak trains pass 100 mph, according to a March Amtrak report.

The speed upgrade is part of a broader \$1.96 billion infrastructure project aimed at upgrading passenger rail service in Illinois. The funds mostly came from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, a 2009 stimulus package passed in response to the Great Recession. Around \$300 million in funding for the project came from a mix of state and non-federal sources, according to the governor's office.

Ray Lang, Amtrak's vice president of state-supported services, said he believes the upgrades to route speed will help the company make rail travel more appealing downstate.

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Consumer Advocates, Utilities Spar Over Potential Energy Price Increases

*'Unprecedented' number of rate cases
pending before Illinois Commerce
Commission*

By Andrew Adams Capitol News Illinois

Millions of Illinoisans could see higher energy bills next year, but the size of those increases will be determined by a state agency that has recently had its oversight powers expanded.

Four gas utilities and the state's two largest electric utilities are currently requesting authority from the Illinois Commerce Commission to increase rates. Together, these companies serve 4.1 million gas customers and 5.3 million electric customers in Illinois.

All told, electric utilities have asked to raise rates by a combined \$2.8 billion over four years, while gas utilities have requested \$890 million in increases next year.

It's an "unprecedented" number of proposed rate increases for one year, according to David Kolata, the former longtime head of the Citizens Utility Board, or CUB, a nonprofit organization created by the General Assembly in 1983 to represent consumers in cases like these.

The number of cases in front of the ICC is due, in part, to a pair of major policy changes affecting the way utilities request rate increases and the commission's authority to amend those requests. For electric utilities, that means a more complicated, multi-year rate-setting process

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and a more thorough review of profit margins. For gas companies, that means more scrutiny of infrastructure costs.

The utilities are making their case for rate increases in an 11-month regulatory process that is set to conclude around the end of the year. But third parties like business groups and consumer advocates, in addition to ICC staff, also have a chance to weigh in before an administrative judge and eventually the five-member ICC board. The rate changes, if approved by the ICC, would take effect in January.

CUB and other consumer advocacy groups are pushing for the ICC to lower the electric utilities' requests by at least \$1.4 billion and the gas utilities' requests by at least \$231.8 million.

"Energy is essential. You can't do anything without it," Kolata told Capitol News Illinois prior to his recent departure from the CUB for a climate tech company. "We want to be sure we do everything we can to make our bills affordable."

Gov. JB Pritzker has recently shaken up the board that will have the ultimate say on the rate hikes.

In March, Pritzker announced replacements for three of the five ICC commissioners. The governor tapped former ICC Chair Doug Scott to rejoin the board as a replacement for ICC Chair Carrie Zalewski, who left her role last week. The other two members took their posts earlier this year, replacing members who had either retired or saw their terms expire. Advocates hope these changes will make the board more "consumer friendly."

And while Pritzker hasn't weighed in on the electric cases, he wrote a March op-ed in

the Chicago Sun-Times calling for increased accountability for gas companies.

"Illinois (gas) utilities want a combined \$900 million in rate increases this year alone, and if no action is taken to stop it, Illinois ratepayers could be left footing the bill," Pritzker wrote in the article published two days before he announced his new ICC appointments.

Controversial natural gas policy to sunset this year

Customers of the four gas utilities with pending rate cases – Ameren Illinois, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas – could pay between \$60 and \$140 more for gas per year on average if the ICC approves their requested rates.

Infrastructure upgrades and maintenance are typically a major factor in rate increases, and for about a decade, gas utilities recouped their costs on those projects through a formula-based process that allowed them to collect – and routinely increase – a customer fee without having to go through an 11-month rate case.

Advocates say that program – referred to

as the "qualified infrastructure plant," or QIP – encouraged wasteful capital spending. For example, the consumer advocacy group Illinois PIRG says Peoples Gas' pipeline replacement program in the Chicago area has been mismanaged and overly broad, although the utility says the program is needed to reduce safety risk.

North Shore Gas, which is owned by the same company as Peoples Gas, does not serve enough customers to charge a QIP fee to customers. Only Nicor, Ameren and Peoples Gas are large enough to do so under existing law.

The QIP program is scheduled to expire at the end of the year, giving the ICC greater authority to review the utilities' infrastructure-related expenses and fees through the standard rate case process moving forward.

"Going back to rate cases isn't a panacea necessarily, but it's a better system," CUB's Kolata said.

Even with the expiration, Peoples Gas spokesperson David Schwartz said in an email that the infrastructure upgrades historically funded by QIP – which he called "critical for the sake of Chicagoans' safety" – will continue. He cited an ICC study saying that the majority of Chicago's pipes have less than 15 years of remaining life.

"Our rate filing, as an administrative matter, would just move the cost from one line of customers' bills to a different line of the bills," Schwartz said. He also said falling gas prices could mitigate the impact of the rate increase on consumers.

Ameren officials also noted that gas transmission upgrades, which are often federally required, will continue.

"We're making ongoing investments in system integrity and QIP, no QIP, that commitment to safe and reliable gas delivery service doesn't change," Matthew Tomc, an executive at Ameren that oversees government affairs, said in an interview.

Tomc also noted that the end of the QIP fee has injected unpredictability into the infrastructure investment process.

"Going forward, I think we're going to have to have a conversation, you know? What does the framework for gas investment look like without QIP? Is it more frequent rate filings or is there some other approach?" Tomc said.


Beyond QIP, Gas company representatives have pointed to changes in the macroeconomic landscape to explain their requested increases.

"This rate increase is necessary to run our business due to inflation and rising global impacts that continue to affect our operating

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and maintenance costs,” Nicor Gas spokesperson Jennifer Golz said in an email statement.

But for many in the state, the prospect of increased energy bills is daunting. In April, 12.3 percent of customers of utilities with pending rate cases had a deferred payment agreement – meaning they were more than a month behind on their bills – according to data submitted by the companies to the ICC. About 20.6 percent of Peoples Gas customers had past due bills in April, the highest number among the six utilities with pending rate cases.

DEBT GRAPH <https://public.flourish.studio/>

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In low-income, majority-Black communities, the percentage of people in debt to Peoples Gas during April was even higher. About 49 percent of residents of Chicago’s Englewood neighborhood and 42 percent of West Englewood residents had deferred payment agreements, according to ICC filings. Indebted customers in those South Side neighborhoods owed the company more than \$1,100 on average.

That’s led the city of Chicago to file testimony opposing several components of Peoples Gas’ filings in their rate case.

“Not only is Peoples Gas requesting a record-high rate hike at the same time that they are raking in record profits, but take a look, a real close look, at who will bear this burden: the working people of Chicago, people of color,” the city’s treasurer, Melissa Conyears-Ervin, said at a June 1 news conference.

Abe Scarr, PIRG’s director and a vocal critic of both Peoples Gas and the QIP fee, said the expiration of the QIP process will provide an opportunity for regulators to rein in spending at the gas utilities.

“Even the most non-consumer friendly commission would want to curtail these rate hikes,” Scarr said, noting that he believes that Pritzker’s recent appointments to the ICC have made it a “consumer-friendly” group.

Clean energy reforms in practice

On the electric side, Ameren and Commonwealth Edison’s rate plans are the first filed under a new kind of regulatory process outlined in the landmark 2021 Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, or CEJA. While the ICC’s new rate approval process is handled in a similar regulatory fashion to a traditional rate case, utilities’ requests are part of four-year plans that are considered in conjunction with a comprehensive grid plan for modernization projects.

CEJA also ended a controversial formula ratemaking process that was a product of ComEd’s lobbying efforts a decade earlier. The formula-based rates were a major focus of the recent federal criminal corruption trial that ended with

the conviction of ComEd’s former CEO and three ex-lobbyists.

Consumer advocates have praised the public involvement that’s allowed in the new process and electric executives have credited the multi-year planning process for facilitating smoother coordination between setting rates and grid planning.

Kolata said the former formula-based system for setting electric rates “put a lot of things on autopilot.” The new system provides more opportunities for input and accountability, particularly as the electric sector moves toward the legislation’s goal of carbon-free energy generation by 2045, he said.

“Everyone recognizes the nature of this transition is going to require broader stakeholder involvement and feedback,” Kolata said.

ComEd’s plan would increase prices over four years, with residential customers paying around \$200 per year more in electric prices by 2027. Ameren Illinois’ similar plan would result in the average residential customer paying about \$300 more per year by 2027.

Louie Binswanger, who oversees regulatory affairs at ComEd, said his company’s plan includes everything from maintenance and infrastructure upgrades to outlining how the utility will prepare the grid for increased electrification, such as in the transit sector and in commercial and residential heating.

“The plan also ensures that the electric grid remains reliable and resilient for the 9 million people ComEd serves in northern Illinois as severe weather events become more common due to climate change,” Binswanger said in an email statement.

Ameren Illinois officials were similarly optimistic about their plans, noting the complexity of the new process required “a high degree of diligence.”

A point of contention between advocates and the utilities has been the electric utilities’ return on equity, or ROE. This is the main component of a utility’s profit that had, for years, been automatically calculated using a formula derived

from the interest rates on 30-year Treasury bonds.

CEJA did away with this formula and placed new authority in the hands of the ICC to calculate ROE – and advocates are pushing for the commission to use it.

“The utilities are way over-asking,” Kolata said.

ComEd, in its initial January testimony, recommended a 10.5 percent ROE, up from its current ROE of about 7.85 percent. ComEd argued that the 10.5 percent ROE puts the utility in line with others in the industry.

ICC staff argued for an 8.91 percent ROE. In written testimony, they supported continuing to calculate ROE by the interest-driven formula the utilities have been

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north and south. Camp Grant sent a contingent of military officers, with the I.O.U. club should be mentioned the business and professional men of Belvidere in whose name the club sponsored the picnic and festival.

There is no opportunity to go into full detail in this issue regarding the all-day affair, but it may be said that the officers and committees and members of the I.O.U. club were very busy from President Arthur Dempsey down through the list, and their work was efficient and resultful. The committees having various parts of the work in charge put their portion of the programs through without a hitch. In this connection it is the wish of the I.O.U club that the Boone County Fair associations be accorded their thanks for the use of the fair grounds and for their assistance. It was through the good offices of Secretary Wilcox of the fair association that they were enabled to get the "bucking Ford." Which proved to be one of the big hits of the entertainment.

Parachute Leap Spectacular.

The parachute drop was splendidly executed, and held the big crowd at the fairground spellbound as the jumper left Hassell's airplane and straightened out in the air, then descended gracefully to a point northeast of the fairground.

The trapeze work and the wire walking held a big crowd interested. The athletic events were well staged, the various contests had their quota of watchers, and the races were well patronized. The names of the winners in the athletic events were published yesterday.

Fine Drill by Legion

The first event of the evening program was the drill by the American Legion bugle and drum corps of Belvidere, splendidly executed and giving a military aspect and thrill to the great crowd gathered at Logan Avenue to watch them. Many expressions of pride that Belvidere should have such a capable organization were heard in the crowd.

Band Was Big Feature

Another feature that added to the feeling of local pride was the splendid work of the high school band, which gave its program with its usual smooth finish and musicianly effect.

The Cleartone quartet was pleasing and responded to enthusiastic encores. There has seldom been a comedy entertainment here that made the hit achieved by the trick Ford, which reared around and performed fantastic feats both at the fairground and in the street at the evening entertainment.

New Street Dedicated

The dedication of the new street paving took place at the corner of State and Logan, where Mayor Harry Perkins spoke briefly saying that while he did not inaugurate this paving job, his had been the work and worry of getting it laid, and he looked upon it with pride, also calling attention to the other civic improvements that are destined to make Belvidere an ever-better city in which to live or in which to visit.

State's Attorney Frank Oakley was introduced as a member of the I.O.U. club and spoke briefly, saying that civic pride is necessary to the well being of a city and that the people of Belvidere have a right to be proud of this fine public improvement that is being completed, and also in the organizations and local talent that were making the evening so interesting and enjoyable.

He deplored the occasional discovery of a knocker and admonished his hearers to be boosters, thus helping to make conditions better for both themselves and their neighbors.

The crowd then adjourned to the water front near the bridge, where there was a splendid display of fireworks, discharged from the north bank of the river and on the water.

The last part of the program was devoted to a dance on the pavement, the Footwarmers orchestra furnishing the music. The block between Logan avenue and First street was turned over to Terpsichore, and the dancing space was fully occupied.

At midnight Superintendent of Streets Cannon threw down the barriers, and today the Grant highway traffic is flowing down Pearl street, across to State and thence out Logan avenue. Four state motorcycle officers and the Belvidere police handled the crowds excellently.

Horse and Pony Races

Several races by horses and ponies were put on, and added a good deal of interest to the afternoon program. Three heats of pacing were won by Dugdale over Spencer.

There were three pony races, by horses owned by Fred Meyers, Howard Dempsey, Simon Luhman and Bailey. The riders were Bess Meyers, Helen Dempsey, Miss Luhman and Bailey. The Meyers pony won.

In the running race Pansy, owned and ridden by Bryan, won first; Chevrolet, owned and ridden by Bailey, won second and a runner owned and ridden by Ferguson was third. Gyp, owned and ridden by Ferguson, dropped out.

Other Events

In the hog calling contest Thomas Chaplin of Kirkland won first for the men and Mrs. White of Belvidere first for the women. The chicken calling contest did not fill.

Evalina Kitchener proved to be the most efficient pie eater among the girls, and Bud Harrison picked up first prize among the boys.

In the horseshoe pitching Forest Linder and Ernest Linder tied for first place in the singles, each winning eight and losing one game. In playing off the tie Forest Linder won first, forcing his brother back to second.

In the doubles T.A. Schwebke of Garden Prairie and Spalding of Belvidere won first place. Second was tied between two teams composed of the two Linders and H. Stennerson of Poplar Grove and E. Schwebke of Garden Prairie.

AmTrak

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"We really think that now we'll really begin to penetrate that market in a meaningful way south of Springfield and really begin to compete with the aviation industry between St. Louis and Chicago," Lang said.

In fiscal year 2022, the Lincoln Service route had a ridership of 476,000, up 82 percent from 261,000 the previous year, which included several months in late 2020 and 2021 when the COVID-19 pandemic was still disrupting daily travel. Despite the growth, ridership has yet to surpass pre-pandemic levels. In FY 2019, the route saw about 628,000 trips, according to Amtrak data.

Local, state and federal officials celebrated the infrastructure investment at Chicago's Union Station on Monday. Gov. JB Pritzker, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and former U.S. Secretary of

Transportation Ray LaHood were on hand for the news conference, alongside others from Illinois' congressional delegation, representatives of federal transit agencies and Union Pacific Railroad.

"Our railway is just a microcosm of the monumental collaboration of the federal government, the state of Illinois and local governments to modernize our infrastructure," Pritzker said.

In addition to the higher speed service, the infrastructure project also included major upgrades at rail crossings and new stations in Dwight, Pontiac, Carlinville and Alton, as well as upgrades to the Lincoln, Normal and Springfield stations.

Rail passengers will also see new railcars on the Lincoln Service route and several other routes throughout the Midwest, including the Chicago-to-Carbondale Illini/Saluki route and the Chicago-to-Quincy Carl Sandburg/Illinois Zephyr route.

The upgraded passenger cars will be rolled out by the end of August, with updated cafe cars slated for 2024, according to Jennifer Bastian, the Illinois Department of Transportation official who managed the passenger car project.

The new cars, which cost about \$3 million each, are engineered to minimize noise and increase accessibility. These include measures to increase compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, such as wider and more stable walkways between cars, wheelchair lifts and seat designs to facilitate easier wheelchair transfers.

The U.S. Department of Justice and Amtrak signed a settlement agreement in 2020 to upgrade stations throughout the country to comply with the ADA.

According to Amtrak's most recent report on ADA compliance from April 2022, the rail service had completed 373 station construction and design projects, with 167 in progress and 364 remaining. Amtrak is also updating passenger display boards and boarding technology as part of its ADA settlement agreement with the federal Department of Justice in 2020. Amtrak is also updating passenger display boards and boarding technology as part of the ADA settlement agreement.

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using for over a decade, even though it is no longer required.

Illinois PIRG argued for an even lower 6.5 percent ROE in the ComEd case.

“These very small changes in profit rates can result in hundreds of millions of dollars in profit and higher prices for consumers,” Scarr said.

Binswanger, however, defended his company’s requested profit margin.

“Our proposed investments provide meaningful benefits to our customers and communities and support the goals of the state’s Climate and Equitable Jobs Act,” Binswanger said. “We look forward to working with the commission and all participants in the proceeding to prove that out.”

Similar arguments have been made in Ameren’s electric case, in which the utility has also asked for a 10.5 percent ROE. ICC staff recommended an 8.91 percent return on equity, calculated using the same formula tied to Treasury bonds.

Tomc argued that Ameren’s proposed formula for return on equity would be better for the electric grid.

“Those methodologies are designed to produce a number conducive to sustain the kind of investments in Illinois infrastructure that we require,” Tomc said.

Other affordability measures

In December, fulfilling another requirement of CEJA, the ICC announced that it would require large electric and gas utilities to put forward plans to offer discounted rates to low-income customers and encourage smaller utilities to do the same.

The ICC said these utilities should offer “tiered discounts for different income levels,” meaning the amount a consumer pays for utilities would be proportional to income.

While gas utilities have included rate design proposals in their current rate cases, ComEd and Ameren will file electric rate design cases separately over the coming years, according to Karen Lusson, a senior attorney at the National Consumer Law Center.

Lusson said the companies that have filed rate design cases have not gone far enough in lowering prices for low-income customers.

“Each gas company has interpreted that directive a bit differently and all of them insufficient in the amount of the discount,” Lusson said.

Naomi Davis, founder of the environmental justice group Blacks in Green, has protested the proposed rate increases from Peoples Gas and has advocated for major affordability reforms at the Statehouse.

In response to problems faced by low-income utility customers, Davis and others launched a “Campaign to End Energy Poverty.”

“Salaries do not increase at the rate that these energy prices are accelerating. What is a person to do?” Davis said in an interview.

In a March committee hearing, lawmakers

heard Davis and representatives of the utility industry discuss a proposed reform package that she described as a “strategic” method of achieving energy affordability despite utilities’ objections to it. While lawmakers on the House Public Utilities Committee did not vote on the package, they indicated they were open to considering it further in the future.

Each utility involved in these rate cases has programs to help low-income customers afford their bills.

Resources can be found at AmerenIllinois.com/EnergyCarePlan for Ameren customers; ComEd.com/SAM for ComEd customers; nicorgas.com/energyassistance for Nicor customers; peoplesgasdelivery.com/payment-bill/assistance for Peoples Gas customers; and northshoregasdelivery.com/payment-bill/assistance for North Shore customers.

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Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, who sponsored the bill in the Senate, said those cases typically end up being consolidated, and most of them eventually end up before the Illinois Supreme Court, which sits in Springfield and Chicago.

But he also accused plaintiffs’ attorneys in recent cases of selectively choosing where they file their cases in order to improve their chances of finding judges who may be more sympathetic to their cause, a practice Harmon described as “forum shopping.”

“And what we have seen recently is similar cases being filed in scores of counties, causing the attorney general to have to defend the same action in multiple counties with forum shopping,” he said during floor debate on the bill. “This is a simple effort to make sure that all important, critical constitutional questions end up in the right venue.”

But Senate Republican Leader John Curran, of Downers Grove, accused Democrats of engaging in their own brand of venue shopping by restricting constitutional challenges to courts in Springfield and Chicago.

“Courts exist to serve the people, which is why they are located where people live,” he said in a statement after Pritzker announced the bill signing. “This legislation is clearly an attempt by the governor and the attorney general to send constitutional challenges to courts that they believe will be more favorable to the administration.”

Harmon argued that while Springfield is the state capital, Chicago is also a kind of second seat of state government.

“The statutes are actually replete with jurisdictional references to Cook and Sangamon as the two primary jurisdictions,” he said. “I think it’s the same reason that I have an office in Springfield and an office in Chicago; Leader Curran has an office in Springfield and an office in Chicago; the governor, the attorney general, all the constitutional officers have an office in Springfield and an office in Chicago. It is essentially an alternative place of government.”

Republicans, however, argued that it would inconvenience people who may be aggrieved by a state law or action but don’t live anywhere near Springfield or Chicago.

In the House, for example, state Rep. Patrick Windhorst, from the town of Metropolis on the banks of the Ohio River, noted that he lives closer to the state capital of Tennessee than he does to Springfield, and he is almost as close to Atlanta, Georgia, as he is to Chicago.

“So to say if this body passes an unconstitutional law, in order for me or another person in my community to contest that law, I’ve got to travel a great distance and bear that expense that comes with that, is not fair to the individuals in these communities,” he said during floor debate in the House.

The language of HB 3062 originated in the Senate and was inserted as a set of amendments into a House bill that originally dealt with landlord-tenant relations. It passed the Senate on May 19 by a vote of 37-16. The House concurred with the amendments 69-35.

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Law Limits Venue for Constitutional Lawsuits to Sangamon, and Cook

Pritzker signs bill backed by attorney general and passed with only Democratic support

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

People who file lawsuits in state courts challenging the constitutionality of a state law, administrative rule or executive order will now have to file those cases in either Sangamon or Cook counties.

Gov. JB Pritzker on Tuesday signed House Bill 3062, which applies only to cases brought against the state or any of its officers, employees or agents in which the plaintiff seeks to have a law, rule or action declared unconstitutional or they seek an injunction on the grounds of constitutionality. However, it also specifically exempts cases arising out of collective bargaining disputes.


It cleared the General Assembly with only Democratic support.

The bill came in response to a flurry of lawsuits filed in recent years in courthouses throughout the state challenging such things as Pritzker’s COVID-19 mitigation orders, a law that would end cash bail, and, most recently, the state’s ban on assault-style

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARIE K. SHOOK, Deceased.
CASE NO.: 2023 PR 27

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Marie K. Shook. Letters of Office were issued on June 6, 2023, to Terry A. Shook at 507 Commander Place, Belvidere, IL 61008, 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 December 15, 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 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 days after it has been filed.

DATED: June 15, 2023
By: Guyer & Enichen, P.C.
By: /s/ James Hursh
Attorney for Terry A. Shook, Independent Executor
James 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
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY
In the matter of the petition of Broderick Walker Sperry; Keagan Alexander Hooks By Ashley Marissa Kuznicki Case No. 2023MR23
NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILDREN
Notice is hereby given, that on July 25, 2023, at 9:30 am, I will present a Petition requesting that the Court change his/her present names of, Broderick Walker Sperry; Keagan Alexander Hooks minors, to the name of Broderick Walker Kuznicki; and Keagan Alexander Kuznicki. The hearing will take place at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008.
Broderick Walker Sperry; Keagan Alexander Hooks, minors, by, Ashley Marissa Kuznicki
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TAX DEED NO: 2023-TX-20 FILED: 6/9/2023
To: Alberta Bogardus and all other persons/entities unknown having or claiming any right title or interest in the real estate described below.

TAKE NOTICE
County of Boone
Date Premises Sold October 28, 2021
Certificate No. 2020-00063
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at Denny Road, Capron, Illinois
Legal Description or Property Index No. 04-27-300-001
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 28, 2023.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 28, 2023.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Belvidere, Illinois on November 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 3. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 28, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois.
For further information contact the County Clerk:
ADDRESS: Boone County Clerk's Office, 1212 Logan Ave., Room 103, Belvidere, IL 61008
TELEPHONE: 815-544-3103
Zurmavar, LLC XV, Petitioner
J. Thomas Witek
Witek Law Offices
7210 E. State #102
Rockford, IL 61108
(815) 962-9288
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed Proposals for the MFT Street Overlay Project in Belvidere, Illinois will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 until 10:00 A.M. local time on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 and will be publicly opened and read at that time.
Specifications and Proposal forms will be available in the office of the Director of Public Works, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Suite 200, Belvidere, Illinois 61008. Proposals will be issued only to those contractors who present their IDOT Eligibility Certificate.
The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any technicalities.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Anastasia Cosette Finocchio Case No. 2023MR21
By Antonia Maria Finocchio
NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILDREN
Notice is hereby given, that on August 1, 2023, at 9:00 am, I will present a Petition requesting that the Court change his/her present name of, Anastasia Cosette Finocchio, minor, to the name of Antonio Samuel Dante Finocchio. The hearing will take place at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008.
Anastasia Cosette Finocchio, minor by, Antonia Maria Finocchio
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING; Plaintiff,
vs. 23 FC 18
CHRISTINA SOLIS; LUCIA ORTIZ TAPIA; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at the hour of 12:15 p.m., inside the front entrance of the, Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Lot Two Hundred Sixty-seven (267) of Plat No. 6 of Sherman Oaks Subdivision, being a Subdivision of part of the South Half (1/2) of Section 24, Township 45 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Boone County, Illinois, Village of Poplar Grove, the Plat of which Subdivision is recorded in Plat Index File Envelope 312-A as Document Number 2005R01555 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.
Commonly known as 318 W Edson St, Poplar Grove, IL 61065.
P.I.N. 03-24-407-009.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SMS00812-23FC1

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BRAD JAMES LARSON, Deceased.
No. 2023-PR 32
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS
NOTICE is given of the death of Brad James Larson on May 15, 2023. Letters of Office were issued on June 21, 2023, to Brenda S. Larson, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles G. Popp, P.C., 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.
Claims against the estate may be filed on or before December 15, 2023, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk--Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the estate legal representative, or both.
Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office--Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to his/her attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
WILLIAM GRADY POOL DEMOLITION
CITY OF BELVIDERE
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Proposals are now being accepted for the William Grady Pool Demolition project in the City of Belvidere, Illinois. Demolition of the pools, associated concrete pads, paving, equipment, plumbing, electrical as indicated and specified. An additive alternate bid for demolition of the associated building(s) and their contents as indicated and specified as included in this bid package.
Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashiers check, or bid bond, payable to the Belvidere Township Park District for the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the proposal.
All bidders shall note the following: (1) construction monies will be drawn from local funds on hand (2) the successful contractor will be paid on a monthly basis according to the approved estimate of completed work; (3) the Belvidere Township Park District strongly urges all contractors to employ the use of local subcontractors, suppliers, and trades as much as possible for this contract.
Labor rates shall be in accordance with the General Prevailing Rate of Wages for the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois, and which are on file in the Office of the Department of Labor, Springfield, Illinois. Such rates shall be paid for all laborers, workman, or tradesman performing work under this contract.
Belvidere Township Park District reserves the right to reject any or all bids on each proposal, and to waive any information therein or to accept any proposal considered in the best interest of the Park District.
No bid shall be withdrawn after the opening of bids without written consent of Belvidere Township Park District for a period of forty five (45) days after the scheduled time of opening of bids. Bids shall be received at the office of Belvidere Township Park District, 1006 W. Lincoln Avenue, until 9:45 A.M. on July 20, 2023. Sealed proposals will be opened and read publicly at the office of Baltic Mill Conference Room at 920 W. Lincoln Avenue at 10:00 A.M. the same day.
Specifications and bid documents are available only at BHFx Planroom (<http://bhfxplanroom.com>).
BY THE ORDER OF:
Jonathan Cudzewicz
Superintendent of Parks
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the operating purposes of Boone County Fire Protection District No. 2 in the County of Boone, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024 will be on file and available for public viewing during business hours (8:00 AM - 5 PM) at the station at 1777 Henry Luckow Lane, Belvidere, IL.
Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday July 31st, 2023 at Boone County Fire Protection District at 1777 Henry Luckow Lane, Belvidere, IL. and that final hearing and action will be taken at that time.
Dated this 21st day of June, 2023
Brian Kunce, Fire Chief
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that at 8:00 P.M., June 29, 2023 a Public Hearing will be held at Manchester Township Hall, 20904 Grade School Road, Caledonia, Illinois; for the purpose of considering the proposed budget, levy, and appropriation ordinances of the Manchester Rural Fire Protection District #5.
The proposed budget and ordinances will be on file and conveniently available to Public Inspection at said hearing.
The financial audit of Fire District #5 will also be approved.
Joe Nussbaum
Secretary of Manchester Rural Fire Protection District #5
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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-3
TENTATIVE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2 BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2024
On June 21, 2023, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Boone County Fire Protection District # 2, Boone County, Illinois, the said Trustees adopted as a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Boone County Fire Protection District #2 for the General Fund for the period May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024, the following:

GENERAL FUND
ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND RECEIPTS

Estimated Cash Balance on hand as of April 30, 2023	
Checking Account & Capitol Reserve	\$1,204,133.10
Anticipated Revenues and Receipts:	
Property Taxes to be received in FY 2023-2024	\$ 1,094,000.00
Illinois Replacement Tax	\$ 50,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 2,500.00
Non Resident Billing	\$ 65,000.00
Illinois Municipal League	\$ 25,000.00
Grants	\$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100,000.00
Total Anticipated Revenues and Receipts	\$1,338,500.00
Total Cash Balance May 1, 2023 and Anticipated Revenues & Receipts	\$2,542,633.10
Less Anticipated Expenditures May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024	\$2,097,945.00
Anticipated Cash Balance April 30, 2024	\$ 444,988.10

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
The following amounts shall be tentatively budgeted and appropriated for the General Fund purposes of the Boone County Fire District #2 for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024.

	BUDGETED	APPROPRIATED
A.) Administration:		
1.) Insurance	\$ 149,500.00	\$ 179,400.00
2.) Office Operations	\$ 53,195.00	\$ 63,834.00
3.) Professional Fees	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 17,280.00
4.) Training	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 35,400.00
5.) Trustee Compensation	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 5,040.00
6.) Utilities	\$ 33,200.00	\$ 39,840.00
7.) Volunteer Compensation	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
8.) Labor	\$ 1,215,500.00	\$ 1,578,000.00
9.) Miscellaneous/Contingency	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 15,600.00
10.) Unemployment Fund	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,050.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION:	\$ 1,617,995.00	\$ 2,061,144.40
B.) Equipment		
1.) Repairs, Maintenance	\$ 23,800.00	\$ 28,560.00
2.) Firefighters' Equipment	\$ 92,600.00	\$ 111,120.00
3.) Other New Equipment Purchases	\$ 143,500.00	\$ 172,200.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 259,900.00	\$ 311,880.00
C.) Station Expenses		
1.) Building and Grounds	\$ 76,250.00	\$ 91,500.00
TOTAL STATION EXPENSES	\$ 76,250.00	\$ 91,500.00
D.) Apparatus Expense		
1.) Operation (Gas and Oil)	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 42,500.00
2.) Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 54,300.00	\$ 163,834.00
TOTAL APPARATUS EXPENSES	\$ 89,300.00	\$ 206,334.00
E.) Capital Reserve		
1.) Apparatus Replacement	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
2.) Apparatus Upgrades	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
3.) Fire Station	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE EXPENSE	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 375,000.00
RECAPITULATION		
Total Administrative and Operating Expense	\$ 1,617,995.00	
Total Equipment Expense	\$ 259,900.00	
Total Station (Building) Expense	\$ 76,250.00	
Total Fire Apparatus Expense	\$ 89,300.00	
Capital Reserve Apparatus, Building	\$ 260,000.00	
TOTAL TENTATIVE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION-GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,303,445.00	
Mark Huntington, Treasurer Board of Trustees BCFD # 2 Published in <i>The Boone County Journal</i> June 29, July 6th, 13th 2023		

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: LILLIE CURRY, minor
No. 23-JA-18
Sylvester Curry, Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Take notice that on JUNE 8, 2023, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty. Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Lillie Curry, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:30 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 7/13/2023 & 9/14/23; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.
Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.
Dated: June 20, 2023
Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK
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TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2019-00679
 TO:
 JI Corporation
 JI Corporation
 JI Corporation
 Muhammad Z Mehmood
 Spouse of Muhammad Z Mehmood
 Muhammad Z Mehmood
 Spouse of Muhammad Z Mehmood
 Occupant
 Boone County Clerk

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, IL as Case No. 2023TX16

The Property is located at:
 141 S. Appleton Rd., Belvidere, IL
 Property Index Number: 05-34-200-023

Said Property was sold on 10/29/2020 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire on 10/25/2023. On 11/14/2023 at 9:30 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

MS Investments Inc., Petitioner

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TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 2019-00005

TO:
 Lynn Hullah
 Lynn Hullah
 Lynn Hullah
 Spouse of Lynn Hullah
 Spouse of Lynn Hullah
 Spouse of Lynn Hullah
 Matthew Morse
 Matthew Morse
 Spouse of Matthew Morse
 Spouse of Matthew Morse
 Occupant
 Ashley Morse
 Occupant
 Nancy Salvadorini
 Boone County Clerk

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, IL as Case No. 2023TX15

The Property is located at: 19904 & 19912 Poplar Grove Rd., Poplar Grove 61065

Property Index Number: 01-25-200-005

Said Property was sold on 10/29/2020 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire on 10/25/2023. On 11/14/2023 at 9:30 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

Midtax Inc., Petitioner

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ASSUMED NAMES

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

No. DBA4145 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a COLLECTABLES business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SALLYS DOLLS that its location is or will be at 7071 Blaine Road in Poplar Grove in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-569-2252

Sally Jeanne Dredske, 7071 Blaine Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

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: Monday, June 12, 2023, Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder

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

No. DBA4153 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a MOBILE TRUCK DETAILING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of ALL AMERICAN MOBILE TRUCK WASH & DETAILING that its location is or will be at 317 White Oak Drive in Poplar Grove in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-621-1188

Sean Burger, 317 White Oak Drive, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

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: Friday, June 9, 2023, Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder

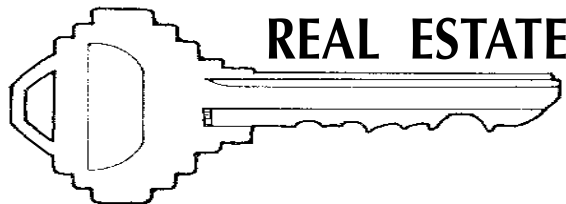
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
 No. DBA4145 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of M&C HEATING AND COOLING that its location is or will be at 226 Andrews 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: 815-721-1696
 Manuel Marquez, 226 Andrews Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008
 Jose Camargo, 1301 West 6th Street, Belvidere, IL 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: Monday, June 12, 2023, Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
 No. DBA4156 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a FACIALS business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of BESH0 BEAUTY STUDIO that its location is or will be at 1400 Dawngate 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: 815-222-8383
 Elizabeth Bello, 1400 Dawngate Drive, Belvidere, IL 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: Friday, June 23, 2023, Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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CHANGE IN CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OF BUSINESS PUBLICATION NOTICE
 Public Notice is hereby given that on June 23rd, A.D. 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, concerning the business known as BESH0 BEAUTY AND SPA, located at 1400 Dawngate Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008, which certificate sets forth the following changes in the operation thereof: DISSOLUTION OF BESH0 BEAUTY AND SPA BUSINESS.
 Dated this 23rd day of June A.D. 2023
 Julie A. Bliss
 Boone County Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
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 vs. 23 FC 18
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1 Percent Grocery Tax To Resume, Gas Tax To Increase in New Fiscal Year July 1

Expiring temporary tax relief measures were aimed at curbing inflation

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

A new state fiscal year will begin July 1, ushering in the reinstatement of a 1 percent tax on groceries and a second increase to the state's motor fuel tax in 2023.

Amid record-high inflation last spring, the General Assembly temporarily waived Illinois' grocery tax for the coming fiscal year and delayed the annual increase in the state's motor fuel tax for six months. Democrats introduced both those measures as part of a larger tax relief package that drew criticisms for its proximity to the November general election.

"What we did last year was a temporary measure because we had very high inflation," Pritzker said when asked at an unrelated news conference Tuesday whether the changes were election-related. "Inflation, you may notice, has come down."

Inflation was approaching 9 percent when the tax relief plan passed last year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, but it was 4 percent last month when the fiscal year 2024 was budget passed.

The Pritzker administration estimated at the time the temporary pause on the grocery tax would cost the state \$400 million. Most grocery tax revenues are distributed to local governments, so last year lawmakers directed state general revenue funds to reimburse local governments for any financial hit they would have taken due to the pause.

"I would like very much to eliminate entirely the grocery tax, but it is a matter of local governments and what they would do if they didn't have that income as a result of the grocery tax," Pritzker said, faulting Republicans for "complaining" about the tax being reimposed without offering revenue alternatives.

The motor fuel tax on gasoline, gasohol and compressed natural gas, meanwhile, will increase by 3.1 cents on July 1, to 45.4 cents per gallon. The tax rate for diesel fuel will also increase by 3.1 cents, to 52.9 cents per gallon.

The automatic increase in the fuel tax at the beginning of the new fiscal year is an annual process that became law in 2019 with bipartisan support. Lawmakers doubled the motor fuel tax and indexed it to increase at the rate of the federal government's Consumer Price Index each year.

The motor fuel tax revenue, combined with

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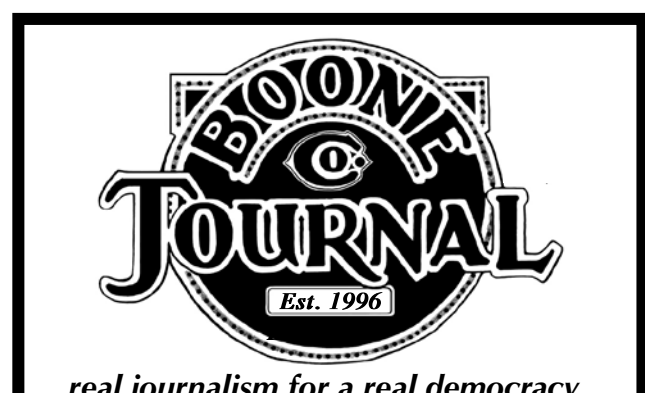
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According to the governor's office, Rebuild Illinois has funded \$10.9 billion of upgrades as of March 31, including 4,913 miles of roads, 479 structures, and 709 other safety improvements.

Last year's July 1 motor fuel tax increase was delayed six months, so the per-gallon tax already increased by 3.1 cents in January. Pritzker last year estimated that the temporary pause on the gas tax hike would have saved consumers about \$70 million.

As part of last year's tax relief plan, lost motor fuel tax revenues were replaced by money from the state's Leaking Underground Storage Tank fund, which is historically paid into by fees and fines related to underground chemical storage tanks, such as those at gas stations.

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