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The Value of Education

80 years of Progress 1835- 1915

by *David Larson*

This photo shares the memories of years gone by in Boone County. It was taken sometime between 1893 and 1915. Beyond the school buildings is an indistinct, ethereal background, which we know are neighborhoods of homes and trees.

The two buildings in the background are two school buildings. One is still standing. It is a part of the Pearl Place Complex and faces First Street. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The nearer of the two, a two-story building with a bell tower rising from the roof, was a school that was removed when Belvidere High School was built on the property in 1916. The Belvidere High School building served the community for 50 years, until 1966, when a complex on East Avenue replaced it. Originally, the location of the 1916 Belvidere High School was contemplated to be built between Third and Fourth Streets on Pearl Street.

The First Street School, still standing today, built in 1893, was known as the Garfield School. The Garfield School stands two-and-a-half stories tall with a painted brick exterior. It is built on a rock-face stone foundation with a raised basement. The architect is not known, but it is designed in the Classical Revival style. It is also difficult to trace which grade levels were taught there, but it was referred to at times as the South High School. Prior to the construction of the 1916 Belvidere Township High School, only 8 grades were offered in Belvidere. On North Main Street, a second school called North High School renamed Lincoln School co-existed

until 1916, with the expansion of curriculum into what is known as Belvidere High School.

Belvidere was growing rapidly, which lasted until 1920. In the 1920s the growth subsided and even decreased slightly, similar to the 2010s in Belvidere. Belvidere wanted to expand educational opportunity by creating 4 more grade levels 9-12 by creating and building a Township High School.

In so doing the use of "high school" came to represent grades 9-12 whereas it had been used to identify grades 7-8, which is what we call "junior high" or "middle school" today.

The merger of North and South High Schools, was not easily accomplished. Each was in its own taxing district, District 56 & 57. It required a bond issue, and some in the community were not in favor of building a Township high school. The solution seems to have come from a petition circulated in the North High School District 56 that bound the North District into a cohesive unit by requesting and requiring the South District to follow through in creating a Belvidere Township High School with them in the form of a union. In the end, the bond issue passed, and Belvidere created 4 higher grade levels of public educational opportunity for the community.

The closer school building with a Bell tower was Washington School or Washington High School. It originally had 13 rooms. It is not clear when it was constructed. It was originally named the Pearl Street School until 1912, when both the Pearl Street School and the North Main Street School were renamed Washington and Lincoln. The area around the school was park-like and known to be dark at night. The *Belvidere Daily Republican* reports in a July 1913 article: "There is weeping and wailing

among certain of Belvidere's spooning young couples, who have used the dark approaches of Garfield and Washington School buildings for their favorite night rendezvous. Yesterday the job of installing Tungsten electric lights of strong candlepower was completed and they were burning brightly last night. The installation was the result of complains from neighbors who said the night scenes enacted around the school buildings would fail to get the O.K. of even a liberal censor."

Washington school, as schools became, was the center of both intellectual and social events in the community. On one occasion, a visiting professor from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Dr. E. L. Eaton spoke there on the value of education. Christmas and Halloween programs filled the days before radio and television or Facebook life. People actually spoke face to face and shared a common experience together regularly. A fundraising art show was held at Washington to raise money to purchase a Victrola, which provided a musical accent to future events.

By 1910, Belvidere was becoming more aware of the value of education for personal and economic growth. It was a different time of home-grown individualism, as local individuals created and organized the businesses of the community rather than focusing on investment from outside the community. One issue, unlike today's state mandated standards, was the question of what qualified a teacher to teach in the Belvidere school system. Washington was the location of this debate, The community interacted with one another to decide minimum standards. Today's standards, of course, are much higher.

Hazel Kanaly, 96 of Belvidere and formerly of Marengo, died Sunday, February 21, 2021 in her home. Born April 20, 1924 in Callao, Missouri; the daughter of George and Viola (Sutton) Allen. After moving to Marengo, she married her loving husband, Donald J. Kanaly in 1946 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Together they were dairy farmers and raised five beautiful children. Hazel was a teacher in a one room schoolhouse. She was always busy, you could find her helping at the Keen Age Center in Belvidere, the Boone County Conservation District or The Boone County Museum. She was also active in the Prairie Grange and enjoyed helping at the Boone County Fair. Hazel was a passionate reader, enjoyed needle work and was an avid vegetable and flower gardener. Her faith and devotion to the Catholic Church was a true testament of her kind and caring way and willingness to give her time to so many in need. She was one of kind and will be missed dearly by her family.

Survivors include her children, George (Mary Alice) Kanaly, James (Luann) Kanaly, Michael (Susan) Kanaly, Diana (Terry) O'Connor and Belinda (Thomas) Pollnow; 14 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband and 8 siblings.

At the family's request and due to COVID-19 restrictions, all services will be private. In lieu of flowers memorials in her name to the Keen Age Center, 2141 Henry Luckow Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008.

The family is being assisted by James A. O'Connor Funeral Home, Huntley. Erika Freund, Director 847-669-5111. Express online condolences at: www.jamesoconnorfuneralhome.com



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Stellantis Announces 2020 Profit Sharing for UAW-Represented Employees

March 3, 2021, Auburn Hills, Mich. - As a result of FCA's financial performance in 2020, Stellantis announced today that the eligible profit sharing amount of \$8,010 will be paid to UAW-represented employees on March 15, 2021. Actual payments will be based on individual compensated hours.

Approximately 43,000 employees are eligible to receive the payment. This includes employees at the Belvidere Assembly Plant.

With this payment, U.S. hourly employees have received on average more than \$44,700 in profit sharing since 2009.

The 2020 profit sharing payment was calculated on the terms negotiated as part of the 2019 UAW- FCA Collective Bargaining Agreement, based on the year-end Adjusted EBIT margin of the North American region reported in the FCA legacy operations financial results.

Teacher Shortage Worsening For Most Illinois Districts

77% of superintendents report having trouble filling open positions

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

A new survey of Illinois school districts shows most are continuing to have trouble filling open teaching positions with qualified teachers and even more are having difficulty hiring substitute teachers.

It's a problem that has existed in the state for many years and one that experts attribute to a variety of factors, such as low pay and the difficulty in attracting new teachers to work in certain parts of the state.

The survey has been conducted each of the past four years by the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools. Regional superintendents are in charge of supervising schools in the state's 38 educational regions and operating regional offices of education. They also act as a kind of conduit of information and support between the Illinois State Board of Education and the state's 853 local school districts.

"You know, it's not like we just stubbed our toe, this is a crisis," IARSS President Mark Klaisner said in an interview. "It's getting worse each year. And when we asked them to look forward, they said, you know, in the next five years, we don't see this changing."

The latest survey was conducted in early October and included responses from 591 of the state's 853 districts. Of those responding, 77 percent said they have a teacher shortage problem while 93 percent said they have a problem hiring substitute teachers, particularly since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Individual districts have responded to the shortage in a variety of ways, such as canceling the offering of some classes or switching them to online formats as well as filling critical positions with teachers who are not fully qualified to teach

in a particular grade level or subject area.

In fact, the districts that responded to the survey reported a combined total of 938 open teaching positions – 17 percent of the 5,414 positions that districts were looking to fill – were either unfilled or filled by someone who was not certified in that grade level or subject area. That percentage, however, is actually down from previous surveys. In 2017, districts reported that 28 percent of their open positions were either vacant or filled by someone not fully qualified.

The largest number of those was in special education at all grade levels, where 195 positions were either vacant or filled by an unqualified teacher. In terms of percentages, though, computer science teachers were also hard to come by. Forty-one percent of the open computer science positions were either vacant or filled by an unqualified teacher.

Districts also reported having trouble filling elementary education, math, physical education and science positions.

The survey also found that 257 classes offered in the participating districts had been canceled and 195 had been moved online because school administrators could not find educators to teach them.

The severity of shortages also varied by region. In west central Illinois, for example, 89 percent of the districts responding to the survey reported having a teacher shortage problem, compared to only 55 percent of the districts in northeast Illinois.

Causes of the shortage

Education researchers in Illinois say the reasons for the teacher shortage are numerous and complex, but it boils down to the fact that there are more veteran teachers around the state retiring or leaving the profession than there are new teachers coming out of university schools of education.

James Anderson, dean of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's College of Education, said in an interview that for a variety of reasons, including the cost of a college education and the salaries teachers earn after graduating, teaching has become a less attractive career than many other professions.

"You graduate from high school, you come to college to become a teacher, you borrow a significant amount of money along the way, then you go into the profession with a very low salary," he said. "And then you try to pay off your student debt and perform your job as a teacher. And that's a very difficult invitation to accept."

The minimum wage for a teacher in Illinois



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is \$34,576 for the 2021-2022 school year and is scheduled to increase under state law to \$40,000 by the 2023-2024 school year.

An analysis of the survey results showed a strong correlation between the severity of the shortage and the average teacher salary in a given district. As teacher salaries increase, superintendents report less of a problem with teacher shortages.

The survey also found correlations between teacher shortages and a district's wealth. Districts with larger percentages of low-income students tended to have worse shortages while districts with large numbers of teachers holding master's degrees had less of a shortage.

Local superintendents also reported having difficulty recruiting teachers to work in certain parts of the state, especially remote rural areas. Eighty-seven percent of rural districts participating in the survey reported having a teacher shortage, compared to 76 percent of suburban districts and 62 percent of urban districts.

COVID-19 impact

As schools throughout the state were forced to shift to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic, two-thirds of the districts responding to the survey said it has reduced their need for substitute teachers. Meanwhile, most districts responding to the survey, 51 percent, said the pandemic has not resulted in higher turnover rates while nearly as many, 49 percent, said it does not appear to have had an impact on teacher burnout.

Some districts, however, said the pandemic has made finding substitutes more difficult amid a return to the classroom.

"COVID-19 has had the greatest impact on our substitute teacher shortage," Steven Wroblewski,

superintendent of La Salle-Peru Township High School in northwest Illinois, said in an interview. "Since our sub pool tends to be an older crowd, COVID-19 has kept many subs out of the schools for fear of catching the virus."

Thirty-seven percent of the districts surveyed reported they had hired additional teachers to meet the demands of COVID-19, while 40 percent said they had hired additional paraprofessionals.

In addition, early in the pandemic, Gov. JB Pritzker issued an executive order waiving certain licensing requirements for teachers, making it easier for new teachers and paraprofessionals to enter the profession, although some of those waivers have since expired.

However, two independent education consultants who wrote an analysis of the survey data, Bradford White and Thomas Withee, said the pandemic could have an impact on the supply of teachers in future years because it has depressed enrollment in higher education, exacerbating the downward trend in the number of students graduating from teacher preparation programs.

They also said it is still unclear how the pandemic might affect attrition rates going forward.

"The difficulty that districts are having with finding teachers to replace those that leave has escalated the need to improve the teacher retention rate," White and Withee wrote. "High attrition rates among school leaders pose a greater need for an expanded leadership pipeline of candidates."

But Jim Wolfinger, dean of Illinois State University's College of Education, the state's largest teacher preparation program, said in an interview that he is more hopeful that as the pandemic eases, interest in the teaching profession will rebound.

workplace, or if everything's going to be virtual, and what's it going to look like to go into, say, hospitality management, or into journalism, for that matter? What do those careers look like?" he said. "Whereas education is a pretty stable line of work. When you look at the salaries, people don't get rich, but it is a stable employer."

Recommendations

In the report, the regional superintendents offer a number of recommendations to ease the teacher shortage, such as continuing to extend some of the waivers Pritzker initiated to make it easier for new teachers to become licensed. One of those is the requirement that prospective teachers pass a test called the Teacher Performance Assessment, or edTPA, which Illinois lawmakers have considered in recent years but have not yet acted upon.

"Great work has been done to make the entry licensure requirements less strict. However, we must take a serious look at the effectiveness (and negative impact) of the edTPA," one unnamed local superintendent was quoted as saying in the survey.

Another recommendation is to expand on a program Illinois State University has launched to offer teacher training courses through satellite campuses throughout the state. That is an effort to attract more nontraditional candidates who might be considering a career change but are not otherwise in a position to pack up and move to university towns like Bloomington-Normal or Champaign-Urbana.

The regional superintendents also recommend Illinois lawmakers consider establishing a state-sponsored loan forgiveness program for teachers that go to work in schools and districts with the greatest shortages or in hard-to-fill subject areas.

ISU's Wolfinger and U of I's Anderson both agreed with that recommendation as well.

"We need federal support for scholarships for teachers as well," Anderson said. "But we have to decrease the cost of preparation. Otherwise, it's not going to be attractive to high school graduates. And that's the one thing that we can control in terms of government and colleges of education."

He said there is stability in teaching as the effects of the pandemic on other sectors of the economy remain to be seen.

"And to invest in a college degree, when you're not sure if you're going to be in a



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School Districts In Northwest Region Struggle With Teacher, Substitute Shortages

81 percent of northwest districts report a shortage problem in recent survey

by Tim Kirsininkas Capitol News Illinois

Editor's Note: Shaw Media Local News Network reporters Kelli Duncan, Cassie Buchman, Tom Collins, Kathleen Schultz and Katie Finlon contributed to this report.

Like the rest of the state, schools in northwest Illinois are facing an educator shortage which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new survey.

The 2020 Illinois Educator Shortage Study, released Monday by the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, indicates a majority of school districts that responded to its survey believe the problem is getting worse.

"Locally, our school data is very similar to what was found statewide in the IARSS survey. Districts reported that the teacher shortage is getting worse," said Chris Dvorak, superintendent of the La Salle, Marshall, and Putnam County Regional Office of Education.

"Our latest IARSS survey finds that Illinois continues to struggle with a teacher shortage. The shortage has been made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic," Dvorak said.

Each of the 853 school districts in the Illinois public school system has its own superintendent. In total, 591 responded to the survey.

The 38 regional superintendents of the IARSS, who act as intermediary between the Illinois State Board of Education and local school districts, developed and conducted the survey using Goshen Education Consulting.

More than half of the state's school districts said the location of their schools negatively impacted their ability to recruit new teachers, the most common reason cited in the survey. Many superintendents attributed a reluctance among prospective teachers from other areas to move to the rural parts of the state for work.

The northwest region, which includes counties from Jo Daviess to La Salle to Rock Island, reported the third highest levels of shortages out of the survey's seven regions. About 81 percent of school districts in the region responded to the 2020 survey, and 72 percent of those districts reported a problem with the number of available teachers.

"It is a very real problem, and one that I do not foresee getting any better in the near future," said Steven Wroblewski, superintendent of La Salle-Peru Township High School. "There are significant shortages of teachers in math, science and special education."

More than 60 percent of district superintendents in the region say the problems are getting much worse. Only 2 percent of districts in the northwest say their situation is improving.

"I worry for the small towns and rural communities that really make up the vast geography of Illinois, Wroblewski added. "There are too many districts with unfilled positions and folks teaching that do not have the proper qualifications."

Nick Reineck, assistant superintendent for

human resources and educational programs for the Sycamore school district in DeKalb County, said the area was already facing a teacher shortage before COVID-19. Some districts have now had to adjust resources and staffing levels to meet the needs of students.

"We already had openings we had struggled to fill before the pandemic hit," Reineck said. "We've been able to make things work. Everybody's stepping up and helping out where they can in each building."

Of the 97 responding school districts in the region, 12 had to cancel a class or a program due to not having a qualified teacher to manage it within the past year, and 13 had to move a class online for the same reason. In total, 34 classes were canceled and 46 were moved online.

The region has also reported a struggle to maintain a pool of substitute teachers to manage classes during an instructor's sick or off days.

Brent O'Daniell, superintendent for the Genoa-Kingston district in DeKalb County, said the number of applications the district is receiving for full-time teaching positions is reflective of a continuing downward trend.

"They've been cut in half to two-thirds of what they've been 10 years ago," O'Daniell said.

With four of five of its responding districts calling it a serious problem, DeKalb County reported the most difficulty in substitute staffing out of all counties in the northwest region.

Stephenson County reported the most severe shortage of full-time teachers, with all of its responding districts calling it a serious problem.

About 89 percent of northwest districts said they had some kind of shortage in substitute teachers, with 73 percent of districts saying it was a serious or major problem. Nearly half of all districts in the region say the availability of substitutes is significantly worse than 5 years ago, while a slim majority of all rural school districts in the state say the same.

"The substitute teacher shortage is dangerously high," Dvorak said.

Regional superintendents attributed the substitute shortage to a number of factors, primarily concerns among teachers over COVID-19.

"COVID-19 has had the greatest impact on our substitute teacher shortage," Wroblewski said. "Since our sub pool tends to be an older crowd, COVID-19 has kept many subs out of the schools for fear of catching the virus."

Every school district in the northwest region that responded to the survey anticipates some level of problems with substitute shortages in 2022 and 2023.

"I do worry as we start bringing more students back to school, whether we will see a return of our former subs that have taken a hiatus," Wroblewski added.

The IARSS study includes policy recommendations for education and state agencies such as the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the governor's office.

To deal with the current lack of qualified teachers, hybrid and remote learning will be pursued to grant students more access even when

a teacher is not available, along with a credit recovery system for students that miss out on integral classes as a result of COVID-19 and teacher shortages.

Dvorak said that moving forward, the organization will propose resources and ways for teachers to adapt to the "new normal" of teaching, push for new standards, establish teacher training pipelines, and explore ways to share the burden of teaching and support substitutes across school districts.

O'Daniell said that policy changes will be a key to keeping qualified teachers working in the state and to attract new teachers to join the field in the future.

"It's a challenge right now on top of a pandemic," O'Daniell said. "We have to find a way to make teaching a profession that people want to get involved in."

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The course topics cover integrated pest management, weed pests, insect pests, plant diseases, and application equipment and calibration. Short videos are followed by knowledge-check questions to help determine an applicator's readiness to be successful during the exam.

To register or view a list of additional training courses, visit Illinois PSEP's Training and Testing. If you will need an accommodation in order to participate, please email uie-psep@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

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OP-ED

JCAR and You: How A Rule Becomes A Law In Illinois

by Roger Eddy

Beginning on Jan. 1, 1978, an important process became law that very few people know about and even fewer people understand. But the Illinois Administrative Procurement Act affects your everyday life in a very real way, especially lately.

It subjects you to rules written by unelected

officials that eventually are acted upon by a small group of elected officials called the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, or JCAR. Its processes, however, were not included in the “Schoolhouse Rock” version of “How a Bill Becomes a Law.”

The act defines the authority and establishes a process by which state agencies in Illinois make rules to implement the intent of laws passed by the General Assembly. There are dozens of state agencies, board and commissions in Illinois, many of which hover over our everyday lives. Examples include the Illinois Departments of Public Health, Revenue, Corrections, Agriculture, Children and Family Services, Human Services, Military Affairs,

Veterans’ Affairs, State Police, State Board of Education, and the list goes on and on. You get the idea. Central Management Services (CMS) is the state agency that is supposed to oversee these entities. On the CMS website, it is noted there are more than 80 of these bodies. Most have rule-making authority.

According to the Procurement Act, state agencies take over where lawmakers leave off after a bill is passed and signed into law by the governor. The rules they set are supposed to carry through the intent of the legislation which created the authority for a specific state agency. There must be underlying legislation that can be cited for which the rule-making authority is granted.

Often, when I was a member of the House, I would scan the hundreds of bills proposed to look for the words, “subject to rule making authority.” When I saw those words, I knew that I was voting to yield some of my duty as a lawmaker to an unelected bureaucratic agency of the state. I also understood this authority could last forever or until a new law repealed it. Not often was there discussion about the intent and limitations of the rule-making authority being granted in the legislation. Keep in mind, these rules, once promulgated, have the effect of law and are enforceable by the executive branch. When Rod Blagojevich was governor, he refused to follow some of the rules and called JCAR “advisory.” The Illinois Supreme Court ruled otherwise when a pair of GOP operatives took Blagojevich to court. The court upheld the authority of JCAR as created by the 1978 Procurement Act.

Since these rules, written and proposed by bureaucracies and enforceable as law, can have a major effect on your life, you might wonder what this promulgation process entails.

The process of promulgation could be the subject of a full-length course. In short, the process begins with the rule being written by a state agency, board or commission granted that authority in legislation. The drafting of the proposed rule is not subject to public input. However, it then must be posted twice for public review and comment. The first notice must be published in something called the Illinois Register for at least 45 days. The second period is also 45 days and can include changes made to the rule. A third period of 45 days can also be added under certain circumstances. It can take up to a year in rare cases.

Eventually, the proposed rule is sent to JCAR for final action. JCAR is a quasi-legislative bipartisan panel of 12 elected officials — six Democrats and six Republicans appointed by the leaders of each of the four caucuses representing the Senate and House. They review the rule and determine whether it meets the requirement of being within the authority provided in the underlying statute or if it oversteps the authority granted.

JCAR can approve the rule with a Certificate of No Objection, make recommendations for changes, object, or issue a Filing Prohibition/Suspension. If the rule is approved with a Certificate of No Objection, the agency adopts the rule and files it with the secretary of state. It then becomes enforceable. A JCAR declaration of Prohibition or Suspension is a determination that the proposed rule is a threat to the public interest, safety or welfare. Then, by a three-fifths vote JCAR can prohibit the filing of the proposed rule.

All of this has come to light recently when high-profile rules passed by the Department of Public Health and State Board of Education have come under scrutiny. As a lawmaker, I was always concerned with the authority that the General Assembly punted to state agencies and JCAR. Lately, maybe the public is also becoming concerned?

Roger Eddy is a retired member of the Illinois House and served on the Special Investigative Committee on the impeachment of Rod Blagojevich. He served the 109th District as a Republican from 2003 to 2012. Recently, he authored a book highlighting the impeachment of Blagojevich. The book, “A Front Row Seat - The Impeachment of Rod Blagojevich,” is available from Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

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REAL ESTATE

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

CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC.; Plaintiff,
vs. 19 CH 103
ERIK L. BROZ AKA ERIK BROZ; UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON RECORD 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, April 8, 2021, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in the office of 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:

Commonly known as 2421 Ridgfield Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008. 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 The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. File Number F19080010

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

MIDLAND STATES BANK, as successor in interest to the Belvidere National Bank & Trust
Plaintiff, -v.- 20 CH 34
STEPHEN H. AMBROSE a/k/a STEPHEN H. AMBROSE, II,
TERESA J. AMBROSE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 30, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 22, 2021, 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 7.16 Acres of land located in Rural Boone County, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 04-20-200-006
The real estate is improved with vacant land.
The judgment amount was \$322,600.38.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information, WILLIAMSMCCARTHY LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 120 W. STATE STREET, P.O. BOX 219, Rockford, IL, 61105 (815) 987-8900.

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.

WILLIAMSMCCARTHY LLP
120 W. STATE STREET, P.O. BOX 219
Rockford IL, 61105
815-987-8900

E-Mail: TSandquist@wilmac.com
Case Number: 20 CH 34
TJSC#: 41-195

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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FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
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BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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All that part of the North 9 Acres of the East Half (1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 20, Township 45 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian lying Easterly of the following described premises,

described as follows, to-wit: A part of the East Half (1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 20, Township 45 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section a distance of 33.0 feet South 89 degrees 53'36" East of the Northwest corner of the East Half (1/2) of said Quarter (1/4) Section; thence South 89 degrees 53'36" East along the said North line a distance of 187.91 feet; thence South 00 degrees 09'32" West parallel with the West line of the East Half (1/2) of said Quarter (1/4) Section a distance of 352.71 feet to the Northerly right of way of Chicago and Northwestern Railroad; thence South 51 degrees 40'16" West along said Northerly right of way line a distance of 240.06 feet a point 33.00 feet perpendicular distant from the West line of the East Half (1/2) of said Quarter (1/4) Section; thence North 00 degrees 09'32" East parallel with said West line a distance of 501.94 feet to the place of beginning, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Railroad Right of Way; RESERVING THEREFROM for the benefit of the Grantors an exclusive easement over the Easterly 20 feet of said premises; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

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

NORTHWEST BANK OF ROCKFORD, Plaintiff,
VS. 2020 CH 36
THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY C. SKARADZINSKI, DECEASED,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT THE TREASURY- INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE, TINA ZMIJEWSKI, ARIEL ZMIJEWSKI, GF
SIDING CORPORATION, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, GF COMPANY, STATE OF
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, HIBU INC.,
f/k/a YELLOWBOOK INC., f/k/a YELLOW BOOK SALES AND
DISTRIBUTION COMPANY INC., GF PREMIER GROUP,
LLC d/b/a GF COMPANY, UNKNOWN OTHERS, NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN TENANTS, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS
AT LAW OR LEGATEES OF JEFFREY C. SKARADZINSKI,)
CLAIMANTS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY C.
SKARADZINSKI, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THE REQUISITE Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Ariel Zmijewski, GF Siding Corporation, GF Company, GF Premier Group LLC d/b/a GF Company, The Unknown Heirs at Law or Legatees of Jeffrey C. Skaradzinski, deceased, Claimants against the Estate of Jeffrey C. Skaradzinski, Unknown Others, Non record Claimants and Unknown Tenants, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, against you praying for a foreclosure of a mortgage upon the following property:

Part of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 20, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, to-wit: Beginning on the South line of the Right of Way of U.S. Highway Business Route 20 at a point 511.00 feet West of the East line of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Section 20, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, and approximately 60.0 feet South of the North line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); running thence South 00 degrees 24'39" West, 642.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 15'33" West, 350.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 24'39" East 341.94 feet; thence North 89 degrees 15' 33" East, parallel with said South Right of Way line 185.49 feet; thence North 00 degrees 44'27" West, 300.0 feet to the South line of the Right of Way of U.S. Highway Business Route 20; thence North 89 degrees 15'33" East along said Right of Way line, 170.54 feet to the point of beginning; ALSO Part of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 20, in Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, to-wit: Beginning on the South line of the Right of Way of U.S. Highway Business Route 20 at a point 681.54 feet West of the East line of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 20, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian and approximately 60.0 feet South of the North line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); running thence South 0 degrees 44'27" East, 300.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 15'33" West 185.49 feet; thence North 0 degrees

24'39" East 300.06 feet to the South line of the Right of Way of U.S. Highway Business Route 20 ; thence North 89 degrees 15' 33" East 179.46 feet to the point of beginning; EXCEPTING THEREFROM, that portion deeded to the State of Illinois by Warranty Deed recorded March 14, 1994 as Document No. 94-2190; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

Commonly known as: 1901 Business Route 20 Belvidere, Illinois 61008
P.I.N. Number: 05-20-400-023

And for other relief, that the action was filed on or about June 26, 2020, that Summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is still pending. The record titleholder of the real estate is The Estate of Jeffrey C. Skaradzinski. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Mortgagor - Jeffrey C. Skaradzinski
Mortgagee - Northwest Bank of Rockford
Date of Mortgage - June 13, 2011.
Date of Recording - June 20, 2011
County of Recording - Boone
Recording Document - 2011R03733

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, Ariel Zmijewski, GF Siding Corporation, GF Company, GF Premier Group LLC d/b/a GF Company, the Unknown Heirs at Law or Legatees of Jeffrey C. Skaradzinski, Claimants against the Estate of Jeffrey C. Skaradzinski, Unknown Others, Non Record Claimants and Unknown Tenants, the said Defendants, file your Answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein in the said Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, 601 N. Main Street Belvidere, Illinois 61008 on or before March 30, 2021, which is at least 30 days after the date of the first publication of this notice, default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated at Rockford, IL on the 16th day of February, 2021.

Linda J. Anderson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Boone County, Illinois
Plaintiff's Attorney
Timothy F. Horning
MEYER & HORNING, P.C.
3400 N. Rockton Avenue
Rockford, IL 61103
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC.; Plaintiff,
vs. 19 CH 103

ERIK L. BROZ AKA ERIK BROZ; UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON RECORD 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, April 8, 2021, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in the office of 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 ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE (149) IN FARMINGTON, PHASE 4, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) AND SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED NOVEMBER 25, 1996 AS DOCUMENT NO. 96-8213 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 06-31-329-008.

Commonly known as 2421 Ridgfield Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

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 The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. File Number F19080010

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO SELL VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS OWNED REAL ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois ("Village") proposes and intends to sell the following Village owned real estate, commonly known as 100 East Street, Poplar Grove, IL with PIN 04-19-153-011:

A PORTION OF LOT 1 IN EDENFRUIT, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2001R02233 ON MARCH 14TH, 2001 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, THENCE N 00° 07' 47" E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 43.95 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE, S 89° 24' 04" E, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 97.71 FEET; THENCE S 00° 07' 47" W, PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE, 43.95 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE N 89° 24' 04" W ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 97.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE, BOONE COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS.;

The Village is hereby accepting sealed written bids for the purchase of the above-listed property. All bids should contain the name of the bidder and the bid price for the property. All bids should be placed and sealed in an envelope addressed to: Village of Poplar Grove, Attn: Village Clerk, 200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065. The front of the envelope should also include a reference to which property the particular bid is regarding.

All properties are being sold in "AS IS/WHERE IS" condition with payment by the successful bidder due in full at the time of closing. Any title insurance desired by successful bidder shall be at successful bidder's expense. The successful bidder shall enter into a real estate contract with the Village setting forth all the terms of the sale of the real estate.

The Village will open all bids during the regularly scheduled Village Board meeting held on March 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065. In order to be considered, a bid must be received by the Village by no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 17, 2021. Any bid which is not received by the Village by said deadline shall not be considered by the Village.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

No. 21-JA-06

In The Interest of: Arrian Pasley, minor
Andre Pasley/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on January 27, 2021, 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 Arrian Pasley, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:30 P.M. central daylight time on 03/11/2021 & 04/08/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory 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 THE 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 RIGHT 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 amend 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: February 8, 2021, Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT BOONE COUNTY
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR
NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Case No. 21-MR-16
REQUEST OF: DAVID JOHN BONKOWSKI to change name my name from: DAVID JOHN BONKOWSKI; to the new name of: DAVID JOHN BOND. The court date will be held: on April 20, 2021, at 9:45a.m., at 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL Boone County in Courtroom #4
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

No. 21-JA-07

In The Interest of: Omarion Pasley, minor
Andre Pasley/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on January 27, 2021, 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 Omarion Pasley, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:30 P.M. central daylight time on 03/11/2021 & 04/08/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory 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 THE 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 RIGHT 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 amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Averiella Smalley minor
No. 21-JA-05

Thomas Smalley/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on January 21, 2021, 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 Averiella Smalley, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 03/11/2021 & 04/29/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory 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 THE 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 RIGHT 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 amend 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: February 17, 2021, Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Raelynn Page, minor
No. 21-JA-3

Jessie Herbig/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on January 20, 2021, 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 Raelynn Page, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 03/11/2021 & 04/22/2021; or as soon thereafter as this

cause may be heard, an adjudicatory 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 THE 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 RIGHT 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 amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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Dated: February 22, 2021 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Arianna Smalley minor

No. 20-JA-28

Thomas Smalley/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on October 28, 2020, 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 Arianna Smalley, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 03/11/2021 & 04/29/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory 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 THE 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 RIGHT 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 amend 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: February 17, 2021 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
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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 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:

The applicant, Boone County, 1212 Logan Ave. Belvidere, IL 61008, is requesting a text amendment pursuant to Section 2.10 (Text and Map Amendments, Comprehensive Plan Amendments) Sub Section 2.10.1 (General Procedure for Zoning Text Amendments) in regards to amending the zoning ordinance Section 5.1.6 (Mobile Homes Prohibited) Sub Section A.

The applicant, Karl Johnson, 10500 Saddle Path Road Belvidere, IL 61008, is requesting a variance pursuant to section 3.2.4 (Lot Development Standards) of Section 3.2 (Agricultural Preservation District) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction in front setback to approximately 60 feet, a decrease of 15 feet for an accessory structure at 10500 Saddle Path Road Belvidere, IL 61008 PIN: 05-08-100-027, 8-44-3 TOM JONES REALTOR'S RURAL ACRES SUB E 262.67' LOT 2 10500 SADD

The applicant, Manchester Township 20904 Grade School Road Caledonia, IL 61011, is requesting a variance pursuant to Section 3.2.4 (Lot Development Standards) of Section 3.2 (Agricultural Preservation District) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction in front setback to approximately 5 feet, a decrease of 35 feet for an accessory structure at 20904 Grade School Road Caledonia, IL 61011 PIN: 01-21-200-035, 21-46-3 PT NE 1/4; BEG 1535.61' N SE COR NE 1/4 SWLY 250.44' N 465.25' E 2

The applicant, Richard Franseen, 22799 HWY 76 Poplar Grove, IL 61065, is requesting a Special Use Permit under Section 2.7 (Special Use) and Section 3.16.1 (Table of Permitted Uses) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance to allow an accessory dwelling unit in the A-1, Agricultural Preservation District at 22799 IL Route 76 Poplar Grove, IL 61065. PIN: 01-11-200-001, 11-46-3 NE (EX PT TAKEN FOR RD AS IN 94-1503).

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

Tony Savino, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals
Published in the Boone County Journal on March 5, 2021

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

PUVITI CARMONA, Plaintiff
-VS- CASE # 20D-838

SHAWN CARMONA JR, Defendant

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Plaintiff appears Self Represented; Defendant appears Not Present - Not Served

THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE OF THE TRIAL DATE. YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE AND (IF APPLICABLE) PAY A FEE, OR YOU MAY BE FOUND IN DEFAULT. SEE ROOM 108.

Cause continued to 03/25/21 at 1:30 p.m. for status on publication and possible prove up.

Notice is given to you, RICHARD ALLEN HITT, Defendant that this cause has

Dated: 02-11-2021
Joseph P. Bruscato
Winnebago County, Illinois
Published in Boone County Journal 3/5, 12, 19 - C

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

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF
ERIKA SANTACRUZ PARTIDA Plaintiff

-VS- CASE # 20 D-139

LUIS CANDIDO TALAVERA Defendant
AMENDED PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN YOU, Luis Candido Talavera, Defendant, in the above-entitled action, that a suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, State of Illinois by Plaintiff Erika Santacruz Partida, against you praying for a Judgement of Dissolution of Marriage to said Erika Santacruz Partida, and for other relief.

NOW THEREFORE, you are further notified that, unless you, Luis Candido Talavera, the said Defendant, file your Answer to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in said suit, or otherwise make your Appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere Illinois, 61008 on or before April 21, 2021, default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my Office in Belvidere, Illinois this 16th day of February, 2021

Linda J. Anderson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
17th Judicial Circuit
Boone County, Illinois
Published in Boone County Journal 2/26, 3/5, 12

ASSUMED NAMES

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a skin care, hair, makeup and waxing business in said County and State under the name of Diana's Skin Care LLC at the following post office address: 220 Lynne Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Diana Basurto, 220 Lynne Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #708-476-1287.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 11th day of February, A.D. 2021

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journal February 19, 26 March 5

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a construction business in said County and State under the name of M.A.E. Drywall and Construction at the following post office address: 1817 13th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Eligio Valenzuela, 1817 13th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #815-980-6166.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 23rd day of February, A.D. 2021

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journal February 26, March 5, 12

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a event equipment rental and services business in said County and State under the name of Monark Event Rentals, LLC at the following post office address: 3665 Poole Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Kyle R. Baars, 628 East Madison Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; Vicryc Martinez, 628 East Madison Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #779-707-0921.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 18th day of February, A.D. 2021

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journal February 26, March 5, 12

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a gaming parlor business in said County and State under the name of Rosa's Slots at the following post office address: 884 Belvidere Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Rose Mary L Leggio, 7548 Western Gales Drive, Rockford, IL 61107; phone #815-243-2789.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 26th day of February, A.D. 2021

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a pet waste removal business in said County and State under the name of Prairie Land Pet Waste Removal at the following post office address: 3791 Shattuck Road, Garden Prairie, IL 61038 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Grant Griffis, 3791 Shattuck Road, Garden Prairie, IL 61038; phone #815-362-6090.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 1st day of March, A.D. 2021

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journal March 5, 12, 19

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a siding and contracting business in said County and State under the name of Ace Contracting at the following post office address: 1526 Ruby Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Rafael Avila, 1526 Ruby Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #815-621-9192.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2021

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journal March 5, 12, 19

Former Illinois Lawmakers Face Federal Charges

by Sarah Mansur Capitol News Illinois

One former member of the Illinois General Assembly was indicted, along with his two sons, on charges of tax evasion this week, while a second former lawmaker pleaded not guilty in a separate case that alleged he committed federal tax fraud, among other charges.

Former Republican state Sen. Sam McCann, 51, pleaded not guilty on Tuesday, through his court-appointed public defender, to charges of fraud, money laundering and tax evasion related to his alleged misuse of more than \$200,000 in campaign funds.

McCann was a 2018 gubernatorial candidate for the Conservative Party and was a state senator representing the Springfield area from 2011 until January 2019. He was charged earlier this month by federal prosecutors in Springfield.

Former Democratic state representative Edward Acevedo, 57, was charged with four counts of willfully failing to file an income tax return and two counts of tax evasion by federal prosecutors in Chicago, led by U.S. Attorney John Lausch Jr.

Lausch, who was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2017 with the endorsement of Illinois' senators, will remain in his job, despite some initial uncertainty about whether President Joe Biden would nominate a new U.S. Attorney in Chicago. The Chicago Sun-Times and Chicago Tribune reported he will keep the job at least until a successor is named despite Biden's request that U.S. attorneys who were nominated by former President Donald Trump resign by the end of the month.

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth released a statement this week that acknowledges the President's right to select U.S. Attorneys, but states "there is precedent for U.S. Attorneys in the Northern District of Illinois to remain in office to conclude sensitive investigations," the statement reads.

"We are pleased the Biden Administration is acting on our request to retain U.S. Attorney Lausch until his successor is confirmed by the Senate," they said in the statement. "Mr. Lausch has served with professionalism and without partisanship... After our repeated calls, we appreciate that Mr. Lausch will be given this opportunity."

Among those sensitive investigations is Lausch's investigation into utility giant Commonwealth Edison's scheme to bribe associates of former House Speaker Michael Madigan, through no-work jobs and contracts, over a period of several years to ensure the General Assembly passed legislation favorable to the company.

In June, the Chicago Tribune reported that Acevedo revealed he was interviewed by federal law enforcement regarding his consulting fees connected to lobbying for ComEd. Acevedo told the Tribune he worked as a consultant paid by a former Democratic lawmaker, John Bradley, who was then a contract lobbyist for ComEd.

Acevedo received income from an unnamed Illinois company in 2017 and 2018 but "he attempted to evade taxes for those years by receiving payments in cash and handling his affairs in a manner so as to avoid the creation and maintenance of customary business and accounting records," according to the indictment.

Acevedo, who served in the Illinois General

Assembly from 1997 to 2017 representing Chicago's 2nd House District, is also charged with failing to file income taxes from 2015 to 2018.

The indictment does not make any mention of ComEd or the bribery scheme, referencing the unnamed company as Company A.

Acevedo is set to appear in U.S. District Court at 1:30 p.m. on March 5.

His sons, Michael and Alex Acevedo, were also charged with tax offenses. Michael Acevedo, 34, faces three counts of willfully failing to file an income tax return and one count of willfully filing a false tax return. Alex Acevedo, 35, faces two counts of willfully filing a false tax return.

Burge-Era Police Torture Victim Sues City Of Chicago, Ex-CPD Officers For \$66M

Robert Smith files lawsuit after wrongfully convicted, served 33 years in prison

by Sarah Mansur Capitol News Illinois

One of the men who was tortured into giving a false confession by officers working under late Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge is suing the city and its former police officers for more than \$66 million in damages.

Robert Smith, who was wrongfully convicted for a 1987 double murder, spent more than 33 years in prison but was declared innocent in November after successfully filing a claim with the state agency tasked with investigating police torture claims committed during Burge's tenure, the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission, in 2011.

The Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission, which was established by the state General Assembly in 2009, allows individuals to pursue torture claims in the court system that would otherwise be prevented by the statute of limitations. Claims evaluated by the commission must involve allegations that police tortured an individual to obtain a confession if that confession was then used to convict the individual.

The General Assembly expanded the commission's scope in 2016 to include all claims of police torture, not only those committed by Burge and his associates.

Smith's lawsuit claims the officers' use of torture to coerce his confession and their fabrication of evidence at his trial amounts to a violation of his constitutional rights.

Burge, a Chicago Police Department Violent Crimes Lieutenant, was fired in 1993 after the Chicago Police Board ruled that he had used torture on crime suspects in his precincts. He was convicted of perjury in 2010 for lying about torturing suspects, and was sentenced in 4 1/2 years in prison. He died in 2018.

The eight-person Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission — comprised of retired judges, attorneys and members of the public — determines whether "there is sufficient credible evidence of torture" to warrant review by the courts. If the claims are deemed credible, the commission can issue a report on the claim and file the report with the local circuit court.

Smith's case is one of 34 claims that have been referred to court for further judicial review while 101 claims have been denied or summarily dismissed, according to TIRC Executive Director Rob Olmstead. The commission has approximately 515 open claims remaining, according to Olmstead.

Smith, 72, was imprisoned for the Sept. 19, 1987, double murders of his wife's mother and grandmother, who were found with their throats slit in their home, on the city's south side, which had been set on fire when police arrived on the scene.

Chicago police officers arrested Smith that same day and he was interrogated for about 19 hours.

During his interrogation, Smith was beaten, kicked in the head, choked, slapped in the head and threatened with further violence, according to the TIRC report in Smith's case.

He agreed to the written confession provided by the officers, but refused to sign the document. Although unsigned, state prosecutors used his confession against him at trial.

Smith was convicted at his trial in August 1990 and sentenced to life in prison.

In July 2013, the TIRC ruled his torture claim was credible, and submitted its report on his case to the Cook County Circuit Court, which finally vacated Smith's murder conviction in October 2020.

Smith's civil rights lawsuit, filed in federal court on Monday, names the city of Chicago as well as former Chicago Police Superintendent Phillip Cline; former CPD Detectives Daniel McWeeny, Steven Brownfield, William Pedersen, John Solecki, M. Rowan, and the late John Yucaitis; and former Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Raymond Brogan.

Smith is represented by Chicago civil rights attorneys Stuart Chanen and Ariel Olstein, of Chanen & Olstein.

"No amount of money will constitute 'justice' for what the defendants did to Robert Smith (which the system then ignored and covered up for 33 years) but the City could at least help bend the arc of the moral universe in that direction by admitting what these defendants did and compensating Robert for the 33 years of his life that were lost," Chanen said in a news release.

A spokesperson for the city Department of Law said the department is reviewing the lawsuit and does not have a comment at this time.

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