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Belvidere Fire Department 1940

David Larson

In the late 1850s, the settlement we call Belvidere experienced a fire of a hotel located half a block off South State Street on Logan Avenue. It was located where the Julien House Hotel was later located. It was a wood structure. Ephraim Morely could only watch his life's work burn to the ground.

Other fires followed. In the 1860's, the Union Hall on North State Street's west side at the river burned to the ground. In those years, Belvidere had no organized fire department. When a fire broke out citizens turned out in force, led by natural leaders to form a bucket brigade to quench the flames. Two privately owned tanker wagons could assist the bucket brigades. Each were located on different sides of the river. These were two-man operations, with one person managing the hose and the other pumping the water from the tank.

Upon incorporation in 1883, Mayor Swail and Alderman Greenlee authorized the purchase of fire ladders and buckets. In 1885, a hook and ladder engine was purchased by the city, and the first organized volunteer city fire department was



(left to right) Harold Weeden, Lyle Wenzel, Lyman Taylor, Frank Schandelmeier, Frank Lettow, Clayton Keiser, George Dykes, John Richardson, Everett Rock and Duke the fire dog.

established.

Several years and iterations of firefighting equipment brings us to this photo of the Aherns-Fox and the American-LaFrance fire trucks with the crew, plus a fire dog called Duke.

The American-La France is the truck on the right and it was purchased in 1938 for \$6,000

with state restrictions.

"What are they going to do to you?" Adams County Sheriff Anthony Grootens asked regarding the consequences of violating state law. "Are they gonna have me lock myself up in my own jail?"

The Illinois TRUST Act, signed in 2017 by Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, and the Illinois Way Forward Act, signed in 2021 by Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker, limit sheriffs' involvement in civil immigration enforcement. Under state law, local officers may not hold someone for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, grant agents access to jails or share nonpublic information unless there is a federal criminal warrant or court order.

The Medill Illinois News Bureau and Capitol News Illinois sought to survey Illinois sheriffs about how they perceive their roles in immigration enforcement. Of the 102 Illinois sheriffs, 28 responded to reporters or answered survey questions electronically. Medill Bureau reporters reached out to unresponsive sheriffs at least three times over several months by phone, mail, email and sometimes in person.

Sheriffs surveyed come from geographically diverse regions of the state, although the state's 21

or about \$137,500 today. This model had a 500-gallon tank.

On Memorial Day 1939, Deans Milk Plant burned and was completely destroyed at a loss in today's dollars of over \$4 million. Perhaps the biggest fire in Belvidere history was when Countryman Lumber caught fire in the 1960s.

northernmost counties, aside from Cook County, did not respond. Sheriffs' views varied widely. Some said they had no opinion due to their county's lack of immigration activity. Others said they favor repealing or revising state limits to allow more cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

Grootens — who formerly worked for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration — said, in his opinion, sheriffs are "obligated" to cooperate with federal immigration agents, and any state laws contrary to that violate federal law.

"It's kind of like when you're in the military, you don't follow illegal orders," Grootens said.

Contrary to Grootens' interpretation of the law, legal scholars and a federal judge have cited the precedent set in the U.S. Supreme Court's 1997 ruling in *Printz v. United States* to note that the federal government cannot compel state and local officers to administer federal programs.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul reiterated the legality of the TRUST Act in a statement, noting that his office is currently reviewing potential violations but "will not conduct any investigations in the

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Illinois Law Prohibits Sheriffs from Assisting Ice Immigration Enforcement Some Wish They Could

CNI surveyed one in four Illinois sheriffs about ICE cooperation. Here's what we found.

Maggie Dougherty And Tom

As the U.S. government escalates immigration raids in Illinois and nationwide, some Illinois sheriffs are expressing support and a desire for greater cooperation with federal immigration enforcement despite state laws that limit their involvement.

A survey of Illinois sheriffs by the Medill Illinois News Bureau for Capitol News Illinois revealed that over two-thirds of those who responded are frustrated by the state law and would favor repeal or changes. A few described actions that appear to conflict

Foster on Shutdown, Republican Health Care Crisis

Press Release

Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) has issued the following statement:

"Republicans have driven us into a shutdown because they are demanding that Democrats go along with their cuts to health care. We are not going to do that.

"Here in Illinois, approximately 400,000 citizens depend on Affordable Care Act tax credits to pay for their health insurance. With these tax credits set to expire, families could see their premiums double—with some families paying up to \$17,000 more per year. This is on top of the billions that Republicans slashed from Medicaid earlier this year, putting both basic health care and end-of-life care at risk.

"Let's be clear: Republicans control the House, Senate, and the White House. They carry responsibility for this shutdown. Until they come to the

table and negotiate a bipartisan funding agreement that prevents health care premiums from skyrocketing, families across Illinois and across the country will continue to pay the price."

The Schumer Shutdown

Press Release

On Tuesday night, Senate Democrats decided to put critical services for the American people at risk and launch us into the Schumer Shutdown.

Democrats supported 13 separate Continuing Resolutions under the Biden Administration. Now that Trump is in office, Chuck Schumer and Senate Democrats are blocking a clean CR and holding the government hostage in a desperate attempt to appease the far-left wing of their party.

They need to put politics aside and support the clean CR House Republicans passed over two weeks ago.

Congressman Darin LaHood (R-IL)



Ardys Brockway, 85, Belvidere, September 26
Wanda Marzahl, 72, Harvard, September 19
Jean Maxwell, 95, Formerly of Harvard, Sept 23
Jonathan Morales-Cortez, 3, Harvard, Sept 28
Jane Smith, 78, Formerly of Harvard, Sept 22
Mark Todd, 73, Belvidere, September 25

ICE Survey

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media."

"The courts have spoken on the constitutionality of the TRUST Act, and my office has successfully defended the law in court against multiple challenges. The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals has made clear that the Supremacy Clause does not preempt the TRUST Act," Raoul said. "Any law enforcement officer or agency that unilaterally declares that the TRUST Act violates the Supremacy Clause, contrary to the courts' rulings, is wrong."

The Pew Research Center estimated in 2023 that roughly 550,000 people were living without legal status in Illinois, making the stakes of local law enforcement cooperating with ICE high.

Of the 28 responding sheriffs, 25 said they recognized the state law as binding, while three said they have or would cooperate with ICE. But 17 of the sheriffs who recognized the law as binding also expressed reservations, confusion or disagreement with its purpose. Some expressed support for the mission of ICE, while acknowledging that they have limited scope to cooperate with the agency.

"I've got no problem getting on the news and supporting what ICE is doing," Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Bullard Sr. said. "We believe in what they're doing."

Bullard said he would not break the law to work with ICE but hoped lawmakers or the courts would overturn the TRUST Act so that he could do so legally.

Fred Tsao, senior policy counsel at the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, said the "underlying premise" of the Trust Act is to build trusting relationships with immigrant communities and help them feel safe that they can come

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OP-ED

Inherent Evil

Christopher Guerin

Evil, as defined in various dictionaries and commentaries, seems to come down to two words: immoral and pernicious (or destructive).

We live in a time in which evil takes the form of politics, what some men and women in power do that is immoral or destructive.

Perhaps the greatest evil in American history is chattel slavery — the practice of one man owning another in order to demand, coerce, or force them to work for the owner's benefit. Slavery was characterized by physical abuse, sexual cruelty, and murder to maintain ownership and to strip black men, woman, and children of their freedom and dignity.

There was a time not long ago when what I've said so far was accepted as fact by the people of this country. It was a central feature of the American narrative. It wasn't necessary to dwell on it every minute of the day, but neither was it acceptable to deny that it existed and that it took a bloody civil war to destroy the evil that was slavery.

Now is not that time. Today, the symbols of slavery — flags, statues, military bases' names, and even museum exhibits — are being changed to rewrite the facts into not a glorification of slavery, but a normalization of the erasure, or at best a minimization, of its evil.

Good is being erased. The photographs of black men and women of great courage and accomplishment are being deleted from government and military websites. Civil Rights activist and veteran Medgar Evers was removed from a section of the Arlington National Cemetery website honoring prominent Black American veterans. The U.S. Army, which manages Arlington cemetery, removed an educational section that had specifically featured Black American, Hispanic American, and women veterans, following an executive order to eliminate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) within federal agencies.

Think about that. What do those three words mean? Generally, they are an effort to counter racism. In the simplest terms: diversity means we are a country of many races and from many countries, which has always been the case; equity means freedom from disparities in the way people of different races, genders, etc. are treated; and, inclusion means that all should

participate in and enjoy the benefits this (already great) country offers. A person who finds this paragraph offensive is precisely the reason we need DEI.

To use DEI as a weapon against researchers, teachers, companies, and as a litmus test for meeting (the constantly repeated phrase) "the president's priorities," is evil, the consequences of which are just beginning to be clear.

Violence is evil. Violence in order to thwart the people's will, as took place on January 6, 2021, is a greater evil. And to pardon every single person for their actions that ultimately killed nine people, whether they hurt the capitol's defenders or not, is the most shameful act of any president I've lived under in my lifetime, even worse than his incitement of them to insurrection.

Letting one man's ignorance as a physician or scientist not only to oversee the general public health, but reduce federal funds for research into potentially life-saving drugs and vaccines is criminal and every death that will result will be that man's fault as well as the man who gave him such power. Yes, ignorance can be evil.

Burning millions of tons of food that could feed the starving in poor countries is incomprehensibly evil.

Lying may or may not be evil, depending on the context. Even serial lying may not be inherently evil. However, more than one philosopher or theologian has said, in essence: lying corrupts the most important quality of our humanity—our ability to make free, rational choices; because lying treats another person as a mere means to an end. It is never acceptable. Lying to win elections is never acceptable.

The greatest evil of all is harming other human beings. Immigrants struggling to escape with their lives from other countries are being treated like animals, criminals, and a plague on America. They are first being forcibly detained, often violently, then denied the ability to communicate with family or an attorney, and in many cases, denied the right of habeas corpus, a constitutional right meant to ensure a review in court.

Yes, we have criminals coming into this country, and Biden's focus was on the worst of them, but

today they are a much smaller percentage of those being detained and deported, in many cases to facilities no more humane than Abu Graib in Iraq. The so-called Alligator Alcatraz is, by all unbiased accounts, a national disgrace, depriving human beings of safe and sanitary conditions. How did such cruelty become acceptable to even the smallest fringes of our society?

Now they want to build another such concentration camp in my home state. Our governor appears happy to collaborate with the federal government in its plan. Shame on us for electing such a person.

I understand that nothing I've said is new. We read and hear about all this, and much much more every day. What I've felt missing was context. The Democratic party is in no way perfect. It's fragmented and in some ways no better than those currently in power, with these differences. No, being "woke" is not evil; wanting to retain the rights they currently have is not evil; believing in the goals of diversity, equity, and inclusion is not evil. Compassion, empathy, and a love of freedom are not evil. The social safety net — Medicaid, food and housing programs for the poor, etc. — is not immoral or destructive.

Finally, there are the president's enablers. Congressmen who approve radical right judges and unqualified secretaries, and tax cuts for the least needy people in this country and cuts to programs for the most needy. Judges who ignore the constitution; the words "precedent" and "settled law" — concepts honored for decades — are now being defied at the expense of our democracy.

Saying "Yes, sir!" to everything the president tells you to do is not only cowardly, but enables evil.

Christopher Guerin is a former resident of Belvidere.

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Public notice is hereby given that I, Curtis P. Newport, County Collector of Boone County, Illinois shall apply in the Circuit Court in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit on the seventeenth day of October 2025, for Judgment against the lands, lots and mobile homes mentioned and described in the following list of delinquent lands, lots and mobile homes for taxes, interest and costs due for 2024 for real estate and 2025 for mobile homes, and back taxes for 1929 to 2024 and for an order to sell said lands, lots and mobile homes for the satisfaction thereof, on the fifth Thursday in October, A.D. 2025 to wit: on the thirtieth (30) day of October 2025 all the lands, lots and mobile homes for the sale of which an order shall be made, and will be exposed at public sale at the Boone County Administration Campus, in Belvidere, Illinois, for the amount of taxes, interest, and costs due thereon and for a judgment fixing the correct amount of any tax paid under protest. Registration for the tax sale, accompanied by payment of a \$250 registration fee, must be received no later than October 16, 2025 at the Boone County Treasurer's Office, 1212 Logan Avenue, Suite 104, Belvidere, IL 61008.

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Dollar amounts listed include an additional charge of \$10.00 to cover administrative costs. On lands and lots, the \$10.00 is in addition to all unpaid taxes and interest on the 1st installment after the 2nd day of June 2025 and the 2nd installment after the 2nd day of September 2025 at the rate of one and one-half percent per 30 days until paid or forfeited. On mobile homes, the \$10.00 is in addition to all unpaid taxes and interest after the 1st day of May 2025 at the rate of \$25.00 per 30 days until paid or forfeited. Parts or fractions of a 30 day period are regarded as 30 days. Total amount due includes penalties calculated as of 10/7/2024.

Manchester Township

Collins, Joshua	01-05-200-001	\$74.64
Collins, Joshua	01-05-200-002	\$63.15
Collins, Joshua	01-05-300-003	\$1,680.92
Collins, Joshua	01-05-400-001	\$1,498.91
Collins, Joshua	01-05-400-002	\$1,547.01
Meyer, Brandon James	01-07-400-010	\$2,365.13
Ciomber, James	01-12-400-007	\$160.74
Ciomber, James	01-12-400-009	\$5,584.86
Ciomber, James	01-12-400-010	\$25.72
Zarndt, Richard	01-15-200-002	\$3,659.13
Helsell, Jim	01-17-300-004	\$5,096.88
Peterson, Haidy	01-17-300-008	\$2,877.70
Helsell, Jim	01-17-300-010	\$2,046.92
Mccurdy, Laverne M Tr	01-18-400-005	\$2,959.86
Razim, Robert J & Katherin	01-22-300-012	\$3,993.78
Beran, Nicole L & Razim Mi	01-22-300-019	\$1,121.82
Beran, Nicole L & Razim Mi	01-27-100-004	\$2,488.11
Bergeron, Kenneth	01-32-100-027	\$3,319.29
Danial, Bassam	01-34-200-004	\$1,331.31

Leroy Township

Bowman, Briana H & Hartman	02-04-300-003	\$23.69
Troy Tr	02-09-300-006	\$7,402.70
Troy Tr	2-09-300-009	\$409.99
Hunter Road Woods Inc	02-25-400-007	\$272.40
Parkway Bank & Trust Tr 67	02-27-300-005	\$45,420.83
Vangel, Nicholas & Dorothy	02-27-300-008	\$3,891.41
Parkway Bank & Trust Tr 67	02-27-300-010	\$239.16
Hunter Road Woods Inc	02-27-300-011	\$370.26
Hunter Road Woods Inc	02-27-300-012	\$306.37

Caledonia Township

Wyman School Road Farms LI	03-08-200-004	\$11,603.60
Wyman School Road Farms L	03-08-200-006	\$545.73
Druck, Donald & Felts Chri	03-17-100-020	\$9,289.87
Ralston, Daniel	03-17-300-003	\$3,288.05
Cummings, Jeffery & Debora	03-17-300-008	\$2,868.48
A & M Hubb Llc & Purple Pa	03-19-100-009	\$11,463.62
A & M Hubb Llc & Purple Pa	03-19-326-002	\$33.75
A & M Hubb Llc & Purple Pa	03-19-326-006	\$38.02
Gustafson, Bradley C & Lee	03-19-376-005	\$872.02
Zarazua, Angel & Mendoza A	03-19-400-002	\$7,057.77
Zarazua, Angel & Mendoz Ad	03-19-400-019	\$272.94
Trolinger, Roger W & Carri	03-19-400-034	\$12,164.04
Stenerson, Lee	03-21-127-001	\$1,712.54
Blaney, Colleen	03-21-176-020	\$429.99
Hervert, Kenneth	03-22-178-002	\$279.65
Ballmer, Cathleen & Stacey	03-22-302-034	\$8,593.20
Barrett, Patrick	03-22-326-032	\$4,827.61
Presley, William	03-22-328-005	\$4,906.11
Rovak, Meredith	03-22-329-011	\$9,528.16
Torrese, Luis	03-22-329-025	\$3,971.36
Tumeo, Christopher & Kelly	03-22-352-021	\$86.92
Helsell, Jim	03-22-352-027	\$167.20
Helsell, James	03-22-352-028	\$167.20
Gaden, Melanie	03-22-352-043	\$166.91
Fahy, Dennis John	03-22-352-060	\$4,359.99
Ballarino, Vincent	03-22-404-016	\$207.75
Peterson, Family Trust	03-22-405-010	\$170.97
Ramirez, Alejandro & Camil	03-22-405-015	\$3,989.23
Kelly, Desiree L & Stacy L	03-22-405-018	\$4,344.26
Hernandez, Gonzalo Arias	03-22-426-004	\$169.79
Bayler, Robert L & Lavon	03-22-427-005	\$175.98

Casali, Patrick Tr	03-22-427-015	\$172.29
Dourado, Daryl	03-22-452-005	\$316.04
Naqvi, Ali Raza Tr & Hubi	03-22-476-010	\$2,671.25
Jaimes, Lucina	03-22-479-022	\$2,595.01
Murray, William D & Donna	03-27-102-004	\$834.53
Hegbom, Alexander	03-27-105-004	\$3,998.47
Barreira, Ramon	03-27-105-027	\$164.17
Duran, Tracy Tr	03-27-106-009	\$5,266.61
Roik, Klaudia	03-27-126-004	\$759.48
Barrientos, Daniel	03-27-127-014	\$1,990.28
Icz-Il Properties Llc	03-27-127-016	\$165.87
Yundt, Jill Marie	03-27-127-020	\$7,724.15
Dagdagan, Marcelino T & Ca	03-27-128-003	\$160.64
Whitmore, Patricia	03-27-151-027	\$166.59
Whitmore, Patricia	03-27-151-028	\$4,396.13
Duran, Tracy Tr	03-27-152-001	\$4,761.49
Demesa, Leticia L & L Degu	03-27-153-004	\$161.58
Gavilan, Frederick & Medin	03-27-154-005	\$160.64
Elion, Kendra	03-27-155-006	\$66.73
Buchanan, Lisa	03-27-176-011	\$4,652.24
Ventura, Deno	03-27-226-004	\$3,833.09
Majer, Gail	03-27-226-005	\$3,378.49
Lindsay, Jeanne M (Rothe)	03-27-301-002	\$2,280.81
Chicago Title Land Trust C	03-27-302-005	\$1,251.91
Baumgartner, Victoria	03-27-304-006	\$1,950.11
Custer, Scott	03-27-328-010	\$5,454.16
Fitzpatrick, John	03-27-351-031	\$7,904.28
Baku Caspian Corp	03-27-376-009	\$4,827.84
Duran, Tracy Tr	03-27-377-009	\$4,819.72
Peroni, Emil L & Betty	03-27-377-010	\$179.89
De Biasio, Carmen & Bridge	03-27-377-043	\$4,201.46
Cernoch, John H & Marjorie	03-27-379-018	\$2,453.09
Country Road Homes Inc	03-27-477-010	\$166.22
Wechet, Angelie & Gerard	03-27-479-011	\$164.46
Hernandez, Davis	03-27-479-016	\$1,773.51
De Sonia, Carolyn	03-28-228-017	\$282.64
Carlino Joseph Tr	03-28-228-021	\$160.64
Duran, Tracy Tr	03-28-229-029	\$4,414.84
Laudicina, James & Deborah	03-28-476-007	\$467.31
Gustafson, Bradley & Lee A	03-30-100-008	\$17,390.82
Parsons, Gerald R & Cheryl	03-30-102-011	\$3,102.62
Harvest Farms Ii Llc	03-31-278-012	\$9,880.49
Tehan, Mary	03-31-304-001	\$4,706.40
Patel, Rajni	03-31-306-003	\$4,790.71
Ford, William & Diane M	03-31-327-022	\$4,547.68
Nooner, Anthony R & Christ	03-31-351-009	\$4,785.50
Semenchuk, Aleksandr N & S	03-31-401-008	\$3,351.61
Petry Tr 1989	03-31-451-019	\$454.16
Anderson, Philip H & Kelli	03-31-451-027	\$10,148.42
Ivanov, Alexander & Napole	03-32-251-002	\$13,770.53
Grisanzio, James	03-32-476-013	\$12,203.82
Vale, Denis & Kathy	03-34-152-003	\$8,696.13

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Prizm Real Estate Investme	04-02-352-002	\$3,119.66
Giordano, Lloyd	04-02-352-029	\$187.06
Prizm Real Estate Investme	04-02-352-030	\$523.56
Sanchez, Enrique Leon	04-03-400-029	\$477.32
Priest, Jason	04-09-100-003	\$5,414.13
Godsby, Jerry Bret & Saman	04-10-276-015	\$1,982.13
Sanchez, Enrigue Leon	04-11-103-011	\$906.04
Boxleitner, Julie I & Mich	04-11-126-002	\$337.81
Vermett, Steven Jr & Megha	04-11-127-004	\$3,618.79
Gunatitraj Capron Realty L	04-11-131-001	\$2,244.16
Graves, Joshua	04-11-227-001	\$100.34
Cruz, Cesar D Diaz & Carra	04-11-251-032	\$2,365.57
Rojanasumaphong, Brian	04-12-200-002	\$94.15
Rojanasumaphong, Brian	04-12-200-003	\$472.41
Rojanasumaphong, Brian	04-12-200-009	\$289.00
Rojanasumaphong, Brian	04-12-200-010	\$208.76
Rojananumaphong, Brian	04-12-200-011	\$11,679.30
Bruni, Nancy Tr	04-13-200-009	\$1,782.95
Wicaryus, Richard	04-13-200-010	\$1,098.79
Peter, Sarah	04-22-400-007	\$1,764.38
Anderson, Patricia	04-28-200-009	\$1,122.17
Antczak, Matthew T & Doric	04-28-200-010	\$630.81

Belvidere Township

Ostrich, James	05-01-303-002	\$7,588.77
Payne, Pamela L Tr	05-01-351-015	\$9,145.78
Caster, Burdette & Marjori	05-02-476-006	\$3,375.46
Lopez, Ravin	05-03-351-025	\$3,268.77
Flores Rivera, Marco Tulio	05-03-353-012	\$2,808.48
Wolf, Brian & Sara	05-03-378-001	\$1,275.13
Ortiz, Sergio & Beltran, P	05-04-302-007	\$1,725.19
Ortiz, Sergio & Beltran, P	05-04-302-008	\$23,300.99
Humble Farm Llc Series 3	05-05-101-001	\$776.45
Humble Farm Llc Series 3	05-05-101-004	\$1,081.08
Humble Farm Llc Series 3	05-05-101-005	\$161.64
Ryan, Nancy E Tr	05-05-127-003	\$6,786.11
Greeny, H Gordon	05-05-176-003	\$6,793.66
Gould, Lori & Goodwin Heat	05-05-176-018	\$15,180.51
Hamblock, Joe	05-05-351-003	\$6,523.41
Mendez, Rolando Garcia	05-05-401-002	\$11,603.35
Byard Tr	05-05-404-002	\$15,998.99
Chicago Title Land Trust C	05-06-300-028	\$1,236.45
Chicago Title Land Trust C	05-06-300-039	\$22,405.48
Assets Invest & Acquisitio	05-06-400-002	\$4,119.81
Wolney, Anita	05-07-251-008	\$1,922.83
Gay, Troy L Tr	05-07-276-009	\$2,495.41
Johanson, John	05-07-300-014	\$25,784.05
Zastrow Tr	05-07-400-005	\$3,827.82
Alfredson, Tavis & Debbie	05-07-400-014	\$3,971.53
Vanetten, Mark & Alfonza	05-07-451-010	\$623.13
Saldanha, David Francis	05-08-228-008	\$214.88
Hills, Jonathon & Pastore	05-08-351-015	\$12,747.40
De Jesus, Lauro Jr & Maria	05-09-127-001	\$7,587.31
Palmquist Family 2012 Tr	05-09-200-006	\$9,639.03
Lantow, Leslie	05-09-351-011	\$3,334.99
Fleury, David	05-09-353-005	\$6,195.23
Anderson, Robert Bruce	05-11-229-005	\$2450.65
Velasco, Oscar Hernandez	05-11-230-006	\$4,055.82
Browder-Gupton, Donielle	05-11-230-009	\$6,319.21
Rodriguez, Gustavo & Glori	05-11-277-006	\$4,494.91
Devivo, Louis G & Grandine	05-11-300-004	\$693.66
Devivo, Louis G & Grandine	05-11-300-014	\$1,105.70
Yanni, Emile	05-12-102-013	\$8,721.63
Miller, James E & Janet H	05-12-156-004	\$6,973.42
Edwards, Trevor James & Le	05-16-302-011	\$112.20
Rosset, Richard D Family T	05-16-400-009	\$334.21
Hauser, Laura T Living Tru	05-17-302-004	\$5,860.66

03-22-427-015	\$172.29
03-22-452-005	\$316.04
03-22-476-010	\$2,671.25
03-22-479-022	\$2,595.01
03-27-102-004	\$834.53
03-27-105-004	\$3,998.47
03-27-105-027	\$164.17
03-27-106-009	\$5,266.41
03-27-126-004	\$279.48
03-27-127-014	\$1,990.28
03-27-127-016	\$165.87
03-27-127-020	\$7,724.15
03-27-128-003	\$160.64
03-27-151-027	\$166.59
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03-27-152-001	\$4,761.49
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03-27-155-006	\$66.73
03-27-176-011	\$4,652.24
03-27-226-004	\$3,833.09
03-27-226-005	\$3,378.49
03-27-301-002	\$2,280.81
03-27-302-005	\$1,251.91
03-27-304-006	\$1,950.11
03-27-328-010	\$5,454.16
03-27-351-031	\$7,904.28
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03-27-479-011	\$164.46
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03-28-229-029	\$4,414.84
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03-30-102-011	\$3,102.62
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03-31-304-001	\$4,706.40
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03-31-327-022	\$4,547.68
03-31-351-009	\$4,785.50
03-31-401-008	\$3,351.61
03-31-451-019	\$454.16
03-31-451-027	\$10,148.42
03-32-251-002	\$13,770.53
03-32-476-013	\$12,703.82
03-34-152-003	\$8,696.13

Carlino Joseph J Tr	05-35-176-002	\$173.23	Graham Road Property Llc	07-04-300-002	\$3,259.36	Address: Urbina, Wilber Zepeda 608 Greenview Belvidere, Il 61008
Martinez, Angela	05-35-176-010	\$638.03	Graham Road Property Llc	07-04-400-001	\$3,136.87	Vin: 5448281246 Del Years: 2025
Delgado, Sacramento	05-35-184-010	\$1,426.43	Padilla, Camelia Dominguez	07-05-227-007	\$8,952.25	50-28-400-329 \$210.80 Graves, Robert
Canelo, Higinio Jimenez &	05-35-184-038	\$2,743.31	Harrolle Properties Inc	07-06-126-007	\$5,303.85	Address: 3901 Greenspire Ct Belvidere, Il 61008
Montes De Oca, Jesus & Sua	05-35-204-018	\$1,006.32	Harrolle Properties Inc	07-06-126-018	\$4,845.02	Vin: 24145f Del Years: 2025
Hernandez, Angelica	05-35-231-003	\$2,006.87	Harrolle Properties Inc	07-06-126-019	\$495.07	50-28-400-357 \$219.20 Jalbert, Janette
Robles, Adalberto & Diana	05-35-231-021	\$2,435.47	Harrolle Properties Inc	07-06-126-022	\$537.37	Address: 3702 Greenspire Ct Belvidere, Il 61008
Cortes, Arlene	05-35-231-039	\$846.00	First Rockford/Wm Charles	07-06-151-003	\$1,372.32	Vin: 93962ab Del Years: 2025
Fare Soldi Llc	05-35-232-009	\$914.18	Santana, Agripino & Eva	07-13-176-005	\$2,158.20	50-35-101-011 \$160.40 Garcia, Juan
Ramos, Bernardino	05-35-232-066	\$1,450.51	Thompson, Thomas	07-23-400-007	\$570.87	Address: Serrano Nidia M 1211 W Locust St # 11 Belvidere, Il 61008
Gapinski, Calvin	05-35-251-019	\$2,689.28	Thompson, Thomas	07-24-300-011	\$378.42	Vin: 10825 Del Years: 2025
Martin, Daryl & Annette	05-35-280-014	\$1,919.26	Thompson, Thomas	07-26-200-006	\$4,002.72	50-35-101-020 \$168.80 Moreno, Roberto
Christmas, Shawn	05-35-283-023	\$1,167.24	Lee, Thomas	07-29-400-008	\$4,149.27	Address: 1211 W Locust St # 20 Belvidere, Il 61008
Hartsock, Jessica	05-35-301-013	\$3,933.95				Vin: 01124445 Del Years: 2025
Flores, Andres E & Mena Ed	05-35-302-034	\$2,566.31				50-35-101-023 \$159.50 Jimenez, Joana
Gonzalez, Jorge	05-35-330-015	\$3,866.63				Address: 1211 W Locust St # 23 Belvidere, Il 61008
Bruss, Linda	05-35-352-012	\$959.85				Vin: N1433 Del Years: 2025
Sparks, Dale A Sr & Tina M	05-35-381-014	\$1,806.60				50-35-101-024 \$146.00 Ramierz Zamarripa, Aracelia
Rocha, Maricela	05-35-382-013	\$1,852.62				Address: 1211 W Locust Lot 24 Belvidere, Il 61008
Garza, Jill Ann	05-35-404-021	\$1,874.88				Vin: M51013e Del Years: 2025
Salathe, Mildred	05-35-405-020	\$4,619.19				50-35-101-027 \$160.40 Santiago, Juan Uriel
Hobbs, Joyce	05-35-405-022	\$1,779.97				Address: 1211 W Locust St Lot 27 Belvidere, Il 61008
Sanchez, Jose	05-35-406-006	\$1,771.07				Vin: Me4625e Del Years: 2025
Baird, Diane	05-35-408-004	\$1,359.07				50-35-101-030 \$153.20 Martinez, Gabriel Lara
Moch, Laura	05-35-426-002	\$1,217.55				Address: 1211 W Locust St, #30 Belvidere, Il 61008
Blodgett, Timothy	05-35-428-001	\$1,570.81				Vin: 0132479 Del Years: 2025
Gomez, Villi Florentino &	05-35-434-004	\$954.02				50-35-101-031 \$164.00 Kerchner, Mary
Racz, Andrew J & Judith A	05-35-452-002	\$4,423.51				Address: 1211 W Locust St, Lot 31 Belvidere, Il 61008
Villafuerte, Heraclio	05-35-452-006	\$3,873.45				Vin: 19893 Del Years: 2025
Saif, Kassim & Safe Razann	05-35-456-029	\$2,255.05				
Pearl Street Investment Ll	05-35-456-032	\$4,289.78				
Pearl Street Investment Ll	05-35-456-040	\$4,289.78				
Pearl Street Investment Ll	05-35-456-041	\$4,644.03				
Ponce, Jesus C & Zepeda Ma	05-36-101-007	\$28.56				
Gerdin, Jennifer	05-36-111-008	\$2,436.29				
Lawson, Ronald H & Connie	05-36-112-022	\$2,720.86				
Porter, Janel	05-36-130-009	\$2,492.51				
Lopez, Jose & Jennifer	05-36-134-006	\$1,853.86				
Lopez, Gloria Resendiz & R	05-36-152-014	\$2,047.45				
Klos, Richard	05-36-152-038	\$2,145.53				
Rueda, Luz Ocampo & Toria	05-36-153-025	\$767.67				
Durham, Joshua	05-36-154-025	\$1,089.12				
Hickey, Audrey A Tr	05-36-155-017	\$1,079.16				
Morgan, Steven & Tammy Sue	05-36-158-007	\$4,306.96				
Lapore, Gino	05-36-179-020	\$1,663.24				
Somers, Glenna	05-36-181-009	\$1,109.46				
Steiner Management Group I	05-36-206-061	\$4,175.50				
Steiner Management Group I	05-36-206-062	\$1,252.94				
Lit Thounsavath Llc	05-36-230-009	\$7,414.13				
Dittrich, Todd James & Jan	05-36-230-013	\$9,502.41				
Walter, Lanette	05-36-230-016	\$4,631.95				
Dickson, Greg	05-36-252-003	\$1,253.03				
Jury, Robert T & Rachel G	05-36-253-006	\$2,451.11				
Rodriguez, Maira	05-36-257-016	\$6,129.89				
Rodriguez, Maira	05-36-257-017	\$6,149.45				
Ballard, Gregory A & Wendy	05-36-258-031	\$3,276.79				
Rogman, Larry & Carol	05-36-304-015	\$1,549.38				
Fare Soldi Llc	05-36-307-004	\$1,343.76				
Livingston, Elizabeth	05-36-307-006	\$4,642.58				
Montes, Linda	05-36-310-012	\$2,276.54				
Leonard, Brian	05-36-326-003	\$2,954.22				
Chen, Jane	05-36-353-033	\$5,940.20				
Pearl Street Investment Ll	05-36-355-002	\$7,553.85				
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Pearl Street Investment Ll	05-36-355-007	\$218.80				
Pearl Street Investmt Ll	05-36-356-006	\$2,869.08				
Carter, Tiffany & Nicholas	05-36-376-005	\$5,847.76				
Ward, Cally	05-36-376-016	\$1,768.26				
Nelson, Alice D Tr	05-36-378-013	\$2,457.16				
Saif, Kassim	05-36-380-013	\$2,175.77				
Ramirez-Vargas, Elia	05-36-427-003	\$3,062.31				
Sosa Gonzalez, Jose E & So	05-36-476-012	\$5,061.18				
Belvidere Pavilion Ii Llc	05-36-477-028	\$12,917.00				
Doss, Christopher Jason &	05-36-478-004	\$7,099.26				
Bonus Township						
Kelly, Peter	06-11-200-012	\$4,161.52				
Elsasser, William	06-18-277-015	\$5,201.77				
Paella, Tony & Terry	06-18-278-014	\$2,828.78				
Chen, Jane	06-19-426-025	\$3,994.33				
Proffitt, Roger Lee & Patr	06-19-429-008	\$5,812.20				
Turner, Danielle	06-21-400-002	\$1,905.72				
Turner, Danielle	06-21-400-003	\$1,228.80				
Mcneal Developments Llc	06-27-300-010	\$1,439.41				
Mcneal Developments Llc	06-28-400-012	\$4,190.09				
Smith, Paul	06-30-355-013	\$196.14				
Romero, Kimberly	06-31-153-032	\$2,104.82				
Govea, Antonio G & Linda S	06-31-301-005	\$2,476.86				
Ramirez, Elia	06-31-328-006	\$6,834.56				
Fields, Theodore D & Donna	06-31-351-004	\$2,754.66				
Villareal, Joseph A & Ter	06-31-353-002	\$2,705.87				
Foltan Frank N Sr & Victor	06-31-378-015	\$3,858.58				
Kiernicki, Kurt R & Cindy	06-31-378-017	\$7,811.82				
Orr, Tyler Dean & Krepel K	06-31-379-003	\$3,919.15				
Rodriguez, Maira Lizette	06-31-408-001	\$8,361.97				
Ongtengco, James A & Claud	06-31-453-022	\$3,950.53				
Aguirre, Daniel	06-32-426-009	\$2,738.05				
Mcneal Developments Llc	06-33-201-005	\$9,006.56				
Mcneal Developments Llc	06-34-100-001	\$650.97				
Stefko, Charlene L Tr	06-34-100-023	\$1,231.19				
Kampf Franz, Rodney	06-35-227-021	\$42.21				
Gerdin, Jennifer	06-36-102-001	\$3,823.50				
Withers, Anthony R & Loree	06-36-102-008	\$2,201.08				
Fare Soldi Llc	06-36-105-005	\$1,647.19				
Kampf Franz, Rodney	06-36-105-009	\$79.77				
Kampf Franz, Rodney	06-36-105-010	\$1,068.79				
Kampf Franz, Rodney	06-36-106-003	\$3,136.77				
Larson, Raymond R & Hitzer	06-36-108-008	\$112.85				
Cothren, Lauren	06-36-127-001	\$2,964.56				
Cothren, Lauren	06-36-127-002	\$824.51				
Cothren, Lauren	06-36-127-003	\$421.42				
Kampf Franz, Rodney	06-36-128-002	\$345.50				
Flora Township						
Almas Plus Llc	07-01-102-004	\$8,607.83				
Om Belvidere Group Llc	07-01-276-011	\$5,497.24				
Giordano, Lloyd	07-02-100-017	\$90.12				
Rodriguez, Maira	07-02-154-020	\$5,782.60				
Rodriguez, Maira	07-02-178-003	\$5,998.24				
American Legion 77	07-02-200-002	\$1,374.88				
			Spring Township			
			Deren, Karol	08-03-200-004	\$254.85	
			Kamholtz, Carol (Roberts)	08-04-251-003	\$1,044.51	
			Ckb Gateway Inc	08-06-101-011	\$10.00	
			Om Belvidere Group Llc	08-06-152-005	\$53,541.72	
			Duncan, Ross A & Cynthia L	08-07-200-010	\$3,424.76	
			Pigott, William	08-09-326-005	\$9,089.39	
			Robinson, Kevin & Harlee	08-10-100-019	\$1,590.72	
			Owner Unknown	08-10-200-016	\$23.14	
			Gerdin, Jennifer	08-11-400-002	\$16,827.50	
			Murdock, Russell & Nila	08-12-100-005	\$1,893.90	
			Murdock, Russell & Nila	08-12-100-022	\$354.23	
			Robinson, Cynthia	08-15-300-002	\$171.93	
			Robinson, Cynthia	08-15-300-016	\$2,726.59	
			Robinson, Cynthia J Family	08-15-300-018	\$46.02	
			Hulsey, Jeffrey	08-17-100-011	\$7,484.87	
			Hulsey, Jeffrey	08-17-100-012	\$264.44	
			Voss, Sherry	08-23-100-005	\$5,615.85	
			Voss, Sherry	08-23-200-002	\$882.22	
			Voss, Sherry	08-23-200-005	\$981.01	
			Fowler, Diane	08-28-400-002	\$706.24	
			Bobik, David & Marisol	08-31-400-014	\$3,863	

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In The Interest of JATAYVEON FRANKLIN, minor No. 25JA19
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Tyree Caso, Putative Fathers, All Unkown Fathers, All Whom it May Concern

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Take notice that on October 24th, 2023, a Transfer petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Attorney Tricia Smith, Boone County State’s Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled “In the Interest of Jatayveon Franklin, a Minor”. At the Boone County Courthouse, located at 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, Illinois, on 11/06/2025 & 03/12/2026 at 2:30 / 1:30 P.M. CDT, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the Petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act.
THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.
Unless you appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an Amended Petition or a Motion to Terminate Parental Rights. 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: September 19, 2025
Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK
Published in The Boone County Journal: 9/23, 9/30, 10/07/25– C

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY
IN THE ESTATE OF: ANNA M. KINKADE, Deceased.
Case No. 2025 PR 56
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given of the death of Anna M. Kinkade, Letters of Office were issued on September 3, 2025, to Bryan Kinkade, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Amy L. Silvestri of Silvestri Law Office, 2208 Charles Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104.
Claims against the estate may be filed on or before April 5, 2026, 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 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 or with the estate’s legal representative, or both.
Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk’s Office, Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to her attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
Dated: September 30, 2025
Bryan Kinkade, Administrator
Amy L. Silvestri ARDC#06210065
Silvestri Law Office
Attorney for the Representative
2208 Charles Street
Rockford, Illinois 61104
(815) 227-0700
amy@silvestri-law.com
Published in The Boone County Journal Sept 30, Oct 7, 14, 2025

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, October 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:
The applicant, David McCoy, is seeking a variance to construct an addition to a detached garage, a size limit of 820 square feet. The variation is for a requested 1,660 square feet, a variation of approximately 840 square feet, in the R-1, Single-family Residential District. Pursuant to 2.8 (Variations) and Chapter 5, 5.2 – Accessory Structures or Uses 5.2.1. of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance, at 2884 Avignon Road, PIN 05-04-451-001, in unincorporated Belvidere Township, Boone County, Illinois.
All persons interested may appear at the hearing and be heard at the stated time and place.
Rick Schultz, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals
Published in the Boone County Journal on Tuesday October 7, 2025.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF 2026 DIRECTORS
To All Persons Of Legal Voting Age Who Own Or Reside On Land Located Within The Boundaries Of The Boone County Soil And Water Conservation District:
Beginning on October 9th, 2025, nominations will be accepted for the two year term of the office of Direct of the Boone County Soil and Water Conservation District at the District’s Office at 211 N. Appleton Rd, Belvidere, IL 61008 during our normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
To be considered for nomination as a candidate for the office of Director, nominees must provide proof of residency or ownership of

land located within the boundaries of the District. Interested persons must respond by 5 p.m. on December 18th, 2025.
William Hall, Chairman
Boone County Soil and Water Conservation District
Published in The Boone County Journal Oct 7th

ASSUMED NAMES

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. 4249 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a LLC business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of CHRISTOPHER CONSTRUCTION that its location is or will be 1431 SOUTH MAIN STREET in BELVIDERE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 815-975-2468
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT JOHNSON
1431 SOUT MAIN STREET BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008
I, Laura Bettis, Chief Deputy Clerk of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: September 19, 2025
Laura Bettis, Chief Deputy Clerk of Boone County
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. 4250 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a COTTAGE FOOD business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SWEET ‘N DOUGHLICIOUS that its location is or will be 201 LAMPLIGHTER LOOP SE in POPLAR GROVE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 815-291-9778
AMANDA MARIE HINTON
201 LAMPLIGHTER LOOP SE POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065
I, Laura Bettis, Chief Deputy Clerk of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: September 25, 2025
Laura Bettis, Chief Deputy Clerk of Boone County
Published in Boone County Journal 9/30, 10/7, 10/14/25 - P

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. DBA4248 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a BEVERAGE AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of JW BLAZE DISTRIBUTION that its location is or will be 540 Rockton Road in Roscoe, in the County of Winnebago County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 815-988-5932
CYNTHIA MARIE BEMIS
540 ROCKTON ROAD ROSCOE, IL 61073
I, Laura Bettis, Chief Deputy Clerk of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office.
Dated: September 17, 2025
Laura Bettis, Chief Deputy Clerk
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Boone County Clerk
CHANGE IN CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OF
BUSINESS PUBLICATION NOTICE
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No. 4251 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a BARBER SHOP business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SOS CUTZ that its location is or will be 1921 UNION AVE in BELVIDERE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 815-979-8680
FERNANDO SOTO NIEBLAS
710 CASWELL ST BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008
I, Laura Bettis, Chief Deputy Clerk of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: September 29, 2025
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No. 4255 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a CONSTRUCTION business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of PLOY REMODELING that its location is or will be 929 WEST PERRY STREET in BELVIDERE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of

said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 815-382-3774
ERICK ALVARE
929 WEST PERRY STREET BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008
I, Laura Bettis, Chief Deputy Clerk of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: October 3, 2025
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No. 4252 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a CONSTRUCTION business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of JP HOME RENOVATIONS LLC that its location is or will be 436 SEASONS PKWY in BELVIDERE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 815-209-5612
STEVEN JOSEPH PEKARIK
436 SEASONS PKWY BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

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forward to report suspected criminal activity.
“Local police cooperation with ICE, on the other hand, discourages immigrant victims and witnesses of criminal activity from coming forward, driving wedges between local police and immigrant communities that damage public safety for everyone,” Tsao said.
Opponents argue the law shields immigrants from federal enforcement and puts communities at risk. The Illinois Sheriffs’ Association has long opposed the TRUST Act.
“The ISA has consistently opposed legislative efforts to restrict local involvement in federal immigration enforcement. Our position remains that local agencies should retain the discretion to cooperate with federal authorities when public safety is at stake,” the association said in a statement.

- What the sheriffs shared**
The survey asked Illinois sheriffs:
- Whether they regard immigration enforcement as solely a federal responsibility or one shared with local law enforcement.
 - Whether they had observed any increased ICE presence in their county.
 - Whether they had received requests for cooperation from ICE, including access to databases, facilities or people in custody.
 - Whether they did or would comply with those requests.
 - About their opinions on the TRUST Act.

Responses fell along a spectrum, and reporters organized them into four primary categories — from sheriffs who steadfastly support the act to those who feel it shouldn’t be followed.

Follow TRUST Act, echoed bill rationale
These sheriffs include: Dustin Heuerman (Champaign) and Ronnie Stevens (Fayette).

Sheriffs in this category said they comply fully with the TRUST Act and would not cooperate with ICE detainees or other requests for assistance, as limited by state law. They also drew a distinction between civil and criminal code violations, rather than treating immigration as a criminal issue.

These sheriffs said they considered those without legal status in their communities to be law-abiding, hardworking or less likely to report crimes if local law enforcement participated in civil immigration enforcement — echoing the rationale behind the bill.
“Undocumented immigrants are less likely to do

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that (report crime) if they feel their citizenship status will be requested or they may be deported,” Champaign County Sheriff Dustin Heuerman wrote. “I have tried to make it very clear to the immigrant community that citizenship status does not matter to my deputies — just crimes against the Illinois Compiled Statutes.”

Fayette County Sheriff Ronnie Stevens said he did not think those in his community would be less likely to report crimes without the TRUST Act. At the same time, he didn’t see a need for those without legal status, a civil issue, to be considered potential criminals.

“I’ll be quite honest with you, we know quite a few of those are probably here illegally, but they don’t cause no problems,” Stevens said in an interview. “I mean, granted, the federal government says they are (breaking laws), but on the criminal side of it, they are pretty law-abiding. They stay pretty low key, and they stay in the residences usually at night.”

Both sheriffs referenced the TRUST Act unquestionably as the law. Stevens said he “absolutely would not allow” ICE access to his facilities or databases.

“What I think about the Trust Act doesn’t matter. It is the law,” Heuerman wrote.

Follow TRUST Act, expressed no opinion

These sheriffs include: Justin Oliver (Brown); Bruce Kettelkamp (Christian); Thomas Dart (Cook); William Rutan (Crawford); Chad Howard (Perry), and Richard Watson (St. Clair).

Sheriffs in this category said they comply fully with the TRUST Act, but either had no opinion or declined to share it. In some cases, adherence to the TRUST Act was not an active choice, but simply the reality of living in a small, rural area with little to no immigration activity.

Several of these sheriffs reported they’ve had no ICE presence for many years and said immigration enforcement does not impact them. Brown County Sheriff Justin Oliver, for example, said he had not engaged with ICE in around 10 years. Crawford County Sheriff William Rutan, who has served since he was initially elected in 2014, similarly said he had never spoken with ICE agents about anyone in his community.

Rutan emphasized his intention to uphold the law both for those with legal status and those without it. “The only thing that I’m concerned with is people who’re breaking the law as far as hurting people in my community,” Rutan said.

Christian County Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp said he would adhere to the state laws. “We follow the legislation that says, if they’re not being held for a local crime, then that’s up to the federal government,” Kettelkamp said of immigration enforcement. “I would say, due to the lack of presence currently, it does not affect how we do our daily operations as is.”

Perry County Sheriff Chad Howard said he does not ask or retain information about citizenship status and would not provide ICE access to databases, facilities or individuals in custody. He declined to comment on what he thought of the TRUST Act.

St. Clair County Lt. Jesse Carmack issued a statement on behalf of Sheriff Richard Watson but declined to participate in the full survey. “The position of the St. Clair County Sheriff’s Office in Illinois is that the immigration laws have not affected us,” Carmack said.

Cook County recently has been at the center of federal actions to deport immigrants, putting tremen-

dous public attention on Sheriff Thomas Dart’s office. The Department of Homeland Security began its immigration enforcement campaign called “Operation Midway Blitz” earlier this month, already resulting in hundreds of arrests in the Chicago area, according to a DHS official.

On Sept. 12, federal agents conducting a traffic stop fatally shot a Franklin Park man who legally immigrated from Mexico, sparking protests and calls for transparency from Gov. JB Pritzker.

Dart’s office responded to questions about the TRUST Act by saying the department “follows the laws of Illinois and does not have an opinion on this matter.”

The response said the sheriff’s office does not ask for or retain citizenship status or allow ICE access to their databases, facilities or people in custody.

Following recent ICE operations targeting individuals detained in the Cook County Jail, DHS accused the jail of not cooperating, consistent with Dart’s response to the survey.

However, an investigation by South Side Weekly found that ICE is able to indirectly access sensitive data through a loophole in the jail’s contract with a system used for notifying crime victims of changes in offender custody status.

Follow TRUST Act, but expressed reservations

These sheriffs include: Kent Martin (Coles); Paul Kuhns (Effingham); Matthew J. Link (Henderson); Jeff Bullard Sr. (Jefferson); Pete Sopczak (Johnson); Shawn Kahl (Macoupin); Wayne Strawn III (Marshall); Nicholas Petitgout (McDonough); Matthew R. Lane (McLean); Mark Oller (Menard); Gary Carroll (Moultrie); David Greenwood (Pike); Randy Kern (Pulaski); Joshua Boedigheimer (Putnam); Andrew Hires (Richland); Martin Edwards (Warren), and Ross Schultze (Washington).

Sheriffs in this category said they comply with the TRUST Act and would not cooperate with ICE detainees or other requests for assistance prohibited under state law. However, these sheriffs also described the TRUST Act as problematic or overly restrictive.

Safety and transparency concerns

A subset of sheriffs surveyed mentioned safety concerns resulting from the TRUST Act, either for the public, for officers or both. McLean County Sheriff Matthew R. Lane and Putnam County Sheriff Joshua Boedigheimer both stated they believed it would be safer for all parties for ICE to collect individuals from the custody of local law enforcement rather than tracking them down in public.

“It’s much safer in my opinion and other sheriffs’ opinions that ICE would be able to take that individual from a jail area rather than trying to find them in public and create more of a situation that may not be necessary,” Boedigheimer said.

The jail handoff also minimizes chances for the public to intercede, he said.

Coles County Sheriff Kent Martin similarly mentioned concerns that sheriffs’ inability to assist could jeopardize the safety of ICE agents. Sheriffs also said the law limits their capacity to manage traffic where ICE is operating or provide ICE with pertinent local information, such as directions or neighborhood dynamics.

Martin said he thought it could lead to somebody getting hurt.

“I don’t understand why we can’t even do anything to assure the safety of our fellow officers,” Martin said. “I don’t understand the logic behind that.”

Warren County Sheriff Martin Edwards and Moultrie County Sheriff Gary Carroll said the inability to talk with ICE hinders their ability to provide accurate information about ICE operations to their communities.

“People call up, they see excitement, they see activity, they want to know what the hell’s going on,” Edwards said. “I wouldn’t know. So again, what good does that do us to operate in the dark?”

Limiting resources

Some sheriffs expressed frustration that they could not cooperate with federal agents on immigration in the way they can work across agencies for other issues.

“I believe that all law enforcement should be able to cooperate with federal law, so I don’t know what the difference would be between federal immigration and a federal warrant for drugs or murder or anything else,” said McDonough County Sheriff Nicholas Petitgout. “We’re held to help them in any other type of criminal enforcement, so for the state of Illinois to tell us that we can’t help them with this specific topic, I don’t agree with it.”

Petitgout said he considered immigration to be a shared responsibility between federal and local law enforcement but said he would not give ICE access to databases, facilities or people in custody, stating that such actions are illegal.

Henderson County Sheriff Matthew J. Link and Warren County Sheriff Martin Edwards similarly mentioned the conflict between state and federal law.

“It’s a frustrating position for us because we do everything in our power to hold criminals accountable and protect our communities, but you have a

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federal law that says one thing and an Illinois law that says another, and we're sworn to uphold the constitution of both," Link said.

For Link and others in this group, the conflict was mostly theoretical — Link said he has never had contact with ICE in 23 years working in law enforcement in the county. Edwards, too, said he had not seen ICE agents in years, but he took issue with the TRUST Act on principle.

Marshall County Sheriff Wayne Strawn III said he did not "personally" agree with the TRUST Act, mentioning the federal government's responsibility for controlling U.S. borders.

Menard County Sheriff Mark Oller said he would not be interested in proactively seeking out and arresting individuals residing in his county without legal status but said the prohibition on cooperation with federal law enforcement did not sit well with him.

"I wouldn't see myself being the person to go and shake them (a family) down to see their status, but if it was some kind of a foreign gang or foreign criminal, I would be for protecting the law-abiding people in the area," Oller said. "It's just kind of weird where they make a law where you don't cooperate with federal law enforcement."

Sheriff Paul Kuhns of Effingham County said he'd like a chance to use ICE and immigration law to remove individuals arrested for other crimes.

"I'm not so concerned about the people that are here working hard, feeding their families, obeying the law," Kuhns said. "But if I have someone that's breaking the law or a threat in my community, I should be able to use federal immigration laws and federal enforcement officers to help me deal with that."

The sentiment was echoed by Macoupin County Sheriff Shawn Kahl.

"I think that if they're violent criminals and they're running loose and they have a detainer, we should be able to detain them and hold them until they can be picked up," Kahl said. "If you're a violent illegal citizen, you should be arrested. Period."

The Attorney General's office stated that the TRUST Act does not prevent local law enforcement from coordinating with federal officers "related to criminal court proceedings or to execute a federal judge's orders."

Legislative disconnect

Many sheriffs expressed frustration that they felt legislators did not properly consider their input on the TRUST Act.

"We're at the table on just about any situation that moves through, but again, it often times feels like we're not heard or not listened to and they have an agenda and they push it through," Richland County Sheriff Andrew Hires said.

Hires added that sheriffs' inability to cooperate with federal immigration officials is "completely wrong" and said it "should be corrected."

Johnson County Sheriff Pete Sopczak used stronger language when discussing the TRUST Act and its passage by the General Assembly.

"We call things 'TRUST' Act and we call it the 'HOPE' Act," Sopczak said. "Springfield doesn't run the state, Chicago does, and they've masterminded the language they use to make everything sound great."

To Sopczak, the state law does not reflect that ideal.

"They can't even use our bathroom," Sopczak said, referring to the prohibition on allowing ICE agents to use facilities or equipment for investigative or immigration enforcement purposes. "It's sad, is what I think. All law enforcement has to be able to work together."

Hoping for repeal

Several sheriffs shared a hope that a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Department of Justice in February against the city of Chicago and the state would overturn the TRUST Act. The lawsuit attacked the jurisdictions' sanctuary laws, claiming they deliberately impeded the work of federal immigration officials.

U.S. District Court Judge Lindsay Jenkins dismissed the lawsuit in July, stating the federal government "may not compel the States to enact or administer a federal regulatory program."

Prior to Jenkins' dismissal of the suit, Washington County Sheriff Ross Schultze and Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Bullard Sr. had been confident it would succeed.

"We're waiting for that to get to the Supreme Court because we're very sure that the Supreme Court will overturn the TRUST Act and all the sanctuary state policies in this state," Bullard said in May.

The Justice Department did not amend its complaint by the required August deadline and the case was dismissed with prejudice, according to the court docket. However, Pulaski County Sheriff Randy Kern suggested that he and other sheriffs are working to devise plans to fight the TRUST Act.

"We're getting a game plan together," Kern said when asked for clarification.

Have cooperated or would cooperate with ICE

These sheriffs include: Anthony Grootens (Adams); Shannon Bradley (Gallatin), and Jerry Suits (Pope).

Sheriffs in this category said they cooperate with ICE detainers or other requests for assistance, in apparent conflict with the TRUST Act, or would do so given the opportunity. They cited safety concerns or the laws of the federal government as taking precedence over those of the state.

"Whether you're federal, local, state — whatever level you're at — I just feel like we all need to work together," Gallatin County Sheriff Shannon Bradley said.

While Bradley said he has not had communication with ICE, he said he would cooperate with a request from the agency.

Bradley said his office currently asks someone when arrested whether they are a U.S. citizen through a "generic form" the sheriff's office has used since he has been there, at least 15 years. Asking an individual arrested about citizenship status appears inconsistent with the TRUST Act's limits on inquiring about immigration status in most contexts.

While Pope County Sheriff Jerry Suits said immigration is not significant in his county and he has not had communication with ICE, he said he would cooperate with a request from the agency.

"We don't want to break any laws but we want to do the right thing," Suits said. "I'm going to do whatever it takes to keep Pope County people safe."

Grootens, the Adams County sheriff, was the only Illinois sheriff who said that he has already cooperated with ICE on a civil immigration matter.

His rationale, he said, is: "It's not whether they commit a crime here or not, they committed a crime by crossing over into the United States illegally."

In an apparent violation of the TRUST Act, Grootens said the Adams County Sheriff's Office has transferred two men into ICE custody this year.

Grootens said he was "obligated" to follow federal law above any state statute, including by cooperating with federal law enforcement. "I don't think that we can just turn our backs on federal law enforcement."

While he said he understands Pritzker's stance and the state's position, Grootens said he believes the federal government "trumps" it.

Advocates express concern

Activists have responded with concern that Illinois sheriffs would cooperate with ICE in violation of the TRUST Act.

The ACLU of Illinois sued two sheriffs in 2019 — from Ogle and Stephenson counties — for allegedly violating the TRUST Act. Court dockets show that both cases resulted in settlements for the plaintiffs represented by the ACLU.

Edwin C. Yohnka, director of communications and public policy at ACLU of Illinois, said some of the comments by sheriffs in this survey were "deeply disturbing."

Both the ACLU and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights emphasized the role of the Illinois Attorney General in upholding the TRUST Act.

Raoul said his office has provided guidance to law enforcement about the TRUST Act since its enactment and remains committed to working with agencies to bring them into compliance. But he didn't comment specifically on whether he's currently investigating any county.

"We rely on Illinois law enforcement officers to enforce state laws, and we expect that they will comply with those laws — including the TRUST Act," Raoul said. "The TRUST Act gives my office the responsibility to investigate violations where appropriate."

Tsao, the senior policy counsel at the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, called on sheriffs to remember their oath.

"Sheriffs and other law enforcement officers are sworn to uphold our laws," Tsao said. "They might disagree with some parts of the law, but they must enforce it."

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