

The Placebo Effect and the Art of Making the Dollar

By David Larson

Belvidere Merchants held a Merchants' Carnival in the Derthick Opera House, which was located on the lot where the Apollo concert/banquet hall is today. Downtown merchants rented space on the opera house floor where they erected booths displaying their wares. Similarly, the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors an event in the winter months at the Community Building called BoCo.

Lula Lewis-Humphrey, pictured here, participated in the Merchants Carnival, working for her brother, Leonard C. Lewis, who owned the L.C. Lewis Druggist located in downtown Belvidere at 414 South State Street. Ms. Lewis-Humphrey donned her regalia, according to a legend written in hand on the back of this photograph, in the early 1890s and served as Mr. Lewis' primary person to promote his store during the carnival.

We can only imagine how long it must have taken Ms. Lewis-Humphrey or someone to conceive, imagine, plan, pattern and sew such a garment as what she wore when the photograph was taken. Someone had to dedicate much time and planning to create the garment the young woman wore. Across the lower front of the dress is written what appears to be "Casto," and because of the angle of her stance it is not possible to read the end of the word. Perhaps the word sewn on the front of the dress was the word "Castor," that could have promoted Castor Oil, which was found at L.C. Lewis Druggist.

Castor oil was a popular patent medicine in that era. Many people claimed a century ago that a daily dose of Castor oil was what anyone needed to stay at the peak of good health. Many believed it was a true elixir that could cure constipation, skin burns and abrasions and many also thought that Castor oil applied to an eyelid could draw out sties in the eyes.

Castor oil is a product of the castor bean that is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. Castor oil tastes much different than another common elixir of the era century ago, cod liver oil.

L.C. Lewis marketed the drugs of the day. Whether he understood his products or their efficacy is doubtful. For example, Rocky Mountain Tea made by the Mason Medicine Company said to be loved by people, hated by would-be-rivals, the foe of disease, and friend of humanity, was sold by L.C. Lewis. (Apparently, it did not matter what the disease was as long as you had one.) If you wanted something that cured just about any skin disease anywhere, you could try Dr. Ag's ointment. Then there was the boutique drug designed by L.C. Lewis himself. Lewis Syrup of white pine tar and wild cherry at 20 cents a bottle was available for the sufferer if nothing else worked. And then there was Caparine a remedy of such sterling worth for the morning after blues...good luck with that.

Ms. Lewis-Humphrey had what appeared to be some sort of fabric puff balls affixed to the front of her costume. These puff balls may have been meant to resemble large tablets to suggest the tablets and drugs that were sold at her brother's drug store. But there are other, somewhat-less-

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Only One Bid for Statehouse Renovation Project

Cost higher than estimated but within state's budget

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

The cost of renovating the north wing of the Illinois Statehouse will be more expensive than officials initially estimated.

Only one bid came in for the project, which is about to get underway. CORE Construction Services of Illinois Inc. priced the job at \$243.5 million, well over the \$170 million that was originally estimated.

"Despite initial interest from multiple contractors on this project, only one firm

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Fuel Shortages Slows Planting in Ukraine

By Daniel Grant
FarmWeek

Spring planting continues in Ukraine where possible.

But fuel shortages are among the latest set of challenges Ukrainian farmers face as they attempt to plant crops amid the ongoing Russian invasion.

"Diesel has been really, really in short supply," Gordie Siebring, who moved to Ukraine to farm in the 1990s after operating a dairy with his wife in Iowa from 1981 to 1993, told the RFD Radio Network. "As of (April 30), most every fuel station was out."

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certain items that were also sewn to the front of her costume.

Sponges appear to be affixed to her sleeves and down the front of her skirt, and corks were also applied to the lower front of her skirt. Some items that could have been hypodermic needles were sewn to the collar of the dress to resemble a rather luxurious necklace. However, even with the use of a magnifying glass, we are uncertain what is affixed to Ms. Lewis-Humphrey's hair. She also has what appear to be various implements that a druggist might have used to concoct and create potions that would be taken by a patient to relieve whatever malady they might be suffering from.

Ms. Lewis-Humphrey looks a bit tentative, as if she is uncertain what is occurring or what will later occur. Further, she appears to be uncertain if she should smile or if she should hold a more sober expression. Her shoulders were a bit slumped and she presented an uncertain pose.

Posing for a photograph a century ago required the subject to hold still for an extended period and to remain motionless. The shutter speeds of view cameras used a century ago were often very long, a minute or more. In some photography studios, similar to where this photograph was produced, iron stands were available to be used to help support the subject so they would not move when the glass plate was being exposed to the light for the picture to be taken.

In this instance, perhaps the shutter speed was not excessively long, as it appears Ms. Lewis-Humphrey was not using any supportive devices to help her to remain motionless. Yet, she stood and held her mysterious expression for an extended period.



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- Cannegieter, Sue Ellen, 66, Belvidere, May 13
- Johnson, Lynn, 53, Belvidere, May 15
- Purvis-Cline, Shirley, 91, Capron, May 12
- Rush, Mark, 80, CCherry Valley, May 11
- Sciortino, Karen, 52, Belvidere, January 17
- Wagenknecht, Leonard, 46, Belvidere, May 12
- Walberg, Julie, 53, Rockford, May 8

L.C. Lewis remained in the druggist business for at least a decade until the field of optometry opened up to him. Being a trusted druggist, he easily had the confidence of locals when he made the move. He remained in the business of optometry well into the 1920's. Perhaps optometry, being based on science, made life easier and more predicable for his patients than the primitive druggist trade of the day.

Lewis and his wife lived at 605 Pearl Street in Belvidere and were living at that address as early as 1890, when the city installed sidewalks on Pearl Street. Most of what else we know of L.C. Lewis is derived from newspaper advertisements.

OP-ED

Be Careful with the Money

By Scott Reeder

Should the government subsidize nostalgia? I've been thinking about that a lot this past week. The Illinois State Fair was in danger of losing my favorite attraction. No, not the butter cow or Turasky's thin cut ribeye sandwiches or the annual steer show.

We are talking about serious high-brow entertainment: the Giant Slide.

Just about any ride in Happy Hollow is vomit inducing for me. But I love that old slide. I've ridden down it with each of my three daughters as soon as they were old enough and brave enough to take the plunge.

The 40-foot-tall slide is for sale again, and several prospective buyers want to take the thing apart and move it out of state.

But Doug Knight, of Knight's Action Park, wants to keep it intact and on the fairgrounds.

The Springfield City Council voted Tuesday to support his purchase with a paid sponsorship of the slide, at \$30,000 a year for the next four years. For those who aren't mathematically inclined that's \$120,000 in taxpayer dollars.

The idea is that the attraction could be embossed with advertising and that would help promote Springfield as a destination. The slide, which was built in 1968, could be decorated with a Route 66 logo and become part of the upcoming Mother Road 100th anniversary observances.

Sorry, I'm not buying it. Advertising isn't the goal of this project. The goal is to keep a beloved icon on the state fairgrounds and the advertising is a means to an end. While the city may get some benefit from the ad, I could point to a half dozen more cost-effective mediums.

Also, the slide isn't in Springfield. Yes, the fair is a wonderful local institution, but the Illinois State Fairgrounds has never been annexed into the city. So, despite the subsidy the fair attraction will not contribute to city sales taxes.

Cities often subsidize private enterprises in the name of entertainment or just as a community amenity. Just think of the number of professional sports stadiums erected by tax dollars. This type of subsidy is not without precedent.

But where do you draw the line? Give money to the Giant Slide and then you are on that slippery slope of subsidizing just about anything.

But sometimes we fund things because they have historic significance.

Well, the most newsworthy thing to happen on the slide was in August of 1978 when then-Gov. James R. Thompson took his newborn daughter down the slide while holding her in his arms.

I was in junior high at the time and my mother was so outraged she mentioned it just about any time the governor's name came up. "How could he endanger his own child that way?" she would say with a tone of bewilderment bordering on disgust.

Flash forward 21 years and I'm a statehouse reporter interviewing the now former governor about his lobbying activities. During the phone interview he was in Las Vegas with his daughter Samantha celebrating her 21st birthday.

The state fair was going on at the time of our conversation. I did the math in my head and it dawned on me that Mom wasn't exaggerating. Samantha was fresh out of the womb when Big Jim took her plunging down 130-feet of fiberglass.

So, I asked Thompson if he remembered the controversy.

He laughed and said he still had mothers stop him on the sidewalk in Chicago and tell him he shouldn't have taken his daughter on that slide.

After that interview, I didn't give the Giant Slide much thought until I had children of my own.

I first went down the slide with my oldest, Gracie, when she was 3 or 4. We were on the same burlap sack together at the top ready to make the plunge. She was afraid but reassured by my presence.

We enjoyed our ride downward and have made it an annual family tradition.

Today my girls are 11, 14 and 16. It's no longer cool to be seen riding the slide with your Dad even if he is a few lanes over. I find myself begging my own kids to go to the slide. I get eyerolls in response. But usually on the final day of the fair we take the plunge.

While I may think city tax dollars could be better spent, I can guarantee you when I ride down the Giant Slide this year with my three girls, I'll be glad it's still here.

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submitted a bid while the others cited the difficulties of the current construction climate," Statehouse Architect Andrea Aggert said in an email.

"Given the challenges this industry is facing across the nation, such as inflation, increased costs, demand issues, and labor shortages, the project has surpassed its original budget, which was established well before the economic pressures were recognized," she added. "With that being said, the project is still within the amount that was appropriated by the state."

State lawmakers set aside \$350 million for Statehouse renovations as part of a \$45 billion capital improvements package that passed in 2019.

The project is scheduled to take about two and a half years and will make the north wing the main entrance for visitors.

That will involve excavating the hill that leads up to the steps along Monroe Street, removing the circle drive on that side of the building and constructing a new entryway leading into the basement level of the building. That entryway will also be connected to a new underground parking garage, a separate project that is already underway.

Officials have said the project is intended to address a number of safety and security concerns, but also to return the historic architectural details to the interior of the building.

From the new entrance, people will pass through a single security station before entering the building. The project also involves installing new fire alarms, sprinklers and lighting as well as accessible restrooms, entryways and door hardware.

There will also be new, updated stairs to allow for emergency exits that lead directly outdoors and modernized mechanical, electrical, and heating and ventilation systems.

While the project is going on, the Senate,

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whose chamber is on the third floor of the north wing, will meet in a temporary chamber being set up in the auditorium of the Howlett Building, just south of the Capitol. That building also houses the secretary of state's offices.

Senators and their staffs with offices in the north wing will be moved to other parts of the Capitol or to office space in other buildings in the Capitol area complex.

Ellie Leonard, a spokesperson for the architect's office, said in an email that the original estimate of \$170 million was made before there was a good understanding of the economic pressures now facing the construction industry.

She also said the north wing renovation has grown in scope, "which can happen when projects this large take place and especially with buildings as old as the Capitol."

"Once work begins, you find other problem areas that you didn't know were there but desperately need attention," she said.

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U.S. Corn Belt.

May futures recently rallied to \$8.04 per bushel for corn, \$16.71 for soybeans and \$10.53 for wheat.

Overall, U.S. farmers intend to plant a record 91 million acres of soybeans this season but 4% fewer corn acres. Brazilian farmers also could raise soy plantings by 1.5% next season, which starts in September, Agrinvest Commodities told Reuters.

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Pritzker Signs Bill Aimed at Addressing Organized Retail Crime

AG Raoul says task force recovered millions of dollars of stolen merchandise in December

By Grace Kinnicutt Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker signed legislation Friday that is aimed at cracking down on high-profile "smash-and-grabs" and other organized retail theft.

"This important piece of legislation will help to combat these unlawful activities by addressing the problem from multiple angles," Chauncey Rice, government relations manager for the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said at a news conference.

Backed by IRMA and Attorney General Kwame Raoul, the bill is in response to a recent increase in organized retail theft at malls in the suburbs and stores along the Magnificent Mile in Chicago.

Raoul said he did not know what organized retail crime was one year ago and thought of it like ordinary theft.

When he was attending an out-of-state conference, Raoul said, he watched a presentation about organized retail theft groups and saw videos of stolen goods that "made you think you were in a hardware store."

He said the goal going forward is to crack down on organized retail crime and educate retailers and law enforcement around the state on what it is and that it is linked to other criminal activity such as human, gun or drug trafficking and, in some cases, terrorism.

"Law enforcement, like me, might have mistaken some of these acts as isolated acts of retail theft when they're actually very well coordinated crimes," Raoul said.

It defines, for the first time, organized

retail crime into law and creates stiffer penalties for the ringleaders of retail thefts. The law goes into effect Jan. 1, 2023.

A person is guilty of being a ringleader of a retail theft operation if they recruit individuals, supervise finances or direct others to commit the theft with the intent to resell merchandise that exceeds \$300 in value.

Ringleaders can also be guilty if merchandise is stolen while in transit from the manufacturer to the retail establishment.

Advocates for the legislation reiterated that it will specifically target organized crime rings, rather than giving harsh penalties for those who commit "petty retail theft."

"Let me be clear, this is not aimed at a low-income parent desperate to feed their child. It's not about a kid making a shortsighted mistake," Pritzker said. "This is about a multibillion-dollar industry of organized criminals carrying out

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reported farmers there planted 4.7 million hectares of spring grain and oilseeds as of May 2, which is only 60% of the seeded area on that same date last year.

The target for spring is about 11.45 million hectares, according to UGA, which would be down about 3.5 to 4 million hectares from a year ago due to the Russian invasion, occupation and land mines. The main crops being planted in Ukraine this spring include corn, sunflowers, soybeans, barley and wheat.

Total corn plantings are projected to decline about 1.5 million hectares in the war-torn country this spring compared to last year.

"We've made some slow progress," Siebring said. "The weather has been thankfully a little wetter than the last two years. The last two years in our area were really dry.

"But, when you're fighting with diesel fuel on a daily basis, it's been very slow getting crops in the ground."

How desperate are the diesel fuel shortages for some Ukrainian farmers?

Siebring was fortunate to receive a 400-gallon shipment last month but has since gone from station to station attempting to fill small containers with fuel.

"I have a minivan that I'll fill up with 5-gallon jugs and go from station to station," he said. "And, so you wait in line, get 5 gallons, go the next station, wait for 5 gallons. So, it gives you an idea how short we are on fuel."

Tight crop supplies remain a major concern worldwide due to the war in the Black Sea region along with drought-reduced crops in South America and major planting delays so far in the

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sophisticated theft operations.”

In December 2021, Pritzker said an Organized Retail Crime Task Force overseen by Raoul’s office recovered millions of dollars in stolen merchandise from storage units at two Chicago facilities as part of a large-scale investigation into the crime rings.

Chief Senate Sponsor Suzy Glowiak Hilton, D-Western Springs, said the bill addresses concerns raised by law enforcement, prosecutors and businesses while ensuring law enforcement has tools needed to reduce organized retail theft.

Prosecutors will have the ability to consolidate charges against ringleaders in one county even if a ring of smash-and-grabs happened across multiple counties, and it allows the attorney general to convene statewide grand juries to investigate, indict and prosecute violations.

Raoul said it is a consumer protection issue because the stolen items can also be put on an online marketplace to unsuspecting consumers.

The legislation will require online, third-party sellers to verify a user’s identity with a bank account number or other information to prevent stolen goods from being sold online. Third-party sellers will be required to suspend sellers that knowingly sell items there were stolen or believed to be stolen.

It also creates a statewide intelligence-sharing tool to help retailers, police and prosecutors to communicate with each other.

The state budget also invests \$5 million to allow the attorney general’s office to award grants to state’s attorneys and law enforcement agencies that investigate and prosecute organized retail crime.

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Audit Finds DCFS Failed to Implement Reforms

Law requires checklists, services and monitoring for kids who return home

By Beth Hundsdorfer Capitol News Illinois

Ta’Naja Barnes was two years old when she was found wrapped in a urine-soaked blanket amid rodent droppings, garbage and rotting food.

The temperatures dipped to 45 degrees inside the Decatur home on Feb. 11, 2019, the day Ta’Naja was found. Medical personnel couldn’t get a temperature reading from Ta’Naja. She was too cold.

An autopsy revealed the former Department of Children and Family Services ward died from neglect, malnutrition and hypothermia.

DCFS had been involved with Ta’Naja and her family for more than half of her life after allegations of abuse and neglect. Ta’Naja had already spent two stints in foster care before her case was closed and she was returned to live with her mother six months before her death.

Ta’Naja’s death led to a law named in her honor that requires DCFS to complete home safety checks before and after a child is returned to their parents and to provide aftercare to the child and their family for at least six months after their return home.

Nearly a year after the law’s passage, a state auditor found that DCFS has yet to implement it.

“I’m really not surprised,” said State Rep. Sue Scherer, D-Decatur, who sponsored Ta’Naja’s Law. “This is what we feared all along was happening, but this audit just confirms it.”

Despite the audit findings, DCFS officials said

they have and are continuing to take aggressive measures to improve services and care to keep children safe.

“We have trained thousands of workers, expanded resources to support the child welfare system and addressed the many hiring and staffing challenges facing child welfare organizations,” said DCFS spokesman William McCaffery.

He said DCFS had previously identified that its data tracking systems were outdated, limiting the agency’s ability to track new requirements.

“As a result, DCFS was already undertaking significant steps to address these issues, including a complete replacement of the department’s child welfare information systems,” he said. “DCFS works diligently to provide resources and guidance to its staff and external partners to continue its work of protecting vulnerable children and strengthen families.”

The report found DCFS was unable to provide home safety checklists, which are mandated when a child leaves state care to be returned to their home, in 192 of 195 cases studied.

The checklist contains basic safety information, such as whether the house has smoke detectors and whether poisons and firearms are secured. It also requires caseworkers to check a box that they discussed with the parents the consequences of shaking a baby and leaving a child with an appropriate caretaker, if necessary.

The law states that “at a minimum,” DCFS must complete a home safety checklist one day prior to a child’s return home and again within five working days after a child’s return. Checklists must be completed every month thereafter until the child’s case is closed.

The auditor found that checklists are not being completed as required by the law, and the checklists had not been updated with new required language that went into effect on Jan. 1, 2020.

The law also mandates that DCFS provide aftercare services to the child and the child’s family beginning the date the parent regains custody and continuing for at least six months.

Per DCFS policy, 30 days before a child is scheduled to return home, DCFS holds a meeting to determine services and develop an aftercare plan. The plan is presented for approval to the court so services will be in place when the court orders the child to be returned home.

Those services can include counseling, case management, physical, behavioral and mental health services, and substance abuse services. They can also include linking families to community resources like food pantries, housing, employment training and continuing education programs.

The audit found that in the 50 cases surveyed, 29 did not have at least six months of documented aftercare services. DCFS also failed to update their procedures to reflect the changes in the law for more than a year after it went into effect. About 18 percent of those cases surveyed found no documentation that services were provided at all.

DCFS stated in a response that they can recommend services, but if a family refuses them, the department’s response depends on the risk involved and the legal status of the case. Families can object in a legal response to any court-ordered services, so mandatory participation is based on the extent of court involvement.

DCFS also administers an aftercare supervisory conference checklist to make sure that the family is making progress towards the return home goal and to determine if any more services are needed.

The checklist includes information about the family’s financial status, whether individuals who frequent the home have been subject to sex offender registry searches, whether the child is attending school or day care, and whether the family requires additional services.

The audit also found deficiencies in medical and dental check-ups for children in DCFS care. Of 50 cases, the auditor found 18 percent of the children hadn’t had at least one medical check-up, 14 percent had not had a vision checkup, 56

percent had not undergone a hearing exam and 88 percent had not had a dental exam.

State auditors tried to study 50 cases from calendar year 2020 to see if children were up to date on their immunizations, but they found that the reporting system was too unreliable to make a determination. After reviewing 10 cases from the sample of 50, the auditor ended testing because “the data failed to meet the standards required in order to conduct a meaningful analysis.”

The data in the 10 cases included a case where two children received too many vaccinations and one child who had not received enough. The data also included children receiving the wrong number of doses for vaccinations.

The audit also found that, as of December 2021, more than half of the 6,037 employment positions listed in the DCFS operations division were considered unfunded. Of the 2,746 positions that were funded, 21 percent, or 573, were vacant.

As of Thursday, there are currently 2,970 DCFS employees, representing an increase from when the audit was conducted.

Twanka Davis, Ta’Naja’s mother, pleaded guilty to her daughter’s murder and is currently serving a 20-year prison sentence. After Ta’Naja’s death, Ta’Naja’s sibling was taken into DCFS care. Davis, 23, gave birth to a third child as she began her prison sentence for Ta’Naja’s murder. Twanka’s boyfriend, Anthony Myers, also was convicted in Ta’Naja’s death and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

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10th Contempt Citation Filed Against DCFS Director As 13-Year-Old Locked in Psych Ward

Family member details conditions of child held beyond medical necessity

By Beth Hundsdorfer Capitol News Illinois

Leah is a 13-year-old girl under Department of Children and Family Services care who lives in a psychiatric ward in a Chicago hospital.

Capitol News Illinois is using a pseudonym to protect her identity, but has confirmed she’s been held for months behind locked doors despite a doctor saying she was well enough to leave the hospital and a judge ordering that she should be moved.

On Thursday, Department of Children and Family Services Director Marc Smith received his 10th contempt of court citation for failing to comply with that judge’s order in Leah’s case.

Leah is a typical teen, says a close relative whose identity Capitol News Illinois is not revealing due to the sensitivity of the case.

She’s smart, sassy, has many friends, loves school and reading, and aspires to someday attend Harvard University. The relative would end her phone calls with Leah by saying “I love you,” and Leah would respond “to the moon and back.”

That’s when they could have phone calls. Leah’s access to the phone is limited now.

Leah’s case is complicated. The relative said she came into the care of child protective services in another state when she was 10 years old.

Her mom was at the end of a violent relationship and battling a growing dependence on drugs. Leah’s biological father was in prison serving a

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lengthy sentence. She stayed with an aunt once, then was in foster care. Another relative obtained guardianship of Leah in 2019, picking her up the day after Christmas and driving her to her new home in Chicago.

It wasn't a happy arrangement. Three months after coming to Illinois, the guardian dropped her at Lurie Children's Hospital. When Leah was well enough for discharge, her guardian didn't come to get her. DCFS was called and assigned to care for her.

Leah moved from a shelter to hospitals and back to shelters. Once, the relative said, she spent the night in a DCFS office. She got depressed, the relative said, and became suicidal.

She ran away into the streets of Chicago one February night. Leah is originally from a small town in the Midwest with a population of about 5,000. She didn't know anyone in Chicago. It was a cold night.

Leah eventually knocked on a stranger's door and asked to use the phone to call her mom, the relative said. The next morning, Leah returned to the children's shelter. When she got back, Leah found out that no one had been looking for her.

In February 2022, Leah was once again hospitalized. Doctors discharged her on March 21, 2022. On April 14, 2022, the court directed Smith to get her out of the hospital and into an appropriate placement within a week.

Still, Leah remained in a locked psychiatric facility. She was there Thursday when Cook County Judge Patrick Murphy found Smith in contempt for the 10th time.

Birthdays, Christmases, Thanksgivings have come and gone. Leah remains separated from her family.

Her mom is in Colorado now. Her dad remains in prison in Kansas. The bright kid who once loved school and reading gets one hour a day of unaccredited classes in the hospital. When she is discharged and can begin school again, she must start over at seventh grade, the relative said.

The relative wasn't sure of Leah's psychological diagnosis, wasn't sure if she had one and wasn't sure if it was correct. The relative doesn't know what treatments Leah would have to face once she was released from the hospital.

A news release from the Cook County Public Guardian's Office, who represents children in state custody in legal matters, stated the court has repeatedly ordered DCFS to provide Leah with consistent, trauma-focused therapy to address a history of sexual abuse and exploitation. DCFS failed to provide the needed treatment, the release stated.

Leah joins nine other children in whose cases Smith is facing contempt charges for not following a judge's order to place them appropriately. Those include an 8-year-old girl locked in a psychiatric hospital for more than seven months after her discharge, a 13-year-old boy kept in a "temporary" shelter five hours away from the child's home for more than five months, and a 17-year-old boy placed in a locked psychiatric hospital for more than four months after he was cleared for release.

A 16-year-old girl was in 25 placements in two months, including hospitals, emergency shelters, a shelter in Indiana, and temporary foster homes. Before that, she was in a locked psychiatric hospital for nearly two months after she was medically cleared for release.

An 11-year-old girl was ready for discharge

from a locked psychiatric hospital for almost a year, and a 15-year-old girl who needed a specialized foster home was held in a locked psychiatric hospital for months. A 16-year-old boy with low intellectual function and cognitive delays spent more than a year in a "temporary" shelter.

A 14-year-old girl was placed in 21 settings, including DCFS offices, hospital emergency rooms and emergency foster homes, and a locked psychiatric hospital for two months after she was ready for discharge.

In the 10 contempt cases, Murphy fined Smith a \$1,000 for every day the children remain in the placements. In all the other cases, the fine has been stayed. In Leah's case, the fine started Thursday, according to the Cook County Public Guardian.

Three of the nine children have been moved and the contempt cases have been purged. As of Friday, Leah remained in the hospital.

Leah's relative can't help but wonder what the teenager's future will be.

There's a lot stacked against her, but then the relative recalls Leah's sunny disposition and determination. And the silly children's song "Lava" the two used to sing together. The song is about a lonely volcano searching for someone to care for him.

In the song, an animated volcano sings: "I have a dream I hope will come true. That you're here with me and I'm here with you. I wish that the Earth, sea and sky up above will send me someone to lava."

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Analysis:

Poll Shows 'Undecided' Leads GOP Governor Field

This week saw Irvin dodge questions at news conference, launch new Bailey attack ad

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

We're about a month and a half from the June 28 primary, and "undecided" was the lead vote-getter this week in a new poll of 1,000 likely GOP primary voters, with 36.9 percent of respondents falling into that camp.

For those polled who have picked a candidate, Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin had the lead at 24.1 percent, followed by state Sen. Darren Bailey, R-Xenia, at 19.8 percent, Gary Rabine at 7.8 percent, Jesse Sullivan at 7.3 percent, Max Solomon at 2.3 percent and Paul Schimpf at 1.9 percent.

The poll, by WGN-TV, The Hill and Emerson

College, was conducted May 6-8, had a 3 percent margin of error, and methods included cellphone messaging, landline voice response and an online panel.

Bailey's camp was quick to say it shows the primary "is a two-person race for the heart and soul of our Republican Party."

Bailey, a former state representative and now state senator, gained notoriety by challenging Gov. JB Pritzker's executive order authority in court throughout the pandemic alongside GOP attorney general candidate Thomas DeVore.

He has a staunch conservative voting record in the General Assembly and he's also been jockeying for the endorsement of former President Donald Trump. Per the poll, 57.4 percent of respondents said they would be more likely to vote for a candidate endorsed by Trump, while 18.8 percent said less likely and the rest said it would make no difference.

The Irvin campaign, meanwhile, said it's Democrats who are propagating Bailey's campaign.

The Democratic Governors Association, to which Pritzker has donated millions from his personal fortune over the past five years, has paid for ads attacking Irvin's record as a defense attorney.

This week the DGA also launched a new ad calling Bailey "too conservative for Illinois" while listing things that might play well in a GOP primary, such as his 100 percent anti-abortion voting record, his National Rifle Association membership and his support for the Trump agenda.

The Irvin campaign pegged the total combined spend of his opponents and outside groups in the GOP primary at \$22 million, including \$8 million directly attacking Irvin.

Irvin's campaign has spent at least \$12 million, backed by \$45 million from GOP megadonor Ken Griffin, founder of the investment firm Citadel, who was a financial backer of Republican former Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Bailey's biggest backer is another megadonor, Uline founder Richard Uihlein, who at one time backed Rauner but ended up funding his GOP primary challenger in 2018. He's given Bailey \$3.5 million.

Thus, the DGA ad buys greatly expand Bailey's statewide exposure.

"JB Pritzker is in desperation mode, funding a massive increase in TV ad spending to ensure he gets Darren Bailey as his opponent this November, and Darren Bailey is happily accepting Pritzker's assistance," Irvin spokeswoman Eleni Demertzis said in a statement. "Darren Bailey's candidacy is so weak he needs JB Pritzker to do his dirty work."

That statement came in an announcement from the Irvin camp that it was launching a new attack ad against Bailey, pegging him as "Pritzker's favorite tax-raising Republican." The "tax-raising" attack is aimed at Bailey's time on the board of the North Clay School District from 1996 to 2012, when he frequently voted to raise tax levies, resulting in an 81 percent property tax increase in the district during his time on the school board.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, 601 NORTH MAIN STREET,
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF James Michael Walsh, DECEASED 22 PR 13

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Heather Walsh, 13509 Beloit Road, Caledonia, Illinois 61011, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Hannah M. Clark, Chuhak & Tecson, PC, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before November 12, 2022, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

Hannah M. Clark
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF BOONE

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

In the Matter of the Estate of MIGUEL LOPEZ, Deceased.
No. 2022-PR-25

)NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of Miguel Lopez. Letters of Office were issued May 12, 2022 on to Maria Guadalupe Gomez Lopez, Belvidere, 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 November 25, 2022, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

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

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

Dated: May 16, 2022
Maria Guadalupe Gomez Lopez, Independent Administrator
Charles T. Sewell, L.L.C.
Attorney at Law
215 South State Street
Belvidere, IL 61008
Phone: 815-544-3118
Email: charlests1@aol.com
Published in *The Boone County Journal* May 19, 26 and June 2

The following amount must be paid no later than 5 p.m. June 3, 2022. FULL payment of CASH or MONEY ORDER ONLY, accepted by APPOINTMENT at:

Danndi Storage
13537 IL Rte. 76
Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Or the contents of the below listed units, located at 13511 Harvest Way, Poplar Grove, IL., will be sold at auction or otherwise disposed of on or any day after June 4, 2022.

Sheryl Edmonds - Unit #34 - Amount due 442.00 plus advertising
Brad Betke - Unit #96 - Amount due \$348.00 plus advertising
Brad Betke - Unit #141 - Amount due \$788.00 plus advertising
Published in *The Boone County Journal* May 19, 2022 and May 26, 2022:

INVITATION TO BID RE: COPY PAPER TO: VENDOR SBelvidere Community Unit School District #100 is requesting bids for COPY PAPER per the following specifications: 8 1/2 x 11 White Xerographic (Country of Origin USA) 20lb 500 Sheets/Ream 10 Reams/Case 92 Bright/Quantity 49 skids (estimated) All bids are due by 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 3, 2022 at the Business Office, Administration Building, 1201 Fifth Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois 61008. Bids are to be F.O.B. 1034 7th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008. Bids are to be submitted on the form provided and signed by an authorized representative of the company. The Board of Education reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities shown on the bid. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Questions concerning the bid should be directed to the Chief Financial Officer at (815) 544-0301. Sincerely, Jo Ann Armstrong
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Plaintiff,
vs.
Case No.: 2022FC32

REBECAH M. ALLEN, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2003 AND KNOWN AS THE REBECAH M. ALLEN TRUST NO. 1, COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD LIEN CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit having been duly filed herein, NOTICE IS HEREIN GIVEN YOU, REBECAH M. ALLEN, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2003 AND KNOWN AS THE REBECAH M. ALLEN TRUST NO. 1, COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD LIEN CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled action, that an action is now pending in this Court as shown above, wherein the Plaintiff seeks to foreclose a mortgage made to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, with respect to the following described real estate:

UNIT 19-4 IN COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS AS DELINEATED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: PART OF LOT 18, LOT 19, AND LOT 20 AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 2 OF COUNTRYSIDE

MALL SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 2002R05940, IN ENVELOPE 267-B IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS; WHICH SURVEY IS RECORDED AS COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS ADD-ON EXHIBIT "A" ON JULY 12, 2005 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2005R07847 IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP RECORDED APRIL 26, 2004 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2004R04777 AND AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMONS ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN SAID DECLARATION, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 13569 HARVEST WAY, POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065

NOW, THEREFORE, you are further notified to file your appearance in the Office of the Clerk of the Court above stated on or before June 10, 2022, and if you fail to do so or do not otherwise make your appearance on or before said date, this cause may be heard and judgment entered as prayed for in said Complaint without further notice.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in McHenry County, Illinois, this 10th day of June, 2022.

Pamela Coduto
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Boone County, Illinois
FRANKS, GERKIN, PONITZ & GREELEY, P.C.
Attorney for Plaintiffs
19333 E. Grant Hwy.
PO Box 5
Marengo, IL 60152
(815) 923-2107
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, Belvidere City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 upon the following:

Application of property owner, Kiran Kayastha, 842 W. Lukas Avenue, Palatine, IL 60067 for a special use to permit a planned development in the GB, General Business District at 320 W. Chrysler Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008. The planned development will allow for the following departures: Sections 150.105(C)(5)(B)(2) allowing in-vehicle sales or service (drive-through lane); 150.105(C)(5)(G)(1)(B) minimum landscape surface ratio from 15% to 5%; 150.105(C)(5)(G)(2)(C) minimum building front yard setback from 20 feet to 15 feet; 150.105(C)(5)(G)(2)(C) minimum paved surface setback from 5 feet to zero feet; 150.204(D)(3)(A) minimum parking required from 17 spaces to 15 spaces; 150.204(D)(8)(B) minimum stacking length from 40 feet in front of the window to 37 feet in front of the window; Table 150.604 reducing the amount of required landscaping due to the increased lot coverage; and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures. The planned development is being requested in order to construct a new three-unit building with a drive-through lane. The subject property is legally described as:

Lot Two (2) of the Re-plat of Lot 1 of Plat number 1 of Commercial Plaza Subdivision, being a subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 43 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois, in Index File Envelope 4, as Document no. 78-1145, situated in the Bounty of Boone and the State of Illinois. PIN: 07-02-200-009

All persons interested in the petitions may attend and be heard at the stated time and place.

Paul Engelman, Chairman,
Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, Belvidere City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 upon the following:

Application of the Boone County Arts Council, PO Box 311, Belvidere, IL 61008 on behalf of the property owner, The Apollo Theater AC, 12244 Brandon Court, Caledonia, IL 61011 for a special use to install a mural at 106 North State Street within the CB, Central Business District (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.1012(A) (1) and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures). The proposed mural will replace the current mural on the north side of the building and, like the current mural, will depict Latino heritage. The subject property is legally described as:

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Five of Assessor's Survey of Simon P. Doty's Reservation being part of the East Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 26, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded July 11, 1870 in Book 33 of Deeds at page 540; situated in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, and State of Illinois.

All persons interested in the petitions may attend and be heard at the stated time and place.

Paul Engelman, Chairman,
Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission
Published in *The Boone County Journal* May 19, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF
ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Road purposes of the Township of Caledonia, in the County of Boone, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023 will be on file and available for public inspection, by appointment (815-222-9907), at 610 Constitution Dr., SW, Poplar Grove from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30 PM, Thursday, June 9, 2022 at the Caledonia Township Building and that final hearing and action will be taken at that time.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2022
Valerie Alt, Supervisor
Theresa Balk, Town Clerk
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Early Voting for the June 28, 2022 General Primary Election will begin on Thursday, May 19, 2022 and end June 27, 2022. Early Voting for Boone County residents will be conducted at the Boone County Clerk's Office, 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 5:00PM, except holidays. The office will also be open on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM

For more information about Early Voting please contact the Boone County Clerk's Office at 815-544-3103. There may be construction on Logan Avenue in front of the Boone County Administration Building during the Early Voting hours, so please watch for signs to enter the parking lot.

Julie A. Bliss
Boone County Clerk & Recorder
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, Belvidere City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 upon the following:

Application of property owner, Pablo Gomez, 119 S. State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 for a special use to permit indoor commercial entertainment. This would include the ability to have a banquet facility that may serve alcohol or have video gaming at 119 South State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C) (6)(B)(2) Indoor Commercial Entertainment and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures) in the CB, Central Business District on less than an acre. The subject property is legally described as:

Lots One (1) and Two (2) in Block One (1) in Plane's Subdivision as platted and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois and ALSO Lot Seven (7) of Longcor's Subdivision of Assessor's Second Addition to the City of Belvidere, as platted and recorded in Book 33 of Deeds, on page 630, Boone County records; EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following: The Easterly Seventy-five (75) feet thereof, the same being Twenty-four (24) feet frontage on the Westerly side of South State Street and extending back an equal width to a depth of Seventy-five (75) feet; ALSO, the Westerly Four (4) feet of the following described real estate; the Easterly Seventy-five (75) feet of Lot Seven (7) of Longcor's Subdivision of Assessor's Second Addition to the City of Belvidere, as platted and recorded in Book 33 of deeds, on page 630, Boone County Records, the same being Twenty-four (24) feet frontage of the Westerly side of South State Street and extending back an equal width to a depth of Seventy-five (75) feet EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Southerly Eight (8) feet of the aforesaid Westerly Four (4) feet; all situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois (PIN: 05-26-477-019)

All persons interested in the petitions may attend and be heard at the stated time and place.

Paul Engelman, Chairman,
Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission
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STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT BOONE COUNTY
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR
NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILDREN)

Case No. 22-MR-3

REQUEST OF: MONICA PRIETO-ENRIQUEZ to change name of minor child: Current Name of Minor Child MAURICIO PRIETO-SANCHEZ; Proposed New Name of Minor Child MAURICIO PRIETO-ENRIQUEZ. Court Date information: on June 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 Courtroom #3.

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
-v.-
19 CH 112
KATHLEEN I. DIAMOND A/K/A KATHLEEN I. LYNN, FIFTH THIRD
BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN) Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 22, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 23, 2022, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT FOUR (4) IN BLOCK TWO (2) OF BIESTER'S SECOND SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOTS 2, 3 AND 4 OF PROSPECT HILL SUBDIVISION, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 4 OF PLATS, ON PAGES 2 AND 3; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 336 ANDREWS DRIVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-25-479-004

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$119,970.53.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 19-091421.

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

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

LOGS Legal Group LLP
2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301
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847-291-1717
E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com

Attorney File No. 19-091421
 Case Number: 19 CH 112
 TJSC#: 42-1249
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 19 CH 112
 6088-923387
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
 Notice is hereby given that the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, Belvidere City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 upon the following:
 Application of The City of Belvidere, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, IL 61008 for a text amendment to the City of Belvidere Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 150 as amended) pertaining to Sections 150.013 Definitions, 150.204(D) Non Residential Districts- Planned Business and General Business, 150.204(D) Commercial Land Uses- Vehicle Repair and Maintenance and Car Detailing Shop, 150.702 Width of Driveways, 150.704 Parking Space Design Standards, Table 150.704(F)(8) regarding dimensions, Appendix C: Land Use Summary Chart (Commercial) and Section 150.902 Amendment of Zoning Regulations (Text Amendments). Specifically, the amendments are in regards to car detailing shops and parking lot standards. The proposed text amendments are available for review at the Belvidere Community Development Department Office, 401 Whitney Boulevard during regular business hours.
 All persons interested in the petitions may attend and be heard at the stated time and place.
 Paul Engelman Chairman,
 Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission
 Published in *The Boone County Journal* May 19, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that at 7:00 p.m. on June 8th, 2022, a public hearing will be held at Poplar Grove Township Building, 302 East Park Street, Poplar Grove, IL for the purpose of considering the proposed Budget Levy and Appropriation Ordinance of the Poplar Grove Township, Town and Road Districts. Public inspection will be available at 302 East Park Street, Poplar Grove, IL from May 25th until June 7th, 2022 from 6-9 p.m. Please contact 815/985-7556 to arrange inspection appointment.
 Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8th, 2022 at the Poplar Grove Township Office, 302 East Park Street, Poplar Grove, IL and that final action will be taken at that time.
 Dated this 18th day of May, 2022.
 Andrea Sowers, Poplar Grove Township Clerk
 Published in *The Boone County Journal* May 19, 2022

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

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 REBECAH M. ALLEN, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2003 AND KNOWN AS THE REBECAH M. ALLEN TRUST NO. 1, COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS, UNKNOWN OWNERS)
 and NON-RECORD LIEN CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
PUBLICATION NOTICE

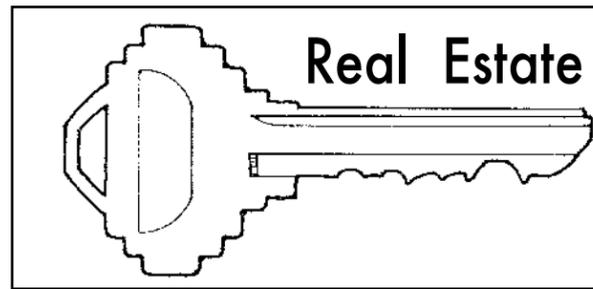
The requisite Affidavit having been duly filed herein, NOTICE IS HEREIN GIVEN YOU, REBECAH M. ALLEN, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2003 AND KNOWN AS THE REBECAH M. ALLEN TRUST NO. 1, COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD LIEN CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled action, that an action is now pending in this Court as shown above, wherein the Plaintiff seeks to foreclose a mortgage made to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, with respect to the following described real estate:
 UNIT 19-4 IN COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS AS DELINEATED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: PART OF LOT 18, LOT 19, AND LOT 20 AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 2 OF COUNTRYSIDE MALL SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 2002R05940, IN ENVELOPE 267-B IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS; WHICH SURVEY IS RECORDED AS COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS ADD-ON EXHIBIT "A" ON JULY 12, 2005 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2005R07847 IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP RECORDED APRIL 26, 2004 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2004R04777 AND AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMONS ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN SAID DECLARATION, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
 Commonly known as: 13569 HARVEST WAY, POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065

NOW, THEREFORE, you are further notified to file your appearance in the Office of the Clerk of the Court above stated on or before June 10, 2022, and if you fail to do so or do not otherwise make your appearance on or before said date, this cause may be heard and judgment entered as prayed for in said Complaint without further notice.
 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in McHenry County, Illinois, this 10th day of June, 2022.
 Pamela Coduto
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Boone County, Illinois
 FRANKS, GERKIN, PONITZ & GREELEY, P.C.
 Attorney for Plaintiffs
 19333 E. Grant Hwy.
 PO Box 5
 Marengo, IL 60152
 (815) 923-2107
 Published in *The Boone County Journal* May 19, 26 and June 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 salon business in said County and State under the name of HERE OR THERE BEAUTY CARE at the following post office address: 302 West Edson Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Debra Anderson, 302 West Edson Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065; phone # (815) 209-5078.
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 27th day of April, A.D. 2022
 Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
 Published in Boone County Journal 5/5, 5/12, 5/19/2022

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE
 This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact an interior design business in said County and State under the name of PARSONS DESIGN COMPANY at the following post office address: 3244 Be Ver Creek 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: Ana Parsons, 3244 Be Ver Creek Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # (815) 520-1955.
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 29th day of April, A.D. 2022
 Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
 Published in Boone County Journal 5/5, 5/12, 5/19/2022

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE
 This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a laser marking and engraving business in said County and State under the name of LASER MARK at the following post office address: 530 Thunder Valley Trail, Capron, IL 61012 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Mark McLaughlin, 530 Thunder Valley Trail, Capron, IL 61012; phone # (815) 670-3258.
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 11th day of May, A.D. 2022
 Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
 Published in Boone County Journal 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 2022



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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
 -v-
 19 CH 112
 KATHLEEN I. DIAMOND A/K/A KATHLEEN I. LYNN, FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN) Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 22, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 23, 2022, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
 Commonly known as 336 ANDREWS DRIVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008
 Property Index No. 05-25-479-004
 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
 The judgment amount was \$119,970.53.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
 If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
 You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
 For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 19-091421.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
 You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
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 E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com
 Attorney File No. 19-091421
 Case Number: 19 CH 112
 TJSC#: 42-1249
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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Bailey has said he appreciates the DGA ads because they show both sides of the political establishment are underestimating him. And he's contended that Irvin is the Democratic plant.
 "Democrats shouldn't be involved and spending money in our primary," his campaign said in a statement. "Richard Irvin is a career Democrat and puppet of the political elites, and he is meddling in our Republican primary, trying to fool voters with nothing but lies from his basement.
 "Darren Bailey is the true conservative in this race who fought Pritzker over his lockdowns and mandates while Irvin was hugging and praising him."

The poll was released two days after Irvin was in Aurora for his first news conference since March. While he called it to publicize a state audit that showed the Illinois Department of Public Health failed to respond quickly to a deadly COVID-19 outbreak at a state-run veterans home in the fall of 2020, reporters largely used the time to drill down on a number of issues Irvin has been avoiding.
 He mostly dodged questions, telling reporters "let me finish" or "can I finish" more than 20 times as he restated campaign talking points and attacks rather than answering. A Chicago Tribune headline blared: "GOP candidate for governor Richard Irvin holds a news conference, but dances around questions on abortion, Trump."
 Among the questions he dodged were those that sought to clarify his votes in the 2016 and 2020 Democratic primaries and whether he would support Trump in a 2024 election.

"That's exactly what JB Pritzker wants to be talking about," Irvin said.
 Except Irvin's camp has accused Bailey and Sullivan of being "never-Trumpers" and attacked Bailey for his own vote in a 2008 Democratic primary.
 We'll see if the Irvin camp views this week's news conference as an indicator that more practice with the media is needed, or if he reverts further into a campaign insulated by the Griffin money.
 Pritzker, meanwhile, was pressed on the DGA ads at a Friday news conference, stating he's not afraid of any Republican candidates, and any attacks against them should be seen elevating "all of the good that Democrats have done in the state and that I as governor have done in the state."

"Darren Bailey has been attacking my policies since day one," Pritzker said. "Certainly if he becomes the Republican nominee, he's gonna be a tough competitor. I'm simply trying to tell everybody who Darren Bailey really is."
Jerry Nowicki is the bureau Chief of Capitol News Illinois, a nonprofit, nonpartisan news service covering state government that is distributed to more than 400 newspapers statewide. It is funded primarily by the Illinois Press Foundation and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

First United Methodist Church Grief Share Classes:

the First United Methodist Church of Belvidere, 610 Bonus Ave., Belvidere. Day sessions starting at (10:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.) and evening sessions (6:30 P.M.- 8:30 P.M.). Contact the Church office to sign up at (815) 544-3479.

Heritage Day's 5K Run:
 The Belvidere Chamber of Commerce is excited to host this beautiful race along the Kishwaukee River Path. The race will start and finish in Doty Park downtown Belvidere. Dogs and strollers are welcome. Please be courteous to runners and stay to the side of the path.
 The purpose of this Run/Walk is to provide

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healthy family fun to the festival weekend. Proceeds from this race will help keep the festival going for years to come.

There will also be a free kids race at 9:00 AM. It will stay within the park and will be approximately 400-500 meters on the circle path in Doty Park. For registration and all other information go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Belvidere/Heritage5K>.

Boone County Master Gardeners are Ready to Answer Your Call:

Boone County Master Gardeners offers a free service answering garden questions at their Horticulture Help Desk. The Help Desk is open 1-4 p.m., Monday thru Thursday throughout the growing season (April – Sept.) Master Gardeners are volunteers who have trained by University of Illinois Extension educators to provide research-based answers to your home horticulture questions. Topics include insects, trees, shrubs, plants, vegetables, fruits, gardens, lawns, and more. The Master Gardeners can be reached by calling 815-544-3710, emailing in your question to uiemg-boone@illinois.edu, or by stopping at the office at 205 Cadillac Court, Suite 3 in Belvidere during help desk hours.

Boone County Conservation District Celebrates National Trails Day:

On Saturday, June 4, 2022, individuals, friends, and families can join to celebrate and care for trails at Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area located at 18388 Caledonia Rd., Caledonia, IL 61011. The Pioneers in Conservation event is free, with a \$10.00 per vehicle parking fee. Registration is required at https://www.bccdil.org/pioneers_conservation/

The Pioneers in Conservation event will include hikes to learn more about pollinators, prairies, geography, and restoration of habitats at Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area. Participants will have the opportunity to take action for trails and remove invasive garlic mustard from this area. Children will have the opportunity to walk in the creek and explore with the education staff. Lunch is available for purchase from Big Jon's Dogs N' More food

truck. Morning, afternoon, and all-day session times are available to attend the event. There is an optional evening campout for an added cost of \$25.00.

Overnight Campout will include a campfire, snacks, night hikes, stargazing programs, breakfast treats, coffee & hot cocoa.

Where: Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area at 18388 Caledonia Rd., Caledonia, IL 61011.

When: Saturday, June 4, 2022- 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (or campout ends June 5th at 10:00 am)

Cost: Free Event/ \$10.00 parking fee with \$25.00 for the overnight campout

Registration required: https://www.bccdil.org/pioneers_conservation/

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