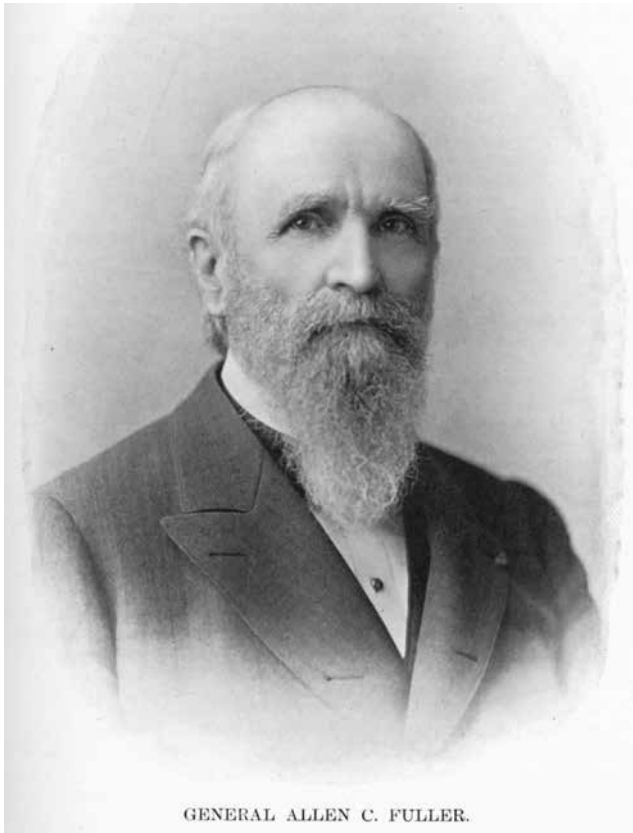


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People Form Governments

Early settlers resolved conflicts and cooperated in Belvidere and Boone County and formed governments.

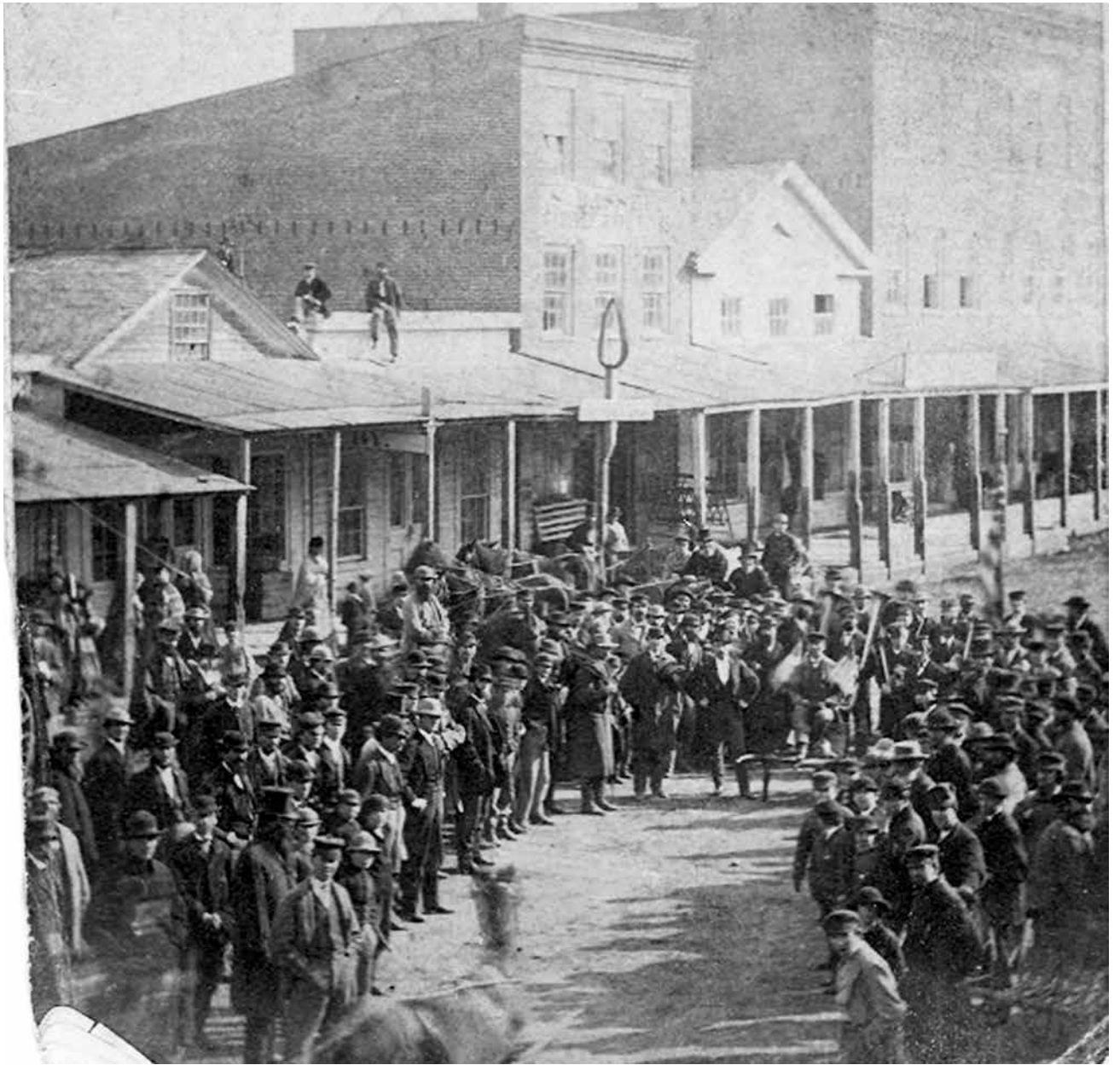
by David Larson

Imagine a family deciding to settle here prior to other European settlers. Life was unencumbered with the responsibility of citizenship. Then, just as life was unfolding perfectly without a government, the neighbors show up, and then more, and then more. Soon something has to be done to preserve order. So how do you do that? This picture may be something of a record of this happening in early Belvidere.

A group of men have gathered in a U-shaped throng. A gathering of general interest, drawing spectators sitting on rooftops observing. At the far end, an individual is sitting on an elevated chair bordered by American flags. Why? What is the significance of this person? Who are the individuals who appear to be dressed more formally than the rustic dress common in the crowd. Behind the man on the elevated chair is a band of horns and drums. The event was clearly an important event for the community to be enhanced with celebratory music. Music came early to Belvidere and persists.

The photographer, perched on a roof or at a second story window, opened his shutter at the moment when a horse drawn carriage appears, in a blur, to be entering the circle, and proceeding toward the man in the elevated chair with the band behind him. All eyes are drawn to the blur entering the circle. What could this possibly mean? The temperament of the crowd reflects the solemnity of an occasion. Perhaps an act of governing, such as responding to a call to arms by Lincoln.

Perhaps it is the arrival of the district State Representative delivering news, having traveled all the way from Rockford. Perhaps the individual who does not appear to be dressed as someone living a frontier farming life to the left



of the seated individual is the young attorney, Allen Fuller, acting as legal counsel or simply a respected individual waiting for the event to unfold.

Allen Fuller often served as a leader for the early Belvidere community. He, in cooperation with other pioneers set a course for Belvidere that still stands as the core of the city.

What would be the form of government for these early settlers who were drawn to the West for various reasons. It is doubtful that most had any education about the U. S. Constitution (which is now mandatory to graduate from high school in Illinois). Instead, their knowledge consisted of values and concepts passed by word-of-mouth or learned from a newspaper—if the individual could read. Many were first generation immigrants, and depending on which part of Europe they were coming from, would have given them more or less exposure to a democratic culture. Alternatively, perhaps the sense of democracy is an original, natural form of government and no intellectual traditions are required.

For the first time in a State of the Union address, Belvidere was mentioned by President Biden this past week. Biden called Belvidere a comeback story. He recognized the UAW's influence in Stellantis' decision to reopen the manufacturing plant, which is projected to create 4,000 union jobs.

Biden said these union jobs create a middle class with better pay. And, speaking to the country, and by extension, it is now up to Belvidere to

cease the opportunity that this has presented.

What do we want Belvidere to become? A cookie-cutter town made by the influence of outside economic opportunists or an original, thriving city uniquely situated in Northern Illinois that is able to optimize opportunity by choosing its own destiny? It takes a government that can do the job.

Belvidere can't rest on its laurels. We must build our future rather than wait for it.

State Commission Says Illinois Underfunds Public Universities By \$1.4 Billion

Body was formed by General Assembly in 2021 to consider new funding formula

By Cole Longcor Capitol News Illinois

A state commission created in 2021 has issued a new report calculating that public universities in Illinois are underfunded by approximately \$1.4 billion.

The Commission on Equitable Public University Funding is made up of 34 members, including legislators, representatives from

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Audrey Davey

February 4, 1934 – February 29, 2024

Audrey was born February 4, 1934 when her parents James Nash and Josephine Glavincheff Nash were working and resident at the New Llano Colony in New Llano, Louisiana. After her sister Jean was born, the family relocated to Maywood IL and later Leaf River IL, where Audrey would graduate from high school. She did coursework at Northern Illinois University, joining Kappa Delta sorority, before marrying William Davey – United

States Marine Corps CW4 (Korea) - of Rockford IL in 1957, with whom she shared a kindred patriotism and love of country. Even as her health declined, Audrey always made sure she was flying the American flag on the 4th of July.

The love of Audrey's life was a place. A historic, rural farmstead in Manchester Township, Boone County IL to which Bill, Audrey, and their two daughters moved in 1971, and where she remained for the next 50 years. It was there she was happiest, surrounded by an ever-evolving menagerie of Morgan horses, dogs, cats, and the occasional rescued cottontail or bird. She was especially fond of babies of any species. It is to this place that Audrey will be returned.

Audrey is survived by her sister Jean Marie Nash Luett (Jim), her daughters Tricia Davey and Rachel Davey Nelan (Conor), her three grandsons Wyatt Hunter, Nash Hadle, and Remy Nelan, her niece and nephew Jennifer Vital and James Bobitt and their families, and many cousins in southwest Louisiana.

Words cannot express the heroic efforts undertaken by the staff of Autumn Lake Healthcare in Beloit to maintain Audrey's health, comfort, and dignity while she was resident there. Their perseverance and grace will always be remembered.

No services for Audrey will be held. Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Rd., Beloit, WI, assisted the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.daleymurphywisch.com

brother-in-law Thomas R. Moss, nephew Patrick Moss, grandson Lil' David Ward, and great-grandson River. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 40 years Laura Marcellus, devoted children John Ward and Lindsay Marcellus (John Chin), daughter-in-law Laura Ward, sister Darcie (Michael) Chamberlain, grandchildren Joseph, Jeremy, and Geordi Marcellus Chin, Jennifer (Paul) Meyer, and Kathleen and Joshua Ward, and great-grandchildren Daniel and Natallia. He is also loved and missed by his cousin Carol (Jim) Godsey, his host daughter Ericka Abreu, his sisters- and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews, and friends.

Dean's warmth, compassion, trustworthiness, playful spirit, steadfast faith, and willingness to serve others touched the lives of many in his community. He was gentle with both people and animals - always ready with a "kind word and a smile." While he often lightened a situation with his sense of humor, he did not shy away from difficulty, and is remembered by many for listening to and accompanying them during painful experiences. He lived with integrity and in accordance with his faith and had a profound trust in divine providence.

He took delight in his children and grandchildren, and his passion for education, tendency to look "outside the box," commitment to life-long learning, love of languages (and wordplay), willingness to stand up for what was right despite the cost, and dedication to those around him will live on in the hearts of those who love him.

A funeral Mass was held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at St. James Catholic Church, 402 Church St., Belvidere, IL 61008. Interment of his ashes followed at Highland Garden of Memories. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. The family would like to thank Symphony Northwoods and Heartland Hospice for maintaining his comfort during these last several months.



- Angelina Bruscato, 17, Belvidere, March 7
- Thomas Duffy, 69, Poplar Grove, March 5
- Mario Jaime, 65, Belvidere, March 7
- Diana Petersen, 83, Marengo, March 6
- Corine "Cory" Popp, 64, Poplar Grove, Dec. 3
- June Sowa, 93, Belvidere, March 5

Dean Anthony Marcellus

Dean Anthony Marcellus, beloved husband, devoted father and stepfather, cherished grandfather and brother, entered his eternal rest on March 1, 2024 at Symphony Northwoods in Belvidere, IL. Born on February 4, 1944 in Louisville, KY to Augusta Marie (Stichweh) and Lawrence Keith Marcellus, Dean and his family moved to Belvidere when he was 10 years old. He attended St. James Catholic School, then Belvidere High School, before going to the University of Notre Dame, where he studied Spanish and Russian and graduated magna cum laude.

After earning his bachelor's degree, Dean served his country honorably in Vietnam as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon completing his tour of duty and returning home, he helped his father with the family business, Marcellus Industries, eventually running the business for several decades. Dean married the love of his life, Laura, on June 9, 1984 in Notre Dame, IN.

A lifelong and devout Catholic, Dean was an active member of St. James Parish, attending daily Mass and participating in the ministry to those who are homebound for decades. He also enjoyed serving as a lector, teaching religious education, and volunteering with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Dean was highly civic-minded and involved in the affairs of the Belvidere community.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, children Galen Lawrence Marcellus, Kathleen Joanne Ward and Michael Andrew ("Andy") Ward, brother Dale A. Marcellus, sister Dolores A. Moss,

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public universities, and members of advocacy organizations.

It found that dedicating an added \$100 million to \$135 million annually to public universities would allow the state to bridge the funding gap in 10-15 years.

The commission's co-chair, Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Westchester, was among several of its members to outline its findings at a Capitol news conference Wednesday.

"When institutions are underfunded, they are unable to provide the necessary resources and support to all students," Lightford said. "This perpetrates a cycle of inequalities, where those from affluent backgrounds have access to better education, and subsequently better opportunities, while others are left behind."

Without state funding the financial burden has fallen on students. Ralph Martire, the executive director at the left-leaning Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, said the amount of operational funding covered by the state has decreased from 72 percent covered in 2002 to 35 percent in 2021.

Martire said that as the cost to students goes up, college becomes less accessible. Lack of access to higher education perpetuates systemic issues such as income inequality.

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"We are making higher ed more unaffordable for everyone in Illinois generally," Martire, who served on the commission, said. "But in particular, for low-income families and families that have been marginalized for decades."

Higher education has seen increased funding under the Pritzker administration, notably for the Monetary Award Program, or MAP grants. In the current fiscal year, the state allocated over \$700 million in MAP funding, up from about \$401 million when Pritzker took office in 2019. The state's total higher education budget is just over \$2.5 billion in the current fiscal year.

Commission co-chair Rep. Carol Ammons, D-Urbana, said that while investments including MAP have helped students and universities, more needs to be done.

"For decades, the state has used a system that largely provides resources based on the negotiations that happen across the board," Ammons said. "But all institutions are not the same."

Janice Jackson, CEO of Hope Chicago, said in an interview that the commission looked at student needs as well the support and funding that first generation, low-income, and minority students may need "not only to get in college, but more

importantly to persist and complete college."

The commission has been working to develop a formula to bridge the gap in funding. By setting targets for each university and subtracting their established resources, the commission calculated the gap in funding for each public university. Public universities, including all sources of available funding, are currently at 68.5 percent funding adequacy collectively.

"The single most important driver of student success and of equity in higher education is in our control. We can control what we invest and how we invest it," Robin Steans, a commission member and president of the education advocacy group Advance Illinois, said. "And you may be wondering, why haven't we done that before? And part of it is we didn't have a roadmap. We do now."

The commission looked at funding models from five states including Tennessee and California as well as Illinois' K-12 Evidence-Based Funding model. The commission decided to base the higher education formula on the K-12 model.

"This may sound familiar, by the way, because this is what we did in K-12, to remarkable success to national acclaim," Steans said. "It's more complicated to do it in higher education."

The K-12 model sets an individual funding adequacy target for each district and calls for an added \$350 million in state funding each year. The bulk of that money is directed to districts that are furthest from the adequacy target.

The commission laid out three possible time frames for bringing districts closer to funding adequacy.

In the first, if the state increased funding by \$135 million annually, or 12 percent, all public universities would be fully funded in 10 years. If the state invested \$100 million more annually, a 9 percent annual increase, all institutions would be fully funded in 15 years.

If the state committed a 5 percent funding increase – or about \$60 million each year – the statewide target would increase from 68.5 percent to 79 percent, according to the report.

Gov. JB Pritzker's budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year 2025 would increase public university funding by about \$24.6 million.

The commission's report will be part of subject matter hearings next week.

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Capitol Briefs:

By Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker was in Normal Tuesday to call attention to recent state funding for manufacturing training academies – including at Heartland Community College.

The governor and college officials celebrated the new 45,000-square-foot facility that opened in January. It includes remodeled space to support programs such as robotics, HVAC, welding and digital media, as well as a newly constructed EV lab.

It was partially funded with a \$7.5 state investment in a previous fiscal year from the Rebuild Illinois capital infrastructure program. The state at the time also allocated \$7.5 million for a similar facility at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville.

The training academy program was designed to develop advanced manufacturing training centers to house programs such as electric vehicle technology, renewable energy and robotics. State leaders said a goal was to help community colleges prepare the workforce for area industries – such as EV manufacturer Rivian in Bloomington – and create partnerships between community colleges, businesses and economic development organizations.

Pritzker's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2025 would include another \$24 million in infrastructure funding for similar projects at other community colleges.

"Heartland now serves as a model," Gov. Pritzker said at the ribbon cutting Tuesday. "That's why in the budget that I proposed last week, I've proposed an investing another \$24 million for manufacturing training academies so that other communities can benefit from the trail that you're blazing right here in central Illinois."

Cultural districts

At the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture on Monday, Gov. JB Pritzker and other government officials announced the creation of 10 "cultural districts" in Chicago, Champaign and Springfield.

These cultural districts include ethnic enclaves in Chicago and historically Black neighborhoods in Champaign and Springfield.

The program, outlined in a 2021 state law that passed with bipartisan support, allows the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to provide technical assistance and grants to neighborhoods that have been historically impacted by gentrification, displacement and economic disinvestment.

Puerto Rican Cultural Center Executive Director Jose Lopez – who Pritzker described as the "godfather" of Puerto Rico town – said in addition to spurring economic growth, the designations send a political message.

"Our very humanity is prefaced on the incredible differences that we have here, that we have in this room, in this city, in this state and in the United States," Lopez said Monday "This designation is a counter narrative to the



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politics of hate and division.”

Five more districts will be designated in 2025, with a focus on downstate and rural communities, according to the governor’s office. Districts will be eligible to apply for \$3 million in funding once the final districts are selected.

Parks and Recreation

The state announced 111 parks and recreation projects throughout Illinois will receive a portion of \$55 million in state funding this year.

The Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant program administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is a cost-sharing program between state and local governments to help further outdoor recreation projects.

Gov. JB Pritzker’s office noted \$18.7 million of the funding will go toward projects in 32 economically or physically distressed communities. Those categories are calculated based on land value, poverty rates and whether the area has experienced a natural disaster or catastrophic event.

The awards included a \$600,000 grant for the Carbondale Park District in Jackson County, which will oversee a renovation of Crispus Attucks Park that includes the replacement of playground equipment that will make it disabled-accessible.

Harristown, in Macon County, will receive \$150,000 to build a park and playground with a pavilion, sitting areas, walking path, disabled-accessible playground, and a basketball and pickleball court.

The city of Toulon in Stark County will receive \$600,000 to renovate a city park to include a splash pad, resurfacing a half-basketball court, and making a full basketball court a multi-use space. Playground equipment will also be made disabled-accessible.

Projects in 45 counties will receive funding from the OSLAD program this year.

A full list of local entities receiving OSLAD grants can be found here.

Comptroller urges awareness of tax scams

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza is warning Illinoisans of email, telephone and mail tax scams as the 2024 filing season begins.

One scam, for example, may contain a letter in a cardboard envelope with an IRS letterhead that contains the text “about your unclaimed refund.” That letter may request personal information such as a photo of a driver’s license or Social Security number. The contact information on the letter, however, does not belong to the IRS.

Telephone scammers often target recent immigrants and threaten arrest or deportation if the person doesn’t send payment, often in the form of a gift card or wire transfer.

“Remember, neither the state nor the federal government will call taxpayers, threatening them and demanding payment via a wire transfer, or credit or debit card,” Mendoza said in a statement.

Mendoza’s office noted some Illinoisans have been targeted for false unemployment claims. The state sends 1099-G forms to people who have claimed unemployment. If you receive such a form but did not collect such benefits, you can contact the Illinois Department of Employment Security to report fraud.

Email and text message scams use the IRS logo seeking personal or financial information. Anyone receiving such an email can report it to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.

Individuals should also avoid tax preparers who are unwilling to sign the forms they have prepared.

Once tax returns are filed, Illinoisans can track their state tax refund at myrefund.illinoiscomptroller.gov.

New State Police facility designs

The Illinois State Police released designs for a new headquarters and forensic laboratory in Joliet this week. The structures are expected to cost a combined \$76.5 million, funded through the \$45 billion Rebuild Illinois capital infrastructure program that originally passed in 2019.

The two buildings are approximately 75,000 square feet combined on 12 acres of land adjacent to an existing ISP building and firing range in Will County.

The new forensics lab will replace the current Joliet facility that was built in 1964 and will include space for testing DNA, firearms, latent prints, controlled substances, footwear, tire tracks and toxicology, along with areas for processing crime scene evidence.

The new facility will house an ISP investigation zone and serve as headquarters for ISP’s Troop 3, which serves from Will and Grundy counties to the state’s northern border, excluding DuPage County. The building will contain several offices, training rooms, interview rooms, an evidence area, and a large garage for vehicle storage and inspection work, according to ISP.

The project is scheduled to go out for bids in the spring.

Lung Association rates state policies

The American Lung Association’s 2023 “State of Lung Cancer” report shows Illinois has “a lot of work to do” to ensure individuals at high risk for lung cancer are properly screened and treated.

The report graded Illinois as “average” in nearly all categories such as lung cancer rates, including treatment, screening, prevention and racial disparities in care for the 2023 calendar year.

Illinois ranked 16th worst in the nation for new lung disease cases with almost 60 cases per 100,000 people. The state was graded “above average” for individuals receiving treatment, but approximately 18 out of every 100 people went untreated in 2023. That was 15th best of all states.

Illinois’ lung cancer survival rate of 27.2 percent was better than the national average of 26.6 percent. Lung cancer typically has a low five-year survival rate due to delayed screenings and diagnosis.

Illinois is working to prevent and treat cancer through the 2022-2027 Illinois Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. To expand access to screening services, the American Lung Association started the Illinois Lung Cancer Screening Initiative with \$935,000 in funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health. The program provides qualified residents with vouchers to cover the cost of low-dose CT scans and transportation to appointments.

The ALA encourages healthier living habits, including through Fight for Air Climb events aimed at getting people to take the stairs.

One such event will take place in Springfield on Feb. 10, where participants will climb the 32 flights of stairs at the Wyndham City Center. Climbs are also scheduled for March 9 at 411 East Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, March 10 at the Oakbrook Terrace Tower in Oakbrook, March 23 at Metropolitan Square in St. Louis and May 19 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

For more information, visit lung.org

New opioid settlements announced

Illinois will share in hundreds of millions of dollars received as part of two multi-state settlements involving the opioid epidemic.

One case involves Publicis Health, which

Attorney General Kwame Raoul’s office says contributed to the epidemic by helping Purdue Pharma and other opioid manufacturers sell the drugs, which include OxyContin and others.

The other is a case against opioid manufacturer Hikma Pharmaceuticals. The company was accused of failing to monitor orders for opioids from potentially fraudulent distributors.

“Too many families have lost loved ones to the opioid epidemic, and too many people have lost years of their lives to addiction,” Raoul said in a statement. “The companies that created and fueled this crisis must be held accountable for providing treatment and recovery resources to help those who suffer from opioid addiction.”

These two settlements will bring Illinois’ share of opioid payouts to more than \$1.3 billion – the result of numerous multi-state lawsuits and negotiations in recent years. The money is expected to be distributed through at least 2038 and allocated via the Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement. That agreement directs funds for purposes like remediation, distribution to local government and other uses aimed at mitigating the opioid epidemic’s effects.

Illinois operates a helpline for people who may be addicted, or for people whose loved ones are impacted by opioid addiction. You can find it at Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances or by calling 833-2FINDHELP.

Made in Illinois grants

Illinois is setting aside \$1 million to help fund a grant program for manufacturers whose products are made in the state.

Economic leaders say the program, which will provide up to \$50,000 in matching grants for small- and mid-sized manufacturers for innovation and strategic advancement, will help boost the state’s economy while also supporting the local workforce.

Applications are open through March 31, 2024, at <https://www.imec.org/madeinillinois>. Eligible companies must meet the following criteria:

- Be an Illinois manufacturer (as designated with a North American Industry Classification System code starting with 31-33).
- Have between 5-250 employees.
- Have operated in Illinois for at least 3 years.
- Had sales revenue in the last 12 months prior to application date.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is partnering with the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center on the project. The two entities will provide resources including workforce support, market leadership, innovation and more through the program.

Tax credits for children

After failing to pass a child tax credit last year, advocates returned to Springfield Wednesday to propose a scaled back version of the policy which they say would still reduce child poverty and spur economic growth.

The proposal, contained in House Bill 4917 and Senate Bill 3329, would create a \$300 per-child refundable tax credit for families who earn less than the state’s median income – about \$75,000 per year for couples and \$50,000 for single parents.

The policy would cost the state about \$300 million, according to Erion Malasi, Illinois policy director for the Economic Security Project, an advocacy group backing the proposal.

A January report from the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, a union-backed think tank, found that a \$300 tax credit would cost the state about \$471 million, although that estimate doesn’t account for cost reductions in other state programs, like

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the earned income tax credit or the supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children, known as WIC – and it assumes that 100 percent of eligible families will claim the credit.

Frank Manzo, an economist with ILEPI and co-author of that report, said a \$300 per-child credit would be lower than in the other 15 states that have similar policies. Utah, Minnesota and Oregon – which enacted a similar credit last year – all offer \$1,000 or more in credits.

“But it does comport with some budgetary realities in the state of Illinois,” he told Capitol News Illinois on Wednesday.

In December, Gov. JB Pritzker urged a “careful” approach to next year’s budget after his budget office projected a \$891 million deficit.

Omar Aquino, the chief Senate sponsor of the proposal, said Wednesday he hopes the program, if passed, can be scaled up in the future.

The bills, which were introduced Wednesday, await substantive committee assignments, a necessary step before they can be voted on by the full legislature.

Manufacturers’ agenda

Tax credits were also included in a wide-ranging legislative agenda put forth by the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association.

House Bill 4670 creates a pilot program to allow manufacturers to create onsite child care programs and provide tax credits to those who do.

“We know that the lack of available child care is a hindrance to getting and keeping people, especially women, in the workforce,” sponsor Rep. Amy Elik, R-Godfrey, said.

The IMA reaffirmed support for three bills filed last spring, including two tax credits – one sponsored by Democrats, the other by Republicans. The IMA did not provide cost estimates for the tax credits.

Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel, D-Shorewood, filed Senate Bill 1313 to create a tax credit for businesses that assist their employees in repaying student loans.

“Student debt is a huge issue. This proposal would allow an employer to help offset about five thousand dollars per year,” IMA President and CEO Mark Denzler said. “It’s a great opportunity to help those individuals struggling with college debt while also making sure we have a great workforce.”

Sen. Donald DeWitte, R-St. Charles, filed Senate Bill 163 would make a temporary research and development tax credit permanent, rather than expiring every five years. The current credit will expire in 2027.

House Bill 3307 would amend graduation requirements for students entering high school in 2028, allowing them to fill the requirement of two foreign language courses with career-focused courses.

Fertility treatments

Members of the state Senate Democratic Caucus introduced three bills Wednesday aimed at increasing access to infertility treatments and fertility preservation.

If passed, the bills would require insurance companies to cover the diagnosis and treatment of infertility, certain prescription medications, and preservation of reproductive cells by amending the Illinois Insurance Code.

Senate Bill 2572 would require insurance coverage of procedures used to diagnose and treat infertility, as well as injectable medications used to treat prediabetes, gestational diabetes and obesity – all of which can make it harder to conceive and carry a baby to term.

Senate Bill 2623 would require insurers to cover the freezing of an individual’s reproductive cells without restriction or exclusion.

Another measure, Senate Bill 2639, would prevent insurance companies from denying infertility treatment coverage when recommended by a physician.

Safe screens initiative

Another pair of bills introduced this week aim to create a safer online environment for children.

Sen. Sue Rezin’s, R-Morris, proposals mostly affect children’s data and privacy and how content is moderated.

The amended Age-Appropriate Design Code Act is a privacy law based on a similar one in California that Rezin said will help parents set stronger privacy settings and change how companies use children’s data, which she said can facilitate the development of addicting content.

Senate Bill 3355 would require social media companies to have a customer service line where concerned users can report inappropriate content that would need to be removed within 3 days.

Rezin said a third bill, which is still in development, would “require social media platforms to create an identity verification process.”

The senator compared social media to the tobacco and opiate industries, saying people cannot trust them to regulate themselves. She also said Illinoisans cannot wait for the federal government to take action.

“Parents are mad,” Rezin said. “They want us to act and pass legislation to protect their children. They don’t care if it’s a federal issue or a state issue.”

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“Last night, President Biden made a strong case for continuing the American success story that has happened under his leadership.

“Over 15 million jobs have been created, 16 million small businesses have started up, unemployment remains near record lows, and inflation has been steadily falling from its pandemic peaks. We still have a lot of work to do to lower food and housing costs, but America’s economic recovery continues to lead our global counterparts. And America has regained the moral leadership of the free world.

“In the 11th District, the President’s ironclad support for unions was crucial to our efforts to save the Belvidere Assembly Plant, keeping hundreds of good-paying union jobs in Illinois, and bringing billions of dollars in new investment to the Belvidere community. I was proud to work with the Administration, Governor Pritzker, Congressman Sorensen, UAW leaders, and local officials to make sure the Assembly Plant remained the beating heart of Belvidere for decades to come.

“As someone with firsthand experience building a successful high-tech manufacturing company that kept its jobs in the Midwest rather than offshoring them to China, I’m especially proud of how President Biden has focused on boosting domestic manufacturing.

“Our nation is in an unquestionably stronger place than it was four years ago thanks to the competent leadership of the Biden Administration.”

Bill Foster is a scientist and businessman representing the 11th Congressional District of Illinois.

LaHood’s Statement on State of the Union Address

Last week, President Biden delivered his State of the Union address before Congress. Since taking office three years ago, President Biden has put our country on a path of decline. The President’s open border policies are an unmitigated disaster and have created humanitarian and national security crises that are now reaching communities throughout Illinois. Working families in Illinois are also bearing the burden of radical energy policies, government overreach, and inflationary spending, while prices at the pump and in the grocery store have reached unbearable levels.

I agree with President Biden that we must work together to address the threats from China, Iran, and other adversaries, as well as pass the critical bipartisan provisions I authored to boost low-income housing and provide relief to Illinois families. However, tonight we unfortunately heard much of the same failed rhetoric and policies that have been emblematic of Joe Biden’s presidency.

Foster’s Statement on State of the Union Address

Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) released the following statement on President Biden’s State of the Union Address:

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UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHIRLEY M. SUHR DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, NOTICE OF SALE

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P.I.N. 05-26-254-002. Commonly known as 318 WEST JACKSON STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 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.

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For information call Mr. Chad Lewis at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 205 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 22-087255 IJSC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13239683

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

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

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

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

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

CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC., Plaintiff, v. Case No. 2023FC93 JUAN ARIAS; ANA CASTILLO; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,

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

Lot Nineteen (19) in Assessor's Second Addition to the Town (now City) of Belvidere, as platted and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois in Book 33 of Deeds on page 630, being the same property as was conveyed to Ida Gertrude Hammond from Howard Maitland by Deed dated February 16, 1915 and recorded in Book 70 of Deeds on page 447 in said Recorder's Office; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois

412 West Hurlbut Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 05-26-407-022

Now, therefore, unless you, Juan Arias, Ana Castillo, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, on or before May 5, 2024, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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

Jenna M. Rogers (6308109) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Email: sef-JMRogers@manleydeas.com One of Defendant's Attorneys 24-000087 13240235

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Public Notice

Early Voting for the March 19th, 2024 General Primary Election will begin on Thursday, February 8th, 2024 and end March 18th, 2024. Early Voting for Boone County residents will be conducted at the Boone County Clerk's Office, 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 5:00PM, except for holidays. The office will also be open on Saturday, March 16th, 2024 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. The office will be closed on Monday, February 19th, 2024 in observance of Presidents' Day.

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

Laura Bettis Chief Deputy Clerk

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CALVIN E. CLINKENBEARD, Deceased. CASE NO.: 2024 PR 10

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Calvin E. Clinkenbeard. Letters of Office were issued on February 26, 2024 to Karen L. Doyle at 1524 N. Church Street, Rockford, IL 61103, who is the legal representative of the

estate. The attorney for the estate is James Hursh, Guyer & Enichen, P.C., 2601 Reid Farm Road, Suite B, Rockford, IL 61114.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before September 7, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the estate's legal representative, or both.

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

DATED: March 7, 2024

By: Guyer & Enichen, P.C.

By: /s/ James P. Hursh

Attorney for Independent Administrator

James P. Hursh, #6230997

Attorney for Estate

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Rockford, IL 61114

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

PINGORA LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. NO. 2023 FC 31

LINN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF GARY RANDLE DRAHEIM, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; SHARON GAHLBECK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GARY RANDLE DRAHEIM, DEFENDANTS.

1504 -1506 MARYLAND COURT BELVIDERE, IL 61008 JUDGE: PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU,

Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Gary Randle Draheim defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

LOT THIRTY-ONE (31) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF AP-PLETON MEADOWS, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NO. 3920, SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 1504 -1506 Maryland Court Belvidere, IL 61008

and which said Mortgage was made by,

Gary Randle Draheim a/k/a Gary R Draheim

Mortgagor(s), to

Alpine Bank & Trust Co.

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, Illinois, as Document No. 2013R09072; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before April 15, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at ilinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website.

¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411- 1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener informaci>n sobre los casos de la corte y c>mo completar y presentar formularios. PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COL-LECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFOR-MATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff

1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200

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Ph. (312) 346-9088

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

North Boone CUSD #200

will be accepting sealed RFP's for: AUDITING SERVICES

until 1:00 p.m. APRIL 10, 2024.

Request for Proposal documents and specifications can be obtained from:

Stacey Corder, Executive Director of Business

6248 North Boone School Rd.

Poplar Grove, IL 61065

(815)765-9437

scorder@nbcusd.org

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATION OF A PORTION OF IRENE ROAD

The City of Belvidere will conduct a Public Hearing on April 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Belvidere City Council Chambers, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois, to discuss consideration of a vacation of a remnant portion of Irene Road in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois lying between U.S. Route 20 and the Union Pacific Rail Road. The purpose of the public hearing will be to allow all interested persons to be heard concerning the proposal for vacation. Copies of the proposed ordinances vacating the remnant alley are available at the office of the City Clerk, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

Dated: March 13, 2024 Sarah Turnipseed, City Clerk

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The following amount must be received in cash at the office of:

H&H Mini Unit Storage

4760 IL Route 173, Suite 3

Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Or the personal property contents of the below listed units located at H&H Mini Unit Storage, 4760 Rt. 173, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 will be sold and/or disposed of on or after March 29, 2024 H&H Mini Unit Storage LLC, Located at 4760 IL Route 173, Suite 3, Poplar Grove, IL 61065.

- Thomas Ahrendt, 620 Candlewick Dr. NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 Unit #C30, \$950.00 plus the cost of advertising.
• Waltor Bator, PO Box 53, 618 Constitution Dr. SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 Unit #B02, \$630.00 plus the cost of advertising.
• Jerry Korpan, 3203 Lakeway Dr., Unit 2, Ogallala, NE 69153, Unit #E15, \$1,277.18 plus the cost of advertising.
• Tiffany Allen, 719 Union Ave., Belvidere, IL 61008, Unit #B33, \$6,237.85 plus the cost of advertising.
• Tiffany Allen, 719 Union Ave., Belvidere, IL 61008, Unit #B37, \$2,010.005 plus the cost of advertising.
• Matthew Kleckner, 410 Talledaga Dr., Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unit #C25, \$1,145.00 plus the cost of advertising.
• Julie Charpentier, 1000 N. Sth St. MR 394, Fairfield, IA 52557 Unit #C13, \$3,480.00 plus the cost of advertising.

Or the personal property contents of the below listed units located at H&H Mini Unit Storage, 345 S. Wooster St., Capron, IL 61012 will be sold and/or disposed of on or after March 29, 2024 at H&H Mini Unit Storage LLC, Located at 4760 IL Route 173, Suite 3, Poplar Grove, IL 61065.

- Ida Loiz Herrera, 909 Dewey St., Harvard, IL 60033, Unit #CW049, \$1,210.18 plus the cost of advertising.
• Marilyn McCormick, PO Box 295, Capron, IL 61012, Unit #CW061, \$855.00 plus the cost of advertising.
• Dona McConnell, PO Box 295, 109 N. Fourth St., Capron, IL 61012, Unit #CW007, \$665.00 plus the cost of advertising.
• Matthew Kleckner, 410 Talledaga Dr., Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unit #CW016, \$905.00 plus the cost of advertising.

Or the personal property contents of the below listed units located at H&H Mini Unit Storage, 125 E. Main St., Capron, IL 61012 will be sold and/or disposed of on or after March 29, 2024 at H&H Mini Unit Storage LLC, Located at 4760 IL Route 173, Suite 3, Poplar Grove, IL 61065.

- Wendy Geraghty, 5226 Frankies Ln., Roscoe, IL 61073, Unit #CM007, \$720.00 plus the cost of advertising.
• Connie Hohol, 2307 Manor Lane, McHenry, IL 60051, Unit #CM011, \$1,320.00 plus the cost of advertising.
• Connie Hohol, 2307 Manor Lane, McHenry, IL 60051, Unit #CM002, \$1,320.00 plus the cost of advertising.
• Kandice Fenton, 701 Coolidge Pl, Rockford, IL 61107, Unit #CM024, \$732.85 plus the cost of advertising.
• Joe Staver, 23610 S. Oak Grove Rd., Harvard, IL 60033, Unit #CM014, \$2,095.00 plus the cost of advertising.

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

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

Phone Number: 815-566-9379

Rigoberto Rico, 3040 Popsie Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008

I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 22, 2024

Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder

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

No. DBA4187 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a CONSULTING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of BISCONTI CONSULTING that its location is or will be 910 Taylor Ridge, 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.

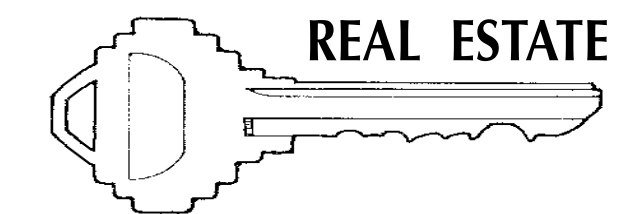
Phone Number: 262-227-8751

Frank E. Bisconti Jr., 910 Taylor Ridge, Belvidere, Illinois 61008

I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: March 8, 2024

Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder

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

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC Plaintiff, vs. 23 FC 16

LARRY SUHR; DAMON RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SHIRLEY M. SUHR, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHIRLEY M. SUHR DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, NOTICE OF SALE

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LY CORNER OF BLOCK SEVENTY-TWO (72) IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF BELVIDERE, RUNNING FROM THENCE NORTHERLY PARALLEL WITH BAKER, FORMERLY PEARL STREET, SIXTEEN (16) RODS, TO THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID BLOCK SEVENTY-TWO (72); THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF JACKSON STREET FOUR (4) RODS; THENCE SOUTHERLY PARALLEL WITH SAID BAKER STREET SIXTEEN (16) RODS TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF MENOMINIE STREET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF MENOMINIE STREET FOUR (4) RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE NORTHERLY FOUR (4) RODS OF THE EASTERLY TWO FEET; HERETOFORE CONVEYED TO HENRY BLIETZ AND MARY BLIETZ, AS APPEARS OF RECORD IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 67, OF DEEDS AT PAGE 463, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BELVIDERE, COUNTY OF BOONE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.L.N. 05-26-254-002.
Commonly known as 318 WEST JACKSON STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 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 Mr. Chad Lewis at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 205 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 22-087255 IJSC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13239683

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IN THE COURT OF Boone COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT – CHANCERY DIVISION

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff,

-v.- 23 FC 66

JEREMY OWEN, Defendants.

11669 Russellville Road, Belvidere, IL 61008

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

The judgment amount was \$351,778.63

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

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

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

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

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

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

Auction.com LLC
100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606 – 872-225-4985

You can also visit www.auction.com.

Attorney File No. 23-16194IL

Case Number: 23 FC 66

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

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v.- 2023 FC 79

JOHN C. MCKIRGAN et al Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

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.

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Unions Back Measure Protecting Employees Who Skip Religious Or Political Work Meetings

Opponents concerned about broad definitions, potential legal issues

By Alex Abbeduto *Capitol News Illinois*

Democrats in the Illinois Senate on Wednesday advanced a measure that would prohibit Illinois companies from requiring employees to attend work-related meetings about politics or religion.

Senate Bill 3649, which is backed by organized labor, passed the Senate Labor Committee 11-4. Backers have dubbed it the "Worker Freedom of Speech Act."

Tim Drea, president of the Illinois AFL-CIO labor organization, said the bill would help Illinoisans avoid unnecessary and potentially uncomfortable gatherings in which workers are forced to be a "captive audience" for their employers' political or religious speech.

"They go to work for a paycheck and to make a profit for the employer, period," Drea said. "Not to be indoctrinated by anyone's religious or political beliefs."

Under the proposal, it would be illegal for a business to "discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize" an employee who "declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting "about religious or political matters," according to the bill's language.

Employees who believe their workplaces violated the law would be able to file a complaint with the Illinois Department of Labor and sue their employer to reverse any illegal punishment, like

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being fired for not attending a meeting.

Opponents of the bill, like National Federation of Independent Business Illinois State Director Noah Finley, said the legislation would infringe on employers' civil liberties by creating "content-based discrimination." He also claimed the measure would prevent employees from getting new points of view from their employer – like which legislation their union dues could support.

Republicans on the committee expressed concerns that the bill's definitions of "religious" and "political" speech were too broad.

The bill defines "political matters" as anything pertaining to elections, changing laws or regulations, or joining advocacy groups, fraternal organizations, unions or political parties. "Religious matters" include anything pertaining to belief, affiliation, practice or decision to join any religious organization or association.

Opponents also argued the General Assembly has no authority to pass the legislation because it's preempted by the National Labor Relations Act, but no official ruling has been made in any of the five other states with similar laws.

Frances Orenic, legislative director for Illinois AFL-CIO, said the bill does not prohibit employers from exercising their right to free speech.

"It will just protect employees if they decide not to engage," Orenic told the panel.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago. He said he filed it in response to a 2022 memorandum from the general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. The memo advocated for making "captive audience" meetings for political or religious matters a violation of the National Labor Relations Act.

But the NLRB has not taken such an action.

"With no response from the federal level, Illinois must step in to promote employee-friendly environments," Peters said in a news release.

While the bill passed committee, Orenic said negotiations on final bill language will continue in the coming weeks. She noted the AFL-CIO was working with groups such as the ACLU of Illinois, Equality Illinois and Planned Parenthood.

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