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Clint Morris Wins Mayoral Seat in Belvidere

Morris Elected Mayor of Belvidere

by Charles Herbst

This past Tuesday, April 6, by a vote of 1306 to 993, former Belvidere Alderman Clint Morris was elected Mayor of Belvidere, defeating two-term incumbent Republican Mayor Mike Chamberlain. Although both sides ran a spirited campaign, only 16 percent of registered voters cast ballots.

This election followed an equally energetic Republican primary last February, in which Chamberlain narrowly defeated District 2 Boone County Board Member Jeff Carlisle. Both Carlisle and former Belvidere Mayor Fred Brereton supported Morris in the general election.

While there were several issues in the campaign, taxes seemed to dominate. Sales taxes have been raised in Belvidere by one-half percent and a 2-cent gasoline tax was enacted during Chamberlain's second term. Also figuring large in the contest was the upcoming \$40 million storm sewer relief project and the possibility of a new storm sewer utility tax being levied. Marengo was recently awarded \$28 million for water and sewer extensions and improvements as part of the Illinois Capital Improvement Project. There was no allocation for Belvidere from the state for storm sewer relief.

Mayor-elect Morris is a long-time Belviderean who graduated from Belvidere High School and has a bachelor's degree in Business. He is retired from Commonwealth Edison, where he worked for 34 years. Mr. Morris is Vice-Chairman of First Northern Credit Union, where he has been a director since 2000. He is married to his wife, Julie, and has two children and six grandchildren.

Morris said he "was going to make Belvidere a place for the hard-working taxpayers in this community."

In Belvidere's two contested aldermanic races, 4th Ward incumbent Republican Matthew Fleury won reelection over Mary Volkey 298 to 190. Incumbent 5th Ward Alderman Marsha Freeman retained her seat over Democrat Christine Gardner by a vote of 308 to 220.

Boone County voters seemed to be looking for change elsewhere as well. Beside the Belvidere Mayor's race, voters narrowly elected Donald Sattler to replace incumbent Poplar Grove Village President Owen Costanza by 15 votes, 365 to 350. Costanza ran as an independent, but is also the former Boone County Republican Party Chairman.

There was also change in the Village of Capron. Capron Village Trustee Steven Bank will be replacing one-term Village Mayor Conrad Lobinsky. The vote was 156 to 59.

In recent years, Boone County voters have opted for direct elections for members of the Board of Trustees in both Fire Protection Districts 2 and 3. This was the first contested election in North Boone Fire Protection District #3 with 11 candidates vying for 5 board seats. Former District Fire Chief Gail Worley led the balloting, with Glen Guthrie, Shannon Baraconi, Robert Cassidy, and Lesley Ragland also winning seats on the board.



Clint Morris speaking to a crowd of well wishers upon learning he clinched the election in a landslide

Conversely, in neighboring counties, familiar faces will be returning to city halls for another term. Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara was unopposed in seeking his second term and Loves Park Mayor Greg Jury, was also unopposed for reelection.

In McHenry County, Harvard Mayor Michael Kelly ran unopposed for another term and Marengo Mayor John Koziol handily defeated his challenger James Regelin 343 to 161.

DCEO Announces \$18.2 Million in Infrastructure Grants for 34 Rural Communities

Federal funds to be used for 'critical life safety projects'

by Grace Barbic Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announced a total of \$18.2 million in grants will be awarded to 34 downstate and rural communities facing threats to health and safety because of infrastructure issues.

The Community Development Block Grant program for 2020, funded by the U.S. Department

of Housing and Urban Development, is estimated to benefit around 113,266 Illinois residents by funding water and sewer upgrades and repairs in low-income, rural communities.

The repairs must be made to shared water and sewer infrastructure with the intent of enhancing safety and quality of life for those within the eligible cities and towns.

"Every community deserves clean water and reliable sewer service," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a news release. "The 2020 Public Infrastructure grants program will...invest in the community, create jobs, and lay the groundwork for even more revitalization down the road."

Last year the program received 50 percent more applications than it did the previous year, which DCEO Acting Director Sylvia Garcia said speaks to the program's necessity.

"I think there's a backlog of infrastructure investment across the country when we look at things, but I think in particular in downstate and rural communities," Garcia said in an interview. "There's a lot of critical life safety projects out there that really need to be funded."

Village of Tampico Mayor Kristine Hill, a grantee of the program, said her community is facing major issues with its infrastructure, specifically its storm sewer system.

"Our system is quite old to begin with, but then during the flooding of 2019, the groundwater infiltrated our storm source and overloaded our system which caused us to have emergency pumps running and backing up into people's homes," Hill said in a phone interview. "It was

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COVID-19 Hospitalizations, Cases Increase; State Boosting Vaccination Resources

State to receive \$124 million in federal funding to expand efforts

by Tim Kirsininkas Capitol News Illinois

COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continued to rise Tuesday as state officials announced that additional resources were being deployed in the state's vaccination efforts.

Public health officials announced 2,931 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 out of 51,625 test results Tuesday, bringing the statewide seven-day rolling positivity rate to 3.9 percent, the highest that figure has been since Feb. 1.

Statewide, COVID-19 hospitalizations also saw a jump, as the Illinois Department of Public

Health reported a total of 1,648 individuals were hospitalized with COVID-19 as of Monday night. Of those, 357 patients were in the ICU and 143 were on ventilators.

Tuesday's hospitalization numbers were the highest recorded in the state since Feb. 17.

Amid the increased cases and hospitalizations, state officials announced Tuesday that Illinois would receive \$124 million in federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to expand its statewide vaccination program.

According to a Tuesday news release, \$33 million in funding is expected to be directed to the city of Chicago with the rest being used to expand efforts in other parts of the state.

The release noted that approximately 75 percent of the funding would be used to focus on supplying vaccines to underserved communities, including communities of color, rural areas, and regions disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

"With this new funding from the Biden-Harris administration, Illinois will move quickly to further expand our aggressive efforts to reach those most vulnerable to COVID-19," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a Tuesday statement.

"With mass vaccination sites across the state, rural vaccination teams reaching those with less access to health care, and partnerships with trusted providers in underserved communities, we have built the infrastructure to end this pandemic as quickly as possible, and these new resources will only help us reach that day even sooner," Pritzker added.

The state also announced Tuesday that rapid response vaccination teams and additional resources would be deployed to six more Illinois counties in response to "early warning signs of COVID-19 resurgence."

According to a Tuesday news release, rapid response vaccination teams will be deployed to Fulton, Tazewell and Woodford counties in central Illinois, with additional vaccine doses being directed to Peoria and McLean counties.

The state announced on Monday that it would also send mobile vaccination teams to Kankakee, Vermilion, Livingston, Coles, DeWitt, and White counties this week. The vaccination teams plan to administer single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccines in order to quickly mitigate spread, the release said.

State officials urged added caution in following public health guidelines as the state continues to work to vaccinate residents as quickly as possible.

"While we've made great progress to date in saving lives and ending this pandemic, our work isn't over yet. I'll continue to deploy every available resource to get the entire state over the finish line as quickly as possible," Pritzker said Tuesday.

"Until enough people are vaccinated, we need to continue to protect ourselves and our families by wearing a mask, avoiding large crowds, and keeping six feet of distance," IDPH Director Ngozi Ezike said Tuesday. "Without the layered approach of vaccination and public health measures, we will continue to see hospitalizations and cases increase."

The announcements come as the state prepares to expand vaccine eligibility to all residents over the age of 16 at the more than 900 state vaccination sites beginning April 12, while the Biden administration announced all American adults would be eligible to receive the vaccine by April 19.

Vice President Kamala Harris, along with U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, also visited Chicago on Tuesday to learn more about the state's efforts to prioritize equity in vaccine access for all state residents.

"This is a critical moment in this pandemic," Durbin said Tuesday at a media availability event in Chicago. "But we can't break the back of this pandemic unless we push for more vaccinations."

As of Tuesday, more than 8 million COVID-19

vaccine doses had been administered across the state with a seven-day rolling average of 106,976 doses administered per day. Just over 19 percent of the state's 12.7 million residents are fully vaccinated.

More information about the COVID-19 vaccine and appointment availability can be found at coronavirus.illinois.gov or by calling 833-621-1284.

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ISBE Director on Leave after Attempted Online Extortion, Agency Reports

Agency says attempt likely did not compromise election data or information

by Sarah Mansur Capitol News Illinois

One day before Tuesday's consolidated election, the Illinois State Board of Elections executive director was placed on administrative leave after being the subject of an online extortion attempt, ISBE said in a news release.

The eight-member elections board voted unanimously on Monday to place Director Steve Sandvoss on leave, according to the release.

The board also approved the appointment of Assistant Executive Director Bernadette Matthews to serve as interim director while Sandvoss is on leave.

"The board also authorized the agency's Chief Information Security Officer, Jeremy Owens, to cooperate fully with the law enforcement investigation, as well as conduct an internal assessment of all SBE devices to which Director Sandvoss had access and ensure the security of the Board's systems," the release states.

Sandvoss reported the online extortion attempt to the Illinois State Police, which is investigating the incident, according to the release.

"Based on Director Sandvoss' description, the attempted extortion scheme appeared typical of many such online scams," the release states. "At this time, there is no reason to believe that any election data or information has been compromised."

Matt Dietrich, spokesperson for the Illinois State Board of Elections, did not say what specific day the incident occurred. Dietrich said he was not aware of the details about the timing of initial police contact or the investigation beyond what was in the news release.

Dietrich said the agency has no comment about the incident's timing in close proximity to the election.

A spokesperson for the Illinois State Police did not respond to questions about details surrounding the online extortion attempt, saying it is an open and ongoing investigation.

Sandvoss became the Illinois State Board of Elections' executive director in January 2015, after serving as the agency's general counsel.

He has worked for the agency since 1988.

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G.O.P. Rejects storm sewers projects.

Only roads and bridges qualify as "infrastructure" ...so says Mitch McConnell.



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- Larsen, Barbara, 77, Formerly of Belvidere, April 1
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Lessons From Little Free Libraries

By Jim Nowlan

It is time to “get in the game”

by Roger Eddy

Now that the spring session of the Illinois General Assembly is underway and there have been literally thousands of proposals filed for consideration in the House and Senate, it is time to begin following bills that interest you and let your voice be heard. It is time to get in the game.

The Illinois Senate and House are both not scheduled to meet again until April 13. Besides a few subject matter hearings and other meetings taking place attempting to gain agreement on issues, it is spring break for senators and representatives. The deadline has passed in the House for substantive House bills to be passed out of committees. The deadline in the Senate for bills to pass from committees to the Senate floor is April 16.

Another important deadline to consider is April 23, which is the deadline for Senate and House bills to successfully pass on third reading in the respective chamber of origin. These measures can then be considered in the “other” chamber. Successful House bills are passed over to the Senate for consideration, and successful Senate bills are passed on to the House. The committee process for these measures then begins in the “second” chamber. Eventually, the bills that pass at the committee level in the second chamber are subject to final action on the floor of one of the respective chambers. Passing a bill in both chambers gets the proposal to the governor for approval or potentially a veto.

Even though spring break is upon the General Assembly, this is a good time for you to get involved. You can begin the process by contacting your state representative or senator. It is easy to let them know if you support or oppose to a particular bill. If you do not know who represents you in Springfield, or Washington, D.C., for that matter, it is easy to find out in a few easy steps. Go to www.elections.il.gov and you will see a menu under “Voter Services”. Simply click on “Find My Elected Officials”. By following the links, you can input your address and a complete list of your state and federal elected officials will be displayed. There will be contact information for you to connect to them.

After you have the name of your state representative and senator, there is a treasure trove of information on the Illinois General Assembly website. If you go to www.ilga.gov and type in a House or Senate bill number, you will be directed to a screen that contains valuable information about the proposal you are interested in. The full text of the proposal, along with information about where the bill is in the process is also listed.

You can even file a witness slip online and make comments about the legislation you are interested in. Simply go back to the General Assembly home page (www.ilga.gov) and click on the “GA Dashboard” link, which is highlighted in red. Click the appropriate House or Senate committee hearing based on what you learned about where the proposal is in the process. Posted bills are listed along with a link to file a witness slip. Fill out the slip out and add your thoughts and your voice.

Of course, you could contact your representative or senator directly by using the Senate or House member directory on the General Assembly home page. Just click on the name of your elected official. Office locations in Springfield and in-district phone numbers are located on this page, and you could call to make an appointment to discuss your concerns or leave a message regarding your support or opposition.

It is critical in our form of government that your voice be heard. There are lots of ways to get in the game. It is your duty in our democracy to get involved.

This is a “good news” story (we could use a few). I am late to the game here, as you will see, but worth the telling, and lessons to be learned.

A year or more ago I made friends with Rick Brooks of Princeton. Only later was I told that Rick is the co-founder of the Little Free Libraries. You’ve seen them, the little school houses on posts along sidewalks and in parks, wherever. Passersby put in their books, take out someone else’s. Nice.

Rick and co-founder Todd Bol are do-gooders of the highest order. Their idea wasn’t so much book exchange but sharing, and the good feelings that flows from it.

The human animal is navigating throughout its life. Doing something good, and satisfying, along the way, such as putting up and maintaining Little Free Libraries and sharing books, tends to beget more of the same along the way.

And it nudges others to do the same. For example, I walk by an LFL on the way to the post office in my town. I always notice it, even look in from time to time to see if there are new offerings, which there are. I promise myself to share some books. I haven’t done so yet, but I will; the nudge to do so is driving me nuts.

Rick and Todd had really big aspirations for their idea, hatched without any money only a decade ago in Wisconsin, where they lived. They hoped to stimulate 2,500 LFLs, to match the number of libraries Andrew Carnegie funded across America a century ago.

Today, there are 110,000 LFLs in more than 100 countries, including one in Antarctica. Plus there probably are 200,000 or so spinoffs that aren’t registered with the nonprofit that lightly oversees LFLs. I figure that if there are 20 books in a typical LFL, that’s 6 million or more books.

But, as I say, it isn’t primarily about the books. For example, I am certain that in my little town there are Trumplers and anti-Trumplers who both put and take books in our LFL — and I’m sure they sense that is the case. Sharing among neighbors, dare I say, trumps politics.

There are important lessons for us in this continuing story of the idea that became LFLs.

First, and maybe most important, good ideas don’t become big deals just because they are possibly brilliant. Most great ideas probably never see the light of day — because they fail to overcome the always present naysayers (“It’ll never work”), and because the idea hatches lack the courage of their convictions, and never pursue them.

Second, getting an idea out there takes work, lots of it, and creative marketing. Todd and Rick were initially like Johnny Appleseed, taking 30 of their colorful “schoolhouses” on the road throughout the Midwest.

The idea caught on, especially when NBC Nightly News, then

the New York Times and the Times of London, then Parade, Oprah and more spotlighted “the little idea that could.” I told you I was late to the game.

Rick, a one-time, obviously talented PR guy who should know better, characterizes the marvelously breathtaking explosion of LFLs as “stimulus diffusion.” I call it scratching the human impulse to do good, because that works better than the opposite as we navigate through life.

In 2013, Reader’s Digest came out with “50 Surprising Reasons We Love America” and LFLs came out #11, right after sliced bread (#10), and way ahead of Bruce Springsteen, Bon Jovi and other American icons.

Every week, there are a dozen or more media pieces like this, from all around the world, about LFLs. And the sharing concept, not unique to Rick and Todd, continues to grow like topsy. For example, I saw a “Blessing House” along a street in downtown Natchez, Mississippi, a few weeks ago, a spinoff, I’m confident.

Important lesson: An idea that you think might benefit your fellow man indeed has merit — just in the impulse and thinking of it. And don’t be afraid to pursue the idea. What do you have to lose?! Your idea may fall flat; most do. Or it might just end up in hundreds of thousands of neighborhoods around the world, reminding us to share.

Thanks, Rick and Todd, for your idea.

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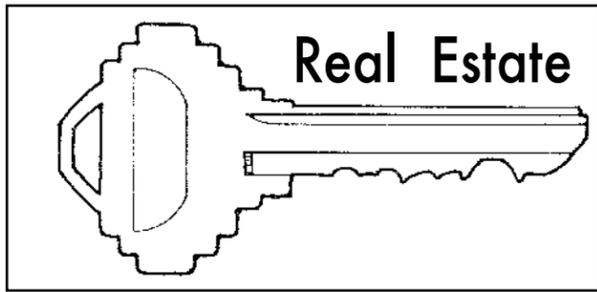
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<input checked="" type="radio"/> RUSSELL HOUK		INDEPENDENT
BOONE TOWNSHIP		
FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> NORMAN STIMES		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> JESSICA SENG		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> GLEN GRATZ		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> SHANE MUNRO		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE		
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> CHAD CUNNINGHAM		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="radio"/> DAVID TINBERG		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="radio"/> JASON HAGBERG		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="radio"/> CARLO FERRETTI		INDEPENDENT
TOWNSHIP		
CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP		
FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> VALERIE ALT		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> THERESA BALK		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> JEFFREY MORELOCK		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE		
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> DONALD WARD		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="radio"/> TRACY RANGEL		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="radio"/> DENNIS LUCKEY		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="radio"/> GORDON GOTSCH		INDEPENDENT

FLORA TOWNSHIP		
FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KENNETH E. FREEMAN		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DONALD J. BANKS		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
No Candidate		
FOR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL A. FRANK		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE		
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KERRY LEE		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GARY BLAKE		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEBRA S. BUTENSCHOEN		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TODD C. AVES		INDEPENDENT
LE ROY TOWNSHIP		
FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRIAN VAN LAAR		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JAMIE MURRAY		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROBERT DONLEY		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE		
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KAREN KENNEY		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JAMES RICHARDSON		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHARLES KASTNING		INDEPENDENT
MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP		
FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TIMOTHY HALL		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DALON BOYCE		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WILLIAM J. SCHWARZBACH		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE		
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STANLEY A. ELLSWORTH		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KEN HILDEBRANDT		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JULIE MATTELIG		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RANDY WILLIAMS		INDEPENDENT
POPLAR GROVE TOWNSHIP		
FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRIAN PISKIE		
FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANDREA SOWERS		
FOR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL A. WARES		
FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE		
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RANDY BROWN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VONNIE R. WARES		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL OLIVER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MATTHEW BULLARD		
SPRING TOWNSHIP		
FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RYAN KUFALK		INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KAREN L. SMILEY		INDEPENDENT

FOR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHAD HARBISON	150	INDEPENDENT
<input type="checkbox"/> TIMOTHY G. LEIN	69	INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE		
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KIMBERLY BRAHMSTEDT		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CURT FOWLER		INDEPENDENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MIKE PAULSON		INDEPENDENT
MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR DISTRICT		
FOR MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR (BONUS, SPRING, POPLAR GROVE AND CALEDONIA TOWNSHIPS)		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KATHI HENDRICKSON		INDEPENDENT
FOR MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR (LE ROY AND MANCHESTER TOWNSHIPS)		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KRISTINA L. HALL		INDEPENDENT
PARK		
ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT		
FOR PARK COMMISSIONER		
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TYLER SMITH		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARTESHA BROWN		
BELVIDERE PARK DISTRICT		
FOR PARK COMMISSIONER (For a 4-year term)		
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JEAN TWYNING		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMY GRAFTON		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DANIEL NOBLE		
FOR PARK COMMISSIONER (For an unexpired 2-year term)		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARY MARQUARDT	1435	
<input type="checkbox"/> MARK MUCCIANTI	1343	
LIBRARY		
NORTH SUBURBAN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT		
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE		
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARCY L. MITCHELL		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MELISSA S. LEUZINGER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JANE E. BURDEN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SARA PORTER		
CHERRY VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT		
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE		
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JEAN BOUACHA		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANN MARIE JINKINS		
SCHOOLS		
BELVIDERE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100		
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is to consist of 4 members from the congressional township that has at least 75% but not more than 90% of the population, and 3 board members from the remaining congressional townships in the school district.		
ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.		
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		
BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2		
FOR TRUSTEE		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JEFF SPRADLING	814	
<input type="checkbox"/> BOB KOEHN	434	

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM		
3 shall be elected from Belvidere Township 44N Range 03E		
(VOTE FOR THREE)		
BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP 44N RANGE 03E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THOMAS J. BUCHER JR	1570	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHARLES A. PARROVECHIO	600	
<input type="checkbox"/> ERIC J. MILLER	1028	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MATT ZICKERT	1661	
<input type="checkbox"/> ROBERT C. TORBERT	741	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KARLA M. MAVILLE	1868	
<input type="checkbox"/> MICHELLE ROMANO HUBER	1409	
<input type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL G. SCHULTZ	1352	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM		
1 board members shall be elected from the remaining congressional townships.		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
The remaining Congressional Townships		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LISA WHITCOMB		
HARVARD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50		
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.		
ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.		
NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 45N RANGE 6E (HARTLAND)		
NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 45N RANGE 5E (DUNHAM)		
NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 46N RANGE 6E (CHEMUNG)		
NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 46N RANGE 6E (ALDEN)		
NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 46N RANGE 4E (LEROY)		
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM		
(VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR)		
TOWNSHIP 46N RANGE 5E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KRISTINA DAWN DUBER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TODD ERNEST RAMBERG		
TOWNSHIP 45N RANGE 5E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MELINDA L. SHAFER		
NORTH BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3		
FOR TRUSTEE		
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE)		
<input type="checkbox"/> JEFFREY GOINGS	361	
<input type="checkbox"/> JAMES JASON VODNANSKY	257	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LESLEY M. RAGLAND	432	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHARLES R. GARRETT	231	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GAIL WORLEY	613	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROBERT CASSIDY	454	
<input type="checkbox"/> DANIEL E. ZIEGLER	336	
<input type="checkbox"/> EDWARD J. WETHINGTON	190	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLEN GUTHRIE	541	
<input type="checkbox"/> DAN CHEEK	300	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHANNON BARACONI	497	
BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4		
FOR TRUSTEE (For a 6-year term)		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JULIE VAN LAAR		
FOR TRUSTEE (For an unexpired 4-year term)		
(VOTE FOR ONE)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KERRY KENNEY		



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING LLC; Plaintiff, vs. 20 CH 43 JUAN S. MUNOZ; JOANNA MUNOZ; SABINO MUNOZ; SAN JUANA MUNOZ; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in the office of inside the front entrance of the, Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street., Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 3044 East 6th 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 Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455.

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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LOT ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE (161) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF FARMINGTON FIELDS EAST UNIT TWO, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS RECORDED SEPTEMBER 27, 2006 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2006R10644 IN PLAT FILE ENVELOPE 358-A IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 06-31-431-006.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: Alijah Hensley minor
No. 21-JA-18

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

Take notice that on March 24, 2021, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Alijah Hensley, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:00 P.M. central daylight time on 04/22/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: March 25, 2021 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT BOONE COUNTY
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT) Case No. 21-MR-34
REQUEST OF: ROBIN ANN CARROLL to change my name from: ROBIN ANN CARROLL; to the new name of: ROBIN ANN THOMPSON. The court date will be held: on April 20, 2021, at 9:15a.m., at 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL Boone County in Courtroom #3
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Case No. 21-MR-221
REQUEST OF: NICOLE MARIE KIEFER to change name my name from: NICOLE MARIE KIEFER; to the new name of: NICOLE MARIE BURT. The court date will be held: on MAY 19, 2021, at 10:00a.m., at 400 W. STATE ST., ROCKFORD, IL WINNEBAGO County in Courtroom #426
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS PUBLICATION NOTICE OF A REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT) Case No. 2021MR28
REQUEST OF YESENIA SANCHEZ to change name from YESENIA SANCHEZ; to the new name of: YESENIA VELASCO.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: Dakota Oliger minor
No. 21-JA-14

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

Take notice that on March 16, 2021, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Dakota Oliger, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 04/29/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: March 22, 2021 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS BMO Harris Bank N.A. PLAINTIFF Vs. No. 2019CH158

Elizabeth Yeast; Joshua Van Meter; Candace Van Meter; The Condominiums of Logan Square; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of William J. Van Meter; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Timothy A. Miller, as Special Representative for William J. Van Meter (Deceased) DEFENDANTS

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Candace Van Meter Unknown Heirs and Legatees of William J. Van Meter Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2147 Derby Ln Belvidere, IL 61008 and which said Mortgage was made by: William J. Van Meter the Mortgagor(s), to Harris N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, Illinois, as Document No. 2010R08554; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Linda J Anderson

Clerk of the Circuit Court
601 North Main Street
Belvidere, IL 61008

on or before April 19, 2021, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-19-11531
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: Paige Dobbs minor No. 21-JA-13
Chad Dobbs/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on March 2, 2021, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Paige Dobbs, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:30/3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 04/22/2021 & 05/13/2021; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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Dated: March 22, 2021 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATSY D. WARD, Deceased CASE NO. 2021 P 17

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given of the death of PATSY D. WARD, who died on February 21, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on March 22, 2021 to MELISSA DIEHL, 1010 Riverside Road, Belvidere, IL 61008, who is the Administrator of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Douglas R. Henry, of Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley & Van Evera, LLP, 6833 Stalter Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61108.

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before October 2, 2021, 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 Winnebago County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division at the Winnebago County Courthouse, 400 West State Street, Rockford, Illinois, or with the Estate legal representative, or both.

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

Dated: March 22, 2021
/s/ Melissa Diehl, Administrator
DOUGLAS R. HENRY - #6229426
BARRICK, SWITZER, LONG,
BALSLEY & VAN EVERA, LLP
6833 Stalter Drive
Rockford, IL 61108
(815) 962-6611
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The Boone County Housing Authority has updated the admin plan's preferences. A 30 day comment period on the proposed change has been established beginning April 19, 2021 thru May 20, 2021. Throughout the public comment period, the documents may be seen at 2036 N. State St. Belvidere IL 61008. Written comments may be submitted to: Alan Zais, ED, BCHA, 2036 N. State St. Belvidere IL 61008. A public hearing related to the proposed changes in the plan will be held on May 21, 2021 in the conference room at 2036 N State Street Belvidere IL 61008.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE

Jaqueline Garcia, Plaintiff Case No. 21-OP-08
Jose Luis Hernandez, Defendant

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF NOTICE TO JOSE LUIS HERNANDEZ
Take notice that a Petition for ORDER OF PROTECTION was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Belvidere, Illinois on March 24, 2021. This matter has been set for hearing on April 30, 2021 at 2:15p.m. In Courtroom 4 of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008.
DATE: 04/05/2021
Linda J. Anderson
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: Bailey Lefever, minor
No. 21-JA-09

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

Take notice that on February 12, 2021, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Bailey Lefever, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:30 P.M. central daylight time on 05/13/21; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: March 31, 2021 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: Amir Price, minor
No. 18-JA-11

William Price, Perryion King, James Coach/ To whom it may concern/ All unknown natural Fathers

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Take notice that on September 7, 2018, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Amir Price, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 2:00/2:30 P.M. central daylight time on 05/27/21 & 06/24/21; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the

petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: April 1, 2021 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
Published in The Boone County Journal; April 09, 16, 23 C.

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, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:

The applicant, Kurt Schwabe, 9823 Deerwood Trail Belvidere, IL 61008, is requesting a variance pursuant to section 3.5.4 (Lot Development Standards) of Section 3.5 (Single Family Residential District) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance to allow a size increase for a detached garage at 9823 Deerwood Trail Belvidere, IL 61008 PIN: 05-16-100-035, 16-44-3 NORDIC ACRES PLAT 2 LOT 14 W 263.59 NW 8 1.2 N ? E 331.89 S 297.07

The applicant, Brian and Ashley White, 8095 Hickory Trail Belvidere, IL 61008, is requesting a variance pursuant to section 3.2.4(Lot Development Standards) of Section 3.2 (Agricultural Preservation District) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction in side and rear setback for an accessory structure at 8095 Hickory Trail Belvidere, IL 61008 PIN: 05-20-400-022, 20-44-3 DISTILLERY SUB LOT 9

The applicant, Jeanine Hadley, 109 Rockaway CT. NE Poplar Grove, IL 61065, is requesting a variance pursuant to section 3.5.4 (Lot Development Standards) of Section 3.5 (Single Family Residential District) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction in the rear yard for a swimming pool and deck at 109 Rockaway CT NE Poplar Grove, IL 61065 PIN: 03-22-404-019, 22-45-3 CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT 5 LOT 172 NW 67.04 NE 124.64 SE 134.38 SW 138.97

The applicant, DDS Enterprise LLC, 3402 Vermont Road Woodstock, IL 60098, is requesting a map amendment pursuant to section 2.10 (Text and Map Amendments, Comprehensive Plan Amendments) Sub Section 2.10.2 (Amending the Zoning Map) of 02-13-200-008 (10 Acres) Harvard, IL from A-1, Agricultural Preservation District to A-2, Agricultural Residential District located in unincorporated LeRoy Township. PIN: 02-13-200-008, 13-46-4 W 1/2 NE (EX BEG SW COR N 660' E 660' S 660' W 660' TO POB)

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

Tony Savino, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals
Published in *The Boone County Journal* on April 9, 2021

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

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN CURTIS LUNDGREN, DECEASED CASE NO. 2021-P-23

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of **John Curtis Lundgren**. Letters of Office were issued on **March 31, 2021** to, **Nicholas P. Bizzoni Sr.**, Poplar Grove, 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 September 10, 2021, 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 North 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 (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: April 9, 2021
/ss/ Nicholas P. Bizzoni Sr.
Nicholas P. Bizzoni Sr., Independent Executor
Charles T. Sewell, L.L.C. for Estate
Attorney at Law
215 South State Street
Belvidere, IL 61008
Phone: 815-544-3118
Email: charlestsl@aol.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 Rental Property business in said County and State under the name of Surf Song Resort Townhouse Unit # 343 at the following post office address: 902 Taylor Ridge, 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: Osama Badran & Suhaila Badran, 902 Taylor Ridge, Belvidere, IL 61008.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 16th day of March, A.D. 2021
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in the Boone County Journal March 19, 26 April 02

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a roofing business in said County and State under the name of 3 Eagle Roofing at the following post office address: 7541 Lawrenceville Road, Garden Prairie, IL 61038 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Juan Almanza, 7541 Lawrenceville Road, Garden Prairie, IL 61038; phone #224-402-1970.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 17th day of March, A.D. 2021
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journal March 19, 26, April 2

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a construction, welding, millwright, and repair services in said County and State under the name of J&E Millwright and Customs at the following post office address: 1625 Whitney Blvd., 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: Jesus Flores, 1625 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #779-203-6300.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 26th day of March, A.D. 2021
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journal April 2, 9, 16

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact an Online Boutique business in said County and State under the name of Once Upon a Bowtique at the following post office address: 7852 Moore Hill Court, 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: Megan Nickles, 7852 Moore Hill Court, Belvidere, IL 61008.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 16th day of March, A.D. 2021
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Giselle Lenover, Deputy
Published in the Boone County Journal March 19, 26 April 02

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a Pizza business in said County and State under the name of Sam's Pizza at the following post office address: 138 North State 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: Josephine Alfanso, 138 North State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 16th day of March, A.D. 2021
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Giselle Lenover, Deputy
Published in the Boone County Journal March 19, 26 April 02

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a MONEY TRANSFERS, PLANE TICKETS, BUS TICKETS SERVICES business in said County and State under the name of SERCIOS GUERRERO at the following post office address: 211 N STATE 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: MANUELA GUERRERO, 6378 GARRETT LN, ROCKFORD, IL 61107; phone #815-544-2942.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 30TH day of March, A.D. 2021
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journal APRIL 02, 09, 16

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a construction and remodeling business in said County and State under the name of Lariat Construction Company at the following post office address: 458 North Appleton Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Jesus E Perez-Romero, 458 North Appleton Road, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #779-300-7198.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 29th day of March, A.D. 2021
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in *The Boone County Journal* April 2, 9, 16

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact an internet sales business in said County and State under the name of woodvinesales at the following post office address: 3230 Whip Poor Will Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Norman G. Nischan, 3230 Whip Poor Will Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #815-708-4598.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 29th day of March, A.D. 2021
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Published in Boone County Journal April 2, 9, 16

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a Car Performance/Car Repair Shop business in said County and State under the name of Roewer's Speedshop at the following post office address: 9184 Beaver Valley Rd., 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: Matthew Roewer, 9184 Beaver Valley Rd., Belvidere, IL 61008; phone #815-904-9690.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 24th day of February, A.D. 2021
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
Giselle Lenover, Deputy
Published in Boone County Journal March 19, 26 April 02

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Drive Thru Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser is SOLD OUT: Flora Grange's Drive Thru Roast Beef Dinner, Sunday, April 11th, at Flora Grange Hall, 2105 Stone Quarry Road is SOLD OUT. As of Tuesday, April 6th. The response has been tremendous, and we cannot thank everyone enough for your support of our community service work at Flora Grange. For those who did place an order, remember it is only cash or check when you pick up. The dinners will be brought to you in your car.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CASA Program to Host Heritage Run: Rockford's oldest 10k is back for the 37th year! Winnebago County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program will host the Heritage Run on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at Midway Village. To comply with Covid safety procedures, rolling starts will begin at 7:30 a.m. and there will be no registration on race day. Everyone who registers by April 18th will receive a commemorative race shirt.

For further information, or to register, please contact the CASA office at 815-319-6880 or visit WinnebagoCountyCASA.org.

Boone County is looking to fill a number of vacant board positions. Position information and length of term can be located at: https://cms8.revize.com/revize/booneil/government/county_board/appointments.php

Commissioners of the Housing Authority	
Term Expires	Length of Term
January 1, 2025	(5) Year Term
January 1, 2023	(5) Year Term

Fire Protection District #3	
1st Monday, May 2021	Remainder of Term

Regional Planning Commission	
December 31, 2023	Remainder of Term
December 31, 2021	Remainder of Term

Boone County Ethics Commission	
June 30, 2021	Remainder of Term

Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals	
June 1, 2021	Remainder of Term

Building Board of Appeal	
June 1, 2024	(5) Year Term
June 1, 2025	(5) Year Term

Capron Cemetery Association	
February 1, 2027	(6) Year Term

Boone County Conservation District	
June 30, 2023	Remainder of Term

Capron Rescue Squad	
2nd Monday, December 2022	Remainder of Term

Belvidere Cemetery Association	
May 3, 2027	(6) Year Term

Fire Protection District #1	
1st Monday, May 2024	(3) Year Term

Fire Protection District #5	
1st Monday, May 2024	(3) Year Term

Interested parties are asked to send a letter and/or resume expressing your interest and qualifications along with your contact information to Boone County Administration Office, Administration Campus, 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 102, Belvidere, IL 61008 or e-mail info@boonecountyil.org.

LAURENT HOUSE OPENS TOUR SEASON: Frank Lloyd Wright's Laurent House opens its 8th tour season Saturday, April 10, 2021.

Tours are scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays from April through November and on Fridays from May through October. All tours follow COVID restrictions of distancing and masks.

The Laurent House partners with Anderson Japanese Gardens in offering tours Wednesdays and Fridays. Other specialty tours include holiday events in December and Twilight Tours in summer, depending on COVID restrictions in Winnebago County. Private group tours are available at any time.

All tours are by reservation and can be made online at <https://www.Laurenthouse.com/tours/book-a-tour> or by calling 815/877-2952

Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnosis and Special Education Eligibility Meeting: April 13, 2021 from 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Discuss the criteria for diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Learn about Autism eligibility for special education. Understand the difference and similarity between the two. Registration is required to attend. Email tap.rockford@eastersealschicago.org by April 12th to receive the link for training.

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just quite a mess for many of our residents.”

According to Hill, the issue has been a burden on residents of Tampico, a village of less than 800 residents which Hill said does not have surplus tax revenue to address the problem. The sewer back up, she said, could potentially cause more damage to homes if the problem continues to go unresolved.

“Coming out of a pandemic, a lot of people have lost their jobs, we can’t turn to them and raise the utility costs to try and cover this at this time,” Hill said. “Without this help, we couldn’t move forward and help our community.”

Tampico received the maximum grant amount of \$550,000 which will go toward the rehabilitation of its sanitary sewer system, as well as protective lining for storm sewers and manholes.

Metropolitan areas, such as Chicago, suburban Cook County, the Metro East and Peoria, typically receive a direct allocation of federal funds for these types of projects because they are in “entitlement” areas. Most downstate communities do not receive this funding from the federal government, and typically receive these types of funds through the state.

The block grant program prioritizes projects in rural and underserved communities or opportunity zones, which are economically-distressed communities that may qualify for tax deferral, with 51 percent or more low-to-moderate income residencies.

Some of the other grantees include Canton, Toluca, Verona, Broughton, Elliott and Ottawa.

These projects are designed to eliminate conditions detrimental to public health, safety and welfare.

“We’re seeing on the federal level a discussion about a large infrastructure bill and I think the type of improvements that we’re able to see in communities across Illinois through this project is exactly why an infrastructure bill is needed,” Garcia said.

President Joe Biden’s administration recently unveiled a \$2 trillion infrastructure plan, known as the American Jobs Plan, that the Washington Post reported aims to tackle climate change, decaying water systems and “the nation’s crumbling infrastructure.”

Applications for the 2021 program are open now with another \$18 million available for public infrastructure projects. The deadline for communities to apply is Aug. 3, 2021. More information can be found on DCEO’s website.

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Lawmaker Seeks to Bring Early Childhood Bachelor’s Programs to Community Colleges

Legislation would combat workforce shortage, address inequities in education, sponsor says

by Grace Barbic

Capitol News Illinois

A bill that would allow community colleges to grant bachelor’s degrees for early childhood education is awaiting consideration before the Senate Higher Education Committee.

Senate Bill 1832, sponsored by Sen. Cristina Pacione-Zayas, D-Chicago, would give Illinois community colleges the option to apply for accreditation to offer a baccalaureate-level early education program.

Illinois Action for Children held a news

conference Wednesday with other advocates to discuss the bill. SB 1832 also addresses an issue of equity, Pacione-Zayas said, considering a majority of child care workers are women, women of color and immigrant refugees.

“They have very little pay, anywhere between \$10 to \$13 an hour, with very little benefits,” Pacione-Zayas said at the news conference. “So much so that 46 percent of them are eligible for public assistance.”

The proposal would help those in early childhood education meet their educational goals in an affordable and accessible way Pacione-Zayas said, setting them on a pathway to economic stability while supporting the development of young children in the state.

The state is facing a shortage of qualified early childhood educators, and Pacione-Zayas noted that about 2,200 classrooms in the state are seeing vacancies. She also said that Illinois currently produces only about 342 bachelor’s degrees in child development.

“The gap is gaping,” Pacione-Zayas said. “We need a workforce that can support the current system...support the future in the upscaling of the incumbent workforce. We have 28,000 individuals that stand to benefit, to be able to close the gap.”

If the legislation is approved, it would allow the Higher Learning Commission to grant community colleges that apply the ability to award bachelor’s degrees of applied science in early childhood education as well as a Professional Educator License with endorsements in early childhood education and early childhood special education.

April Janney, CEO and president of Illinois Action for Children, has spent time analyzing data from the 23 other states that offer community college bachelor programs in a number of different fields.

“There’s no silver bullet,” Janney said at the news conference. “But the data shows that (community college bachelor’s degree) programs serve a different population...a population that would not otherwise seek out or complete a bachelor’s degree program.”

Providing accessibility to a wider pool of applicants could help combat the workforce shortage that Cindy Bardeleben, executive director of Baby Talk in Decatur, said is severely and negatively impacting the day-to-day operations and quality services for children in the state.

“Being able to offer a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education (at community colleges) would alleviate many of the barriers our workforce faces,” Bardeleben said. “There’s absolutely no negative consequences of this bill, it’s a win-win all the way around.”

Some of the barriers Bardeleben referred to include cost, travel distance and accessibility to proper training. The low pay in early childhood education is also taken into consideration because it may be deterring individuals from staying in the workforce or pursuing higher education which could result in higher paying jobs.

The Illinois Commission on Equitable Early Childhood Education and Care Funding recently released a report with recommendations on how to move forward.

SB 1832 is Pacione-Zayas’ effort to meet the commission’s recommendations.

“This is a state issue and that is why it requires a systemic solution,” Pacione-Zayas said. “This is much larger than any individual or one single partnership, and this is also a part of our economic recovery in the state.”

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NIU Rethinks Recycling

Press Release

NIU STEM Café on April 14 encourages audience to rethink recycling

If you put a used plastic bottle, food carton or cereal box in your recycling bin, what happens to it? You might be surprised to hear that many of the recyclable products we use actually end up in incinerators or landfills, instead of being recycled.

At the next NIU STEM Café on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, Courtney Gallaher, Associate Professor in the NIU Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences and the Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality, and Meghann Maves, Total Recycling Program Manager at Waste Management Recycling Services, will lead a lively discussion of the ways in which we consume products, types of materials they are made from, and the environmental and social justice implications of our recycling industry.

The STEM Café will take place online at 6 p.m. on April 14 and is free and open to the public. Learn more and register at go.niu.edu/trashtalk.

“Recycling is a complex process and is not particularly efficient in terms of energy and natural resource consumption,” says Professor Gallaher. “Many of our recyclable products are not recycled in the ways we imagine, either because of contamination in the recycling process due to poor sorting on the end of consumers, or because there is no longer a market for those types of recycled materials.”

Gallaher, a human-environment geographer, plans to discuss recycling as a way of exploring how people interact with and manage their environment. “I plan to discuss the recycling industry as a way of framing a broader conversation about how we generate and handle waste, and how it impacts the people involved in the recycling industry.”

Meghann Maves will describe the recycling process and share examples of what happens when we don’t prepare our recyclable items properly. The speakers hope the audience will come away from the discussion with both practical tips for recycling properly, as well as a broader view of how recycling fits into larger economic and social systems.

Gallaher’s interest in recycling grew out of her research studying urban food production in large African cities. She says that food systems research intersects with issues of waste management in part because people often grow food on informal dumpsites or use wastewater for irrigation. “As a result of my work in African cities, I have continued to be interested in how societies think about and manage waste, since both trash and recycling services often create vast social inequities in terms of who receives services and who is impacted by the handling and processing of our waste.”

“Our ability to actually recycle our products is dependent on international markets for the recycled materials, and when those markets change, as has been the case recently with China, then it jeopardizes our entire recycling system,” Gallaher says. “If we want to continue to recycle our products in the future, it will require us to rethink the ways in which we consume products and the types of materials they are made from.”

The STEM Café “Trash Talk: Rethinking Recycling” will take place online at 6 p.m. on April 14. Learn more and register for this free event at go.niu.edu/trashtalk.

Northern Illinois University STEM Cafés are sponsored by NIU STEAM and are designed to increase public awareness of the critical role STEM fields play in our everyday lives. For more information, contact Judith Dymond, Ed.D., at 815-753-4751 or email jdymond@niu.edu.



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