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Illinois Swears in Newly Elected Officers This week in Springfield

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Gov JB Pritzker was sworn in to a second term Monday in a ceremony at the Bank of Springfield convention center blocks from the Illinois State Capitol.

Appearing with his family, Pritzker took the oath on a pair of Bibles held by his wife, MK. One belonged to Henry Horner, Illinois' 28th governor who held the office from 1933 until 1940. The other belonged to Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the United States whose image is ubiquitous in the capital city, which is home to his presidential library.

Pritzker was sworn in by Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis. He was also accompanied by his daughter Teddi and son Don.

Illinois' other constitutional officers were all also sworn in to new terms Monday, including incumbents Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Comptroller Susana Mendoza, Treasurer Michael Frerichs and newly-seated Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias.

Pritzker Strikes Optimistic Tone, Lays Out Second-Term Priorities in Inaugural Address

Governor was sworn in to second term at Springfield convention center

By Nika Schoonover Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker was sworn in to his second term Monday with the state's other constitutional officers, promising a bold and ambitious agenda for the next four years.

The ceremony was held at the Bank of Springfield Center, the same venue that for several months served as a makeshift House floor during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic to allow for social distancing. Pritzker recalled that time while reflecting on his first term in his inaugural address.

"The hope we share, the hope I expressed at my first inauguration, was born of a truth lodged firmly in my heart – that Illinois has always stood at the intersection of American ambition and human resilience. And that combination is what has made this the greatest state in the union," Pritzker said.

A friendly crowd of supporters and fellow dignitaries was enthusiastic about the governor's proposals, applauding and cheering at the mention of banning assault weapons, bringing down the cost of higher education and ensuring reproductive rights in the state.

Pritzker education will be a main priority in his second term, and he emphasized the importance of making preschool more readily

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Gov. JB Pritzker takes the oath of office for his second term Monday at the Bank of Springfield convention center. Photos by Capital News Illinois



Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul is sworn into a second term in office Monday at the Bank of Springfield Center. Photos by Capital News Illinois

Inauguration

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available and college tuition free for every family with median-income or below.

“I propose we go all in for our children and make preschool available to every family throughout the state,” he said, eliciting an eruption from the crowd. “And let’s not stop there. Let’s provide more economic security for families by eliminating child care deserts and expanding childcare options.”

With time running out to pass a ban on the sale of assault weapons in Illinois before the new General Assembly takes office Wednesday, Pritzker used the opportunity to advocate for the version of a bill passed by Democrats in the state House last week.

“When I campaigned for reelection and promised to pass an assault weapons ban, eight states already had one. Very soon, Illinois must be the ninth. And we ought to have a real accounting



Second term JB Pritzker speaking at Illinois Inauguration 2023 on Monday. He struck an optimistic tone while laying out policy goals for the next four years, including expanding access to child care and preschool and making in-state college free for middle class families.

The Illinois legislature is finishing this week the lame duck session in this legislative year where important issues around gun control specifically assault weapons will be decided.

It is expected that in these final days, prior to the newly elected house and senate members being sworn in, the present members who did not run for reelection could be voting their conscience rather than the so-called wisdom handed down withing the parties, not being restrained by the usual political back lash.

of the assault weapons currently in circulation,” Pritzker said. “Let’s get it done, and then the federal government should follow our lead.”

He also touted accomplishments from his first term, including Illinois’ six credit upgrades, raising the state’s minimum wage, legalizing recreational marijuana and passing legislation that targets climate change.

As he emphasized the importance of protecting reproductive rights, the crowd responded with enthusiastic applause and even shouts.

“The extremists still want to take away a woman’s right to choose, and I don’t intend to let them,” Pritzker said. “That’s why yet again, on women’s rights, Illinois will lead.”

Mirroring that sentiment, Attorney General Kwame Raoul in his speech praised Illinois’ reproductive health care laws, comparing them to neighboring Missouri’s, where his daughter recently graduated from the state’s flagship university.

“I was so pleased to drive into the state of Missouri to the temporary graduation last year, but not nearly as happy as I was to drive out of Missouri – out of a state that does not reflect a woman’s right to make decisions about her body,” Raoul said.

Pritzker was sworn in by Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis, accompanied by First Lady MK Pritzker and their daughter Teddi and son Don. He took his oath on two Bibles. One belonged to Henry Horner, Illinois’ 28th governor who held the office from 1933 until 1940. The other belonged to Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States whose image is ubiquitous in the capital city, which is home to his presidential

library.

The ceremony followed an interfaith service held at First Presbyterian Church earlier this morning. In addition to Pritzker and Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton being sworn in for their second terms, Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias was sworn in to his first, replacing Jesse White who is retiring after 24 years.

Raoul was sworn in for his second term, and Comptroller Susana Mendoza and Treasurer Michael Frerichs each took their third oaths of office.

The event featured a variety of musical performances, including The Star-Spangled Banner performed by the Southern Illinois Children’s Reunion Choir and a variety of selections performed by The Illinois Air National Guard Band of the Midwest.

After Pritzker was sworn in, Senate President Don Harmon issued a statement congratulating the governor.

“He showed the country that Illinois stands for progress, overseeing the passage of landmark legislation protecting reproductive rights, reforming our criminal justice system and moving us toward cleaner energy. And he led us through a once-in-a-century pandemic, maintaining constant, steady presence while making difficult decisions,” Harmon said in the statement.

Giannoulias took a moment to thank White, who has spent a historic 24 years as Illinois’ secretary of state: “the legend, who passed me the baton.”

Giannoulias previously served as treasurer from 2007 to 2011, and he expressed excitement for serving in office again, but nodded to the historical baggage attached to the secretary of state’s office, and Illinois government in general.

“Today, as soon as I leave here, I will sign new executive orders ensuring ethics and integrity in the Secretary of State’s office,” Giannoulias said.

He said transparency, good governance and technology innovation can help “eliminate the time tax too many of you are paying everyday just to access simple government services.”

“The secretary of state’s office can make your lives better and we will be relentless in making sure it does,” he said.

The celebration was scheduled to continue Monday night with an inauguration party at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

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Bills Target Pawnbrokers for Tighter Rate Limits

Legislative Black Caucus calls them 'predatory' lenders; pawnbrokers push back

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Members of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus are pushing legislation to put pawnbrokers under the same interest rate caps as payday lenders and other small-dollar, short-term lenders, but the pawn shop industry says the proposed caps would effectively put them out of business.

On the first day of a brief "lame duck" session Wednesday, state Sen. Jacqueline Collins and Rep. Sonya Harper, both Chicago Democrats, joined other advocates in accusing the pawn industry of exploiting a "loophole" in a 2021 law known as the Predatory Lending Prevention Act that was aimed at reining in the high-interest, short-term loan industry.

"The PLPA put a stop to many forms of predatory lending in Illinois, but pawnshops convinced a judge to give them a loophole to allow them to continue issuing loans with abusive and excessive three-figure interest rates," Collins said during a Statehouse news conference.

The PLPA passed during the General Assembly's last lame duck session in 2021, as part of the Legislative Black Caucus' agenda aimed addressing what its members described as "systemic racism." The law caps consumer lenders to charging no more than 36 percent interest per year.

But the law did not specifically mention pawnbrokers, who are allowed to charge interest rates and fees that can amount to effective rates as high as 240 percent per year or more when factoring in associated fees, according to the Woodstock Institute, a consumer advocacy group.

Two bills that have been introduced in the lame duck session – Senate Bill 4241 and House Bill 5840 – would close that gap by including pawn brokers within the PLPA.

"Predatory loans have drained billions from Black, brown and lower-income communities in our state," Harper said. "The PLPA has stopped this cycle of disinvestment and enabled our community to retain wealth and to invest in jobs instead of padding the pockets of predatory lenders."

Speaking separately to reporters, representatives of the pawn industry argued that they need to be treated differently from other kinds of lenders because they operate under a different business model.

"We're already under a 36 percent rate cap. That's how much interest we can charge, is 36 percent maximum," said Kelly Swisher, president of the Illinois Pawnbrokers Association. "What we're allowed by the Pawnbroker Regulation Act is to charge additional fees to help cover the mandated requirements for the pawn industry."

When a person comes in to pawn something – a watch, a musical instrument or a stereo, for example – Kelly said the pawn shop is required to store those items on the premises, secure them and insure them for twice the amount of the pawn loan.

"And we have police reporting requirements, which, believe it or not, cost money," he added.

"A pawn shop must report to the local police and municipality by noon the following day of all the transactions that we do."

Pawn shops also must conduct certain customer checks with the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, he said.

Putting pawnbrokers under a strict 36 percent cap would effectively limit them to charging just \$3 per month on a \$100 pawn, which Swisher said would not be enough to cover those additional mandatory costs.

As of Wednesday, it was unclear whether there would be enough time to consider the bills during the brief lame duck session, which cannot go beyond Jan. 11, when the newly-elected 103rd General Assembly is sworn into office. But Collins said she believes they will have the support of the Democratic legislative leadership.

"We expect for the speaker and for the president of the Senate to honor the position of the Illinois Black Caucus," she said.

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Supreme Court Sets March Timeline for Oral Arguments in Cash Bail Appeal

Both sides agree to timeline that would further delay Pretrial Fairness Act's implementation

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

An appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court regarding the constitutionality of a state law that would end cash bail appears to be at least three months away from resolution under a new timeline approved by the court Thursday.

Attorney General Kwame Raoul filed the agreed motion setting the timeline for the high court's appeal of a lower court ruling that invalidated provisions of the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform that would have eliminated cash bail on Jan. 1. The motion, Raoul's office wrote in its filing, had been agreed to by all parties in the case, scheduling briefs to be

filed in January and February, with oral arguments to begin sometime in March. A ruling would come sometime thereafter at an unspecified date.

The matter came to the Supreme Court in a Friday, Dec. 30, appeal by Raoul's office, following Kankakee County Judge Thomas Cunnington's decision that lawmakers overreached their constitutional authority in passing a measure to abolish cash bail in Illinois.

Cunnington wrote in a 36-page decision that the cash bail provisions effectively and improperly amended a section of the state's constitution that states, "all persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties," except in a few specific circumstances.

He also wrote that ending cash bail is an improper overreach by lawmakers, who have no constitutional authority to govern the administrative functions of Illinois courts due to the separation of powers. Bail, Cunnington wrote, has been held by the Supreme Court to be "administrative" in nature.

The constitution also specifically mentions bail in a section on victims' rights, when it states victims have a right "to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in denying or fixing the amount of bail." Cunnington found that eliminating bail prevents courts from "effectuating the constitutionally mandated safety of the victims and their families."

The ruling initially left the impending cash bail reform in limbo in at least 64 of Illinois' 102 counties that had joined the consolidated lawsuit.

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Democracy is Messy and that is a Good Thing

By Scott Reeder

Instead of a coronation we ended up with an election.

How is that a bad thing in a democracy?

It took 15 rollcall votes to elect Kevin McCarthy speaker of the House. The political chattering class is calling it a national “embarrassment” and labeled each prolonged vote a “humiliation” for McCarthy.

Well, maybe.

By its nature, democracy is supposed to be messy. It’s often about building coalitions and holding them.

In democracies such as France, Italy, Germany and Israel, multiple rollcalls and succession fights are routine. The U.S. is really the outlier in that regard.

Do I identify with that small group of Republicans who held out? Nope. But they effectively used what votes they had to maximize their power. That’s how politics works.

When I covered the Illinois General Assembly, I saw this strategy time and time again. Then-House Speaker Mike Madigan would negotiate a budget with the governor and the other legislative leaders and a faction of his caucus would threaten to withhold their coalition’s votes – unless they received funding for a particular program or support on a desired initiative.

Other lawmakers would complain about the entire legislature being “held hostage” but inevitably compromise was reached and lawmakers would head home happy. They were engaging in smart politics – using their solidarity to magnify their power.

The same thing was happening with the Freedom Caucus in Washington. With Republicans holding a razor thin majority, they were able to gain an out-sized voice in policymaking.

Here is what U.S. Rep. Mary Miller, R-Oakland, said the Freedom Caucus gained:

- The power to block an omnibus spending bill from the Senate.
- The power to eliminate waste by making direct budget cuts to the federal bureaucracy and spending caps to cut spending.
- A balanced federal budget over the next 10 years.
- A committee to investigate the “weaponization of the federal government,” including the Department of Justice.
- A Southern border security plan.
- The end of COVID mandates and funding for them.
- Requiring 72 hours to read a bill before the vote.
- The power for one member to call a vote for a new speaker.

Some of the concessions made to the caucus may prove to be positive such as a 72-hour waiting period before bills can be voted on within the House. Such a measure may improve transparency and debate.

Other concessions will likely prove problematic. For example, allowing just one

disgruntled member of Congress to call for a new vote for speaker has the potential to throw the entire chamber into a state of perpetual chaos.

Then again, such disruptive efforts could easily be thwarted if Republicans and Democrats join to knock them down. That’s a big “if,” but the Freedom Caucus’ gains have the potential to cause more mainstream Republicans and Democrats to work together.

One need only look back in Illinois history to see how that could work. In 1975, state Rep. Bill Redmond was elected speaker of the Illinois House – after 93 rollcalls.

Democrats held the majority but were divided. Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and Gov. Dan Walker were at loggerheads over who to support.

Much as the Republicans in Congress fought it out this month, Democrats in that era of bell-bottom jeans and disco music were unable to reach consensus.

My friend Mike Lawrence, a statehouse reporter at the time, said it came down to a contest between Democrats Clyde Choate, from Anna, and Redmond, from Bensonville. Republicans viewed the matter as a Democratic squabble and steered clear.

But after 93 votes and no winner, a freshman Republican named Lee Daniels stepped forward and voted for Redmond.

“When Daniels said, ‘I vote Redmond,’ the place went up for grabs and my recollection is that the rollcall stopped. I believe the House recessed. ... I ran out on the floor right for Daniel’s desk and there were Republicans all around Daniel’s, just giving him the devil and telling him he was all through in the Republican Party.”

Daniels, of course, eventually became leader of the GOP caucus and later served a term as speaker of the House in the 1990s.

As I watched Republicans in Washington this month struggle within a divided caucus to elect a speaker, I kept waiting for a similar act from one of the 212 Democrats. It would have just taken one to step forward and vote to break the impasse.

It would have been an act of bipartisan statesmanship. But it didn’t happen. But it is not too late. The far-right Freedom Caucus will try to bring McCarthy and the chamber to their knees.

Either members of both parties will reach across the aisle and work in a bipartisan manner or we inherit chaos.

The question for members of Congress is: “Do you love your party more than your nation?”

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Cash Bail

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A Dec. 31 order from the Illinois Supreme Court, however, stayed the cash bail provisions’ implementation statewide until the court could rule on an appeal to the case.

Thursday’s order set the timeline for that appeal.

On Wednesday, Gov. JB Pritzker said he was disappointed in the delayed implementation of the reform, which he and advocates say corrects an unfair system that allows wealthy individuals to pay their way out of jail as they await trial regardless of the seriousness of the crime they are accused of committing, while keeping poorer individuals who can’t make bail incarcerated

pretrial even if they’re accused of relatively minor crimes.

The measure that would replace cash bail, should the new law be allowed to take effect, would give judges greater authority to keep an individual incarcerated pretrial if they’re accused of more serious offenses, but it would also limit the number of offenses for which pretrial detention can be ordered.

“The whole purpose here is fairness,” Pritzker said. “And I think that we will continue to fight for that. And I think those of us who believe in this know that there’s even more work to do, but I am comfortable and confident that this is constitutional.”

Neither Cunningham’s ruling nor the Supreme Court’s orders thus far have invalidated other provisions of the SAFE-T Act which had already taken effect, such as reforms to police officer training and certification standards and police body camera requirements.

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Pritzker Signs Bill Giving Pay Raises

Measure signed shortly before Monday’s inauguration

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Officials at the highest levels of state government will receive substantial pay raises this month after the House and Senate passed a budget bill that also advances a \$400 million business incentive fund proposal pushed by Gov. JB Pritzker.

Under the bill, lawmaker salaries will increase to \$85,000 annually, up from approximately \$73,000 – a roughly 16 percent increase to their base salary. Lawmakers also receive per diem reimbursements and stipends for leadership positions. Additionally, the measure would add new leadership positions within any caucus that maintains a supermajority – which Democrats currently do – that are eligible for stipends.

The state’s constitutional officers are also slated to receive raises, which created a frantic timeline for lawmakers in the General Assembly to send the bill to the governor to sign before 11:30 a.m. Monday, when those officers are scheduled to be sworn in to their new terms.

Shortly after the measure was filed Friday night, Democrats pushed the measure through the Illinois House over Republican objections. It received a Senate committee hearing late Sunday afternoon before being approved by the full chamber later in the evening, readying it for Pritzker’s signature. He signed it hours before the new statewide officers were sworn in at a Springfield convention center.

Under the pay schedules outlined in the bill, salaries of the lieutenant governor, comptroller and treasurer will increase from \$143,400 to \$160,900; and the attorney general’s and secretary of state’s from \$165,400 to \$183,300.

Pritzker told the Associated Press Saturday that the idea for cabinet pay raises originated with him as an effort to retain top talent and make Illinois’ salaries commensurate with other large states. Lawmakers, he also told the outlet, maintain the authority to determine their own salaries.

Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, reiterated that the raises were meant to help Illinois attract “the best and the brightest.”

“I would love for all of us to be able to be millionaires and billionaires, I would love for all of

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us to be able to be wealthy,” Sims said. “That’s just not the case.”

The governor’s pay would increase to \$205,700 from \$181,670, although Pritzker, who has a net worth exceeding \$3 billion, does not take a salary.

Top state agency directors and some of their deputies will also receive raises for their terms that begin anew this week. That includes a salary of at least \$200,000 for Department of Children and Family Services director Marc Smith, up from \$182,300.

Several other agency heads, including that of the Department of Corrections (to \$200,000), Department of Agriculture (to \$180,000) and the Department on Aging (to \$165,000), will also see raises. The raises generally range from 10 to 15 percent, and the governor will have the authority to up those salaries under the measure. The agency salaries will also be subject to increase at the rate of inflation.

Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, faulted the measure for including the automatic raises, calling it “bad policy.” He noted that lawmakers already effectively received a 2.4 percent pay bump in July, as Democrats declined to negate the automatic cost-of-living increase laid out by state law.

“If I took a poll of my current district...and said, ‘How many folks in my district got a 20 percent pay raise in six months?’ there wouldn’t be a single hand,” Rose said. “And that’s all I gotta say about this.”

The wide-ranging bill also allows for the transfer of \$850 million to the state’s “rainy day” fund to buoy its balance, currently at its highest-ever levels.

And it allows for the transfer of \$400 million to a “large business attraction fund” backed by Pritzker. The governor has floated such a “closing fund” as one that would keep Illinois competitive with its neighbors in trying to lure new businesses, such as electric vehicle-related companies, to Illinois.

House Majority Leader Greg Harris said last week that the fund would need to be further defined in law before any of the money could be spent.

The measure was contained in Senate Bill 1720.

It was heard in a Senate appropriations committee with an amendment to Senate Bill 969, which would contain a broader appropriations bill. Sims said the proposed supplemental spending plan for the current year includes an additional \$520 million in general revenue fund appropriations, along with \$3.6 billion in other state funds and \$70.8 million in federal funds.

The general revenue spending was largely made possible by better-than-expected tax revenues which have continued to surpass state agencies’ budget estimates throughout the fiscal year.

SB 969 still needs approval from both chambers of the General Assembly. The last day for substantial action until new lawmakers are sworn in for the 103rd General Assembly is Tuesday.

Other measures still to be considered include a ban on high-powered weapons and a broad bill that requires insurance coverage of abortion and gender-affirming care medications, along with elements aimed at growing Illinois’ reproductive health care workforce.

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Lawmakers Pass Assault Weapon Sales, Manufacturing Ban

Upon Pritzker’s signature, Illinois would become 9th state to ban military-style guns

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois House gave final passage Tuesday to a bill banning the purchase, sale and manufacture of semi-automatic assault weapons, .50 caliber rifles and ammunition, and large-capacity magazines in the state while still allowing people who already own such weapons to keep them.

The House had passed a similar bill early Friday morning and sent it to the Senate, where it appeared over the weekend to run into roadblocks. But negotiations continued behind the scenes throughout the weekend and into Monday when a final deal came together just as Gov. JB Pritzker, who campaigned on a pledge to pursue an assault weapons ban, was being inaugurated into his second term in office.

As recently as Sunday, the House and Senate seemed to be far apart, both on the weapons ban and a bill expanding access to reproductive health services, two of the biggest items being considered in a lame duck session that will conclude Tuesday.

“I will fight for the needs of Illinoisans and I will not accept a watered-down version of legislation that falls unacceptably short of the comprehensive solutions that the people of this state deserve,” House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside, said in a statement released Sunday afternoon.

But by Monday night, he, Pritzker and Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, announced that they were all in agreement on a final proposal.

One of the key sticking points concerned a requirement that people who currently own such weapons register them with the Illinois State Police. Those individuals would be required to disclose the make, model and serial number of the specified weapons to obtain a special endorsement on their Firearm Owners Identification, or FOID card. The House had included that in the bill it passed shortly after midnight Friday morning, but an early draft of a Senate plan reportedly proposed dropping it.

The final version of the bill, contained in a package of amendments to House Bill 5471, includes the requirement but extends the deadline for compliance to Jan. 1, 2024, instead of 180 days after the governor signs the bill into law, as the House had proposed.

The Senate language was unveiled during a committee hearing Monday morning, only a few hours before inauguration ceremonies for the governor and other constitutional officers were about to begin blocks away in a downtown Springfield convention center.

Other changes included a more up-to-date list of weapons that would fall within the banned category along with authority for the Illinois State Police to modify the list through administrative rules to capture new and copycat models as they come onto the market.

The Senate bill also clarifies that any device that makes a semi-automatic weapon fire more rapidly – whether it converts the weapon into a fully automatic one or merely increases the rate of fire – will be illegal. And it defines large-capacity magazines as

those capable of holding more than 10 rounds for a long gun or 15 rounds for a handgun.

The Senate version also does not change the age limit to obtain a FOID card, meaning people between the ages of 18 and 21 will still be able to obtain one with the consent of a parent or guardian. The House had proposed eliminating that exception.

“It really is the House structure,” Harmon said of the bill after a Monday committee hearing. “We have been careful to be precise, that we are articulating the list of guns where an endorsement would require the make, model and serial number so that owners know exactly what they need to do.”

In an effort to ease concerns from hunters and sportsmen, the bill also contains a provision authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt administrative rules exempting weapons used only for hunting that are expressly permitted under the Illinois Wildlife Code.

That, however, was not enough to quell the opposition of gun rights advocates who argued that the weapons to be banned are “commonly used” weapons in American society and thus, under standards of recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings, will likely be deemed unconstitutional.

“I think folks at home need to know, and folks here in the chamber, that many of the commonly used semi-automatic shotguns will still have to be registered as assault weapons,” Sen. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, said during debate on the floor of the Senate. “So even though some may come off, we’re still going to have many commonly used shotguns that will be listed as assault weapons.”

Democrats pushed the bill through the Senate 34-20, sending it to the House, where it passed 68-41 on Tuesday afternoon with only one Republican vote: outgoing House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs.

Aside from Durkin, however, GOP members echoed Bryant’s sentiments.

“I can tell you that we will not comply, and you’re not going to do a darn thing about it,” Rep. Blaine Wilhour, R-Beecher City, said during House floor debate. “Because the law, the constitution and the founding principals are on our side.”

During the debate, Welch, with his mother seated next to him, spoke of how his aunt was shot and killed in her car while leaving church in the mid-1980s, and how his mother ended up adopting her sister’s three daughters.

“Let’s end families having to change overnight,” Welch said. “Let’s not lose any more brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, children to gun violence.”

The bill will next be sent to Pritzker’s office for his signature.

“For a long time now, I and many other leaders in the Illinois General Assembly have prioritized getting the most dangerous weapons off our state’s streets,” Pritzker said in a statement. “Today, honoring the commitment we made, we passed one of the strongest assault weapons bans in the nation, one I will be proud to sign.”

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

BOONE COUNTY, IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of IVA V. VENTURA, Deceased.
No. 2022-PR-29

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of Iva V. Ventura. Letters of Office were issued June 8, 2022 on to Deno M. Ventura, Loves Park, Illinois who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles T. Sewell, 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before June 16, 2023, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

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

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

Dated: June 16, 2022

Deno M. Ventura, Independent Executor
Charles T. Sewell, L.L.C.

Attorney at Law

215 South State Street
Belvidere, IL 61008

Phone: 815-544-3118

Email: charlest1@aol.com

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

MARTIN EXTERIORS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. No. 2022 FC 69

EK REAL ESTATE FUND I, LLC, TVC FUNDING II, LLC;
UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION AS TO UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to KIMBERLY GREENENWALD, EK REAL ESTATE FUND I, LLC, TVC FUNDING II, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled action, that a complaint for foreclosure and other relief has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois by said Plaintiff against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of the Mechanics Lien dated February 1, 2022, and recorded on March 4, 2022, as Document No. 2022R01336 on the premises legally described as follows:

Address: 2803 Huntington Dr, Belvidere, Illinois 61008
P.I.N.: 06-31-454-023

The lienor of said Mechanics Lien is MARTIN EXTERIORS, INC.

The owner of record is EK REAL ESTATE FUND I, LLC, TVC FUNDING II, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, KIMBERLY GREENENWALD, EK REAL ESTATE FUND I, LLC, TVC FUNDING II, LLC, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants, file your answer to the complaint for foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, held in the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61108, on or before February 9, 2023, which is thirty (30) days after the last date of publication, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a judgment for foreclosure entered in accordance with the prayer of the complaint for foreclosure.

Pamela Coduto, Circuit Clerk

Patrick M. Moore #6297232

Attorney for Plaintiff

120 W. State Street, Suite 303

Rockford, Illinois 61101

(815)962-5490

pmoore@derangocain.com

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

-v- 17 CH 1

JAMES R. GAUTHIER, CARIE GAUTHIER 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 26, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on February 7, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT SEVENTEEN (17) IN BLOCK FIFTEEN (15) AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 4 OF SHEFFIELD GREEN, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 3RD P.M., THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION WAS RECORDED JANUARY 25, 1971 IN BOOK 7 OF PLATS ON PAGES 42 & 43 AND AS DOCUMENT NO. 71-150 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1816 13TH AVENUE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-35-380-010

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$100,894.84.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 16-081876.

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.

LOGS Legal Group LLP

2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301

Bannockburn IL, 60015

847-291-1717

E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com

Attorney File No. 16-081876

Case Number: 17 CH 1

TJSC#: 42-4717

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 17 CH 1

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TAX DEED NO 2023TX3 FILED JANUARY 6, 2023
TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone, Illinois

Date premises Sold October 29, 2020

Certificate No. 2019-00384.

Sold for General Taxes of 2019.

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at 3515 Partridge Ln, Belvidere, Illinois 61008

Legal Description 3-44-3 BE-VER KREEK 2ND ADD KTS 4 & 5 (EX BEG SW COR LOT 4 SE 601.84' N 50' NW618.83' SE TO POB) or Property Index No. 05-03-326-015.

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 29, 2023.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or her or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

The notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 29, 2023.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Belvidere Illinois on May 9, 2023 at 9:00am at 601 N Main, Belvidere IL 61008 in courtroom #3.

You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 29, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere Illinois.

For further information contact the County Clerk

ADDRESS: Boone County Clerk's Office

1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103,

Belvidere Illinois 61008

Telephone 815-544-3103

/s/ Laura Jo Larke, Purchaser Dated 1/9/2023

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TAX DEED NO 2023TX4 FILED JANUARY 6, 2023
TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone, Illinois

Date premises Sold October 29, 2020

Certificate No. 2019-00701.

Sold for General Taxes of 2019.

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at 1006 Washington St., Belvidere, Illinois 61008

Legal Description 36-44-3 LT 4 BLK 4 AD TURNERS 3rd SUB 1006 Washington St or Property Index No. 05-36-256-001.

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 29, 2023.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or her or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

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Belvidere Illinois 61008

Telephone 815-544-3103

/s/ Laura Jo Larke, Purchaser Dated 1/9/2023

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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, January 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:

The applicant, Gracie Robles, is seeking a special use permit in the A-1, Agricultural Preservation District to allow an assembly hall use, pursuant to section 2.7 (Special Use) and Section 3.16.1 (Table of Permitted Uses) of Boone county Zoning Ordinance at 289 Irene Rd. Unincorporated Boone County, Flora Township.

Tony Savino, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals

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Public Notice

Early Voting for the February 28, 2023 Consolidated Primary Election will begin on Thursday, January 19, 2023 and end February 27, 2023. This election is only for City of Belvidere WARD 2 voters. Early Voting 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, 8:30 AM to 5:00PM, except holidays. The office will also be open on Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

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

* This Consolidated Primary includes ONLY a Republican Ward 2 Alderperson Race.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
MIDFIRST BANK., Plaintiff,
v. Case No. 2022FC85

DERRICK H. JERNSTAD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Derrick H. Jernstad, 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 Nine (9) and Ten (10) both in Block Seven (7) in Nijah Hotchkiss' First Addition to the Town of Belvidere, as platted and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois. Situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois.

1125 Pearl Street, Belvidere, IL 61008

05-35-283-017

Now, therefore, unless you, Derrick H. Jernstad, 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 February 28, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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

Alan S. Kaufman (6289893)

MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC

Attorneys for Plaintiff

One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613

Email: sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com

One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

File Number: 22-032011

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

ILLINOIS BANK & TRUST Plaintiff,

-v- 2022 FC 41

MICHAEL SAXTON 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 November 18, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on February 24, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT SIXTY-THREE (63) AS DESIGNATED UPON BELVIDERE PRAIRIE PLACE FINAL PLAT NO. 2, AS PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; IN THE CITY OF BELVIDERE, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY ON APRIL 29, 2004 IN PLAT INDEX FILE ENVELOPE 295-B AS DOCUMENT NO. 2004R04931; SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 4191 HUBBARD TRL, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-28-377-004

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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).

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

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

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
 You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
 630-794-5300
 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
 Attorney File No. 14-22-03625
 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
 Case Number: 2022 FC 41
 TJSC#: 42-4392
 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
 GREENSTATE CREDIT UNION F/K/A MIDWEST COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs. CASE NO. 2022FC71
 TAYLOR N. MCKENNA AKA TAYLOR MCKENNA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s).
 Property Address: 511 E. Jackson Street Belvidere, IL 61008
 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, TAYLOR N. MCKENNA AKA TAYLOR MCKENNA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS ; defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 3 IN WILCOX'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 14 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF BELVIDERE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF THE SAME BY HOMER J. YAW, COUNTY SURVEYOR OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DATED JUNE 7, 1950 AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 3 OF THE SURVEYOR'S RECORDS, PAGE 233; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
 P.L.N.: 05-26-235-002

Said property is commonly known as 511 E. Jackson Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2012R05470, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Boone County on or before FEBRUARY 13, 2023, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date 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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME – DO NOT IGNORE THIS DOCUMENT. By order of the Chief Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, this case is subject to Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program. For further information on the mediation process, please see the NOTICE OF MANDATORY MEDIATION on file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court by contacting the Plaintiff's attorney at the address listed below.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120
 Naperville, IL 60563
 Telephone: (630) 453-6960
 Facsimile: (630) 428-4620
 Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191
 Service E-mail: midwestpleadings@dallegal.com
 6088-PO929413
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 COUNTY OF BOONE
 PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of SANDRA N. BERG, Deceased.
 2023PR1

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of SANDRA N. BERG. Letters of Office were issued on January 3, 2023, to SARAH R. PADRON, who is the Independent Executors of the Estate. The attorneys for the Estate are Michael JON SHALBRACK, HolmstromKennedyPC, 800 North Church Street, Rockford, Illinois 61103.

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before July ____, 2023, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division, at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the Estate legal representative, or both.

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 <https://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 talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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

Dated: January 10, 2023.

SARAH R. PADRON, Independent Executor of the Estate of SANDRA N. BERG, Deceased

HolmstromKennedyPC,

By: /s/ Michael Jon Shalbrack

Michael Jon Shalbrack, one of its attorneys

Attorney Michael Jon Shalbrack - ARDC #6188198

HolmstromKennedyPC

Attorney for Independent Co-Executors

800 N. Church Street

Rockford, IL 61103

mshalbrack@hkrockford.com

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ASSUMED NAMES

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
 STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a real estate business in said County and State under the name of Angie Wait at the following post office address: 9010 Edson Road, Capron, IL 61012 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: Angie Wait Moen, 9010 Edson Road, Capron, IL 61012; phone # (815) 494-1531.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 15th day of December, A.D. 2022

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 digital media production and consulting business in said County and State under the name of AMPLIFIER MEDIA CONSULTING at the following post office address: 232 Ridgestone Trail, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 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: Beatrice Marion Rinaldi, 232 Ridgestone Trail, Poplar Grove, IL; phone # (815) 276-5285.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 31st day of October, A.D. 2022

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 mowing business in said County and State under the name of J & B MOWING at the following post office address: 106 West Park Street PO Box 256, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 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: Justin Bodey, 106 West Park Street PO Box 256, Poplar Grove, IL 61065; phone # (815) 543-9814.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 4th day of January, A.D. 2023

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 beauty salon and spa business in said County and State under the name of Laura's Salon & Spa at the following post office address: 13518 Julie Drive, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 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: Laura Vilchis-Forrestal, 2109 Candlewick Drive SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065; phone # (815) 261-8318.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 5th day of January, A.D. 2023

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 3D printing business in said County and State under the name of JDK Printing at the following post office address: 632 West 7th 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: Jacob Dustin King, 632 West 7th Street, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # (815) 262-2267.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 29th day of December, A.D. 2022

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk

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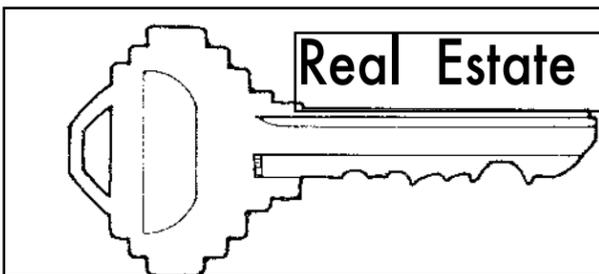
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
 STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a yoga studio business said County and State under the name of BAREFOOT AMANDA at the following post office address: 145 North 5th Street, Capron, IL 61012 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Amanda Marshall, 145 North 5th Street, Capron, IL 61012; phone # (779) 537-6233.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 11th day of January, A.D. 2023

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk

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

ILLINOIS BANK & TRUST Plaintiff,

-v.- 2022 FC 41

MICHAEL SAXTON 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 November 18, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on February 24, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4191 HUBBARD TRL, BELVIDERE, IL 61008
 Property Index No. 05-28-377-004

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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

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

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 Attorney File No. 14-22-03625
 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
 Case Number: 2022 FC 41
 TJSC#: 42-4392

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

-v.- 17 CH 1

JAMES R. GAUTHIER, CARIE GAUTHIER 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 26, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on February 7, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1816 13TH AVENUE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008
 Property Index No. 05-35-380-010

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$100,894.84.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 16-081876.

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 Bannockburn IL, 60015
 847-291-1717

E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com
 Attorney File No. 16-081876
 Case Number: 17 CH 1
 TJSC#: 42-4717

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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