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Candidates for 2024 Primary Brave Cold For Potential Ballot Advantage

Hundreds of hopefuls aim to claim top spot on ballot

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Monday November 27th marked the kickoff for the 2024 election cycle, with hundreds of candidates filing their petitions at the Illinois State Board of Elections.

Those in line by 8 a.m. Monday at the ISBE building in Springfield will be entered into a lottery to be the first name on the ballot in their respective primary elections, set for March 19. The lottery will be public and will take place on Dec. 13.

While some candidates camp out for hours to be first in line, Illinois State Board of Elections spokesman Matt Dietrich said he is skeptical that top billing offers an advantage, especially in primaries.

“It doesn’t seem logical to me that you would
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Last week, the President of the United States of America, Joe Biden came to Belvidere. This week it was Santa Claus. The IOU Club, who is celebrating its 100th year anniversary, held the 90th annual Christmas Party for Boone County First Grade students at the Community Building Friday December 1st to kick off the Hometown Christmas weekend. Below are photos taken by Susan Moran at the parade and during the mayor’s lighting of the Christmas tree.



Supreme Court Rules Teen Bicyclist is Covered by Father’s Auto Insurance Policy

Law requires hit-and-run coverage, even when victim is not in a car

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois Supreme Court ruled Thursday that automobile insurance policies must cover people against uninsured motorists and hit-and-run accidents, even if the person covered by the policy is not in a vehicle at the time of the accident.

The case involved a 14-year-old Chicago boy, Cristopher Guiracocha, who was struck by a hit-and-run driver in 2020 while riding his bicycle on a public street. He suffered injuries to his right

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Betty G. Grubb, 87, of Byron, IL, passed away on Thursday, November 30, 2023, following a fall that caused multiple complications.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, who cherished time with her family. "Mom" worked for over 50 years in the medical services industry as an X-ray lab technician. She was one of the unsung heroes of the 1967 Belvidere tornado, one of the deadliest tornadoes in Illinois history which took the lives of 24 people, including 13 children. From her home in Byron, she rushed to Belvidere and worked countless hours treating the wounded at what was

left of Highland Hospital.

Along with her late husband of 65 years, they enjoyed traveling, sunning in Hawaii, sightseeing in Alaska and traveling the country.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Marie Grubb Byron, IL; sons Gregory (Judy) Bonita Springs, FL and Bradley (Lynn) Omaha, NE; grandchildren Jenna (Alex) Sedlacek Lincoln, NE and Tyler (Sarah) Omaha NE; Shannon (David) Lawlor Virginia Beach, VA and James Grubb Dixon, IL; great-grandchildren Peyton and Ethan Grubb, Michael and Jacob Lawlor, Logan Sedlacek and Abby Grubb. Preceded in death by her husband James, parents and brothers Raymond and Darrell.

The family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the team at Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon, IL, as well as the dedicated team of professionals at OSF / St. Anthonys Hospital in Rockford, IL.

Due to unforeseen issues, the visitation will be delayed until a later date in 2024. In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that you consider a donation to the Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon, IL.

Share online memories and condolences at www.fitzgeraldfh.com.

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Rockford College. He married Mary Lindroth on June 10, 1978, in Rockford, at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Pat worked as a process engineer for Chrysler for over 45 years.

Pat was a longtime former member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and a current member of St. Mark Lutheran Church. He had a passion for gourmet cooking, camping, and fishing at Green Lake, Wisconsin, with his fishing buddy Dean Urlich. Pat was known for his sense of humor and his dedication to everyone he knew.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary; children, Nathan (Dalanea) Mallow and Derek Mallow; grandchildren, Axel and Phoenix Mallow, Elizabeth Holmquist-Miller, Justin Holmquist, and Heather Thomas; great grandchildren, Gabriel, Alexa, Waylon, Michael, and Emma; brothers, Jack, Mike, and Jim Mallow; best friend, Dean Urlich; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Funeral Service will be on Friday, December 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 North Mulford Road, Rockford, IL 61107. A visitation will start prior to the service starting at 9:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Parkinsons Foundation, Parkinson.org. Please share memories and condolences online at www.fitzgeraldfh.com.

OBITUARIES

- Les Banks, 84, Belvidere, November 28
- Sharon Clark, 82, Belvidere, December 2
- Milton "Mickey" Johnson, 68, Bel., Nov. 29
- Leticia Perez, 63, Belvidere, November 30
- Elzora Stoxen, 90, Harvard, December 1
- David "Day Day" Taylor, 31, Bel., Dec. 2



Patrick "Pat" D. Mallow, 75, of Rockford, passed away on November 30, 2023. He was born on September 30, 1948, in Rapid City, South Dakota, the son of Robert and Mabel Mallow.

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arm, shoulder and thigh that required medical attention.

To pay the medical bills, Christopher's father, Fredy Guiracocha, filed an uninsured-motorist claim with his auto insurance company, Nashville, Tennessee-based Direct Auto Insurance.

Illinois law requires anyone driving a motor vehicle to carry a minimum amount of liability insurance. The law also requires those policies to insure drivers and their passengers against injuries caused by uninsured motorists and hit-and-run drivers.

But Direct Auto denied Guiracocha's claim, arguing that Christopher was not an occupant of his father's vehicle at the time of the accident

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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for North Boone Community Unit School District 200

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed tax levy increase for North Boone Community Unit School District 200 for 2023 will be held on December 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at 6248 North School Road, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Andrea Sowers, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, North Boone Community Unit School District 200, 6248 North School Road, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065, (815-765-9420)

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$10,786,113.00. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$11,842,314.00. This represents a 9.79% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$2,154,400.00. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt services and public building commission leases for 2023 are \$2,350,900.00. This represents a 9.112% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$12,940,513.00. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$14,193,214.00. This represents a 9.68% increase over the previous year.

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and, therefore, was not covered by that insurance policy.

Direct Auto pointed to the language in its policy that said its coverage only applies to people occupying the insured motor vehicle at the time of the accident.

A trial court initially agreed with the company and dismissed the claim, but the 1st District Court of Appeals reversed that decision. On Thursday, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the appellate court's ruling.

"The public policy behind (uninsured motorist) coverage is to place the insured in the same position as if the at-fault party carried the requisite liability insurance," Justice Lisa Holder White wrote for the court. "Thus, whether the insured person occupied a vehicle at the time of the accident with an uninsured vehicle is not the proper inquiry. Rather, the inquiry should be whether the person's injuries resulted 'out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle,' including the uninsured at-fault vehicle."

Jonel Metaj, who argued for Guiracocha at the Supreme Court, said in an interview Thursday that the decision was a victory for insurance customers in Illinois, particularly those who are injured while walking or biking.

"They have a policy, they comply with the law," he said. "They have an insurance policy in case they hit somebody, and that policy protects them in the event that they are hit by somebody while walking or biking. So it's a big win for the residents of the state."

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Illinois Supreme Court: FOID Records Exempt from Public Disclosure

Individuals can obtain their own records through other means

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois Supreme Court ruled Thursday that people may obtain records about their own Firearm Owners Identification cards, but they may not use the state's Freedom of Information Act to do so.

In a 7-0 ruling, the court said the Illinois State Police acted properly when it denied FOIA requests from individuals who sought copies of letters explaining why their FOID cards had been denied or revoked. But the court also said those individuals could have obtained those records through other means.

"ISP does not dispute this point but simply maintains, as we have found, that FOIA is not the proper means for obtaining the requested

information," Justice Joy Cunningham wrote for the court.

The case revolved around a 2011 amendment to the Freedom of Information Act that exempts from public disclosure the names and information of people who have applied for or received FOID cards or concealed carry permits.

According to briefs filed with the court, state lawmakers passed that amendment after the Associated Press filed a blanket FOIA request seeking the names of all FOID cardholders in the state, along with the expiration dates of their cards.

Thursday's ruling involved two unrelated cases from Madison County in which Sandra Hart and Kenneth Burgess Sr. sought copies of documents related to their FOID cards, including records explaining why their cards had been revoked.

Thomas Maag, an attorney who argued the cases at the Supreme Court, said in an interview Thursday that both individuals claimed they had lost the original documents and that they sought copies so

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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Belvidere Community Unit School District #100

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Belvidere Community Unit School District #100 for 2023 will be held on December 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm at 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact JoAnn Armstrong, CFO, 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008, 815-544-0301.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$52,016,544.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$55,189,834. This represents a 6.1% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 were \$7,996,174.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 are \$7,780,414. This represents a 2.33% decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$60,293,796.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$62,970,248. This represents a 4.98% increase over the previous year.

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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Levy for the City of Belvidere

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for the City of Belvidere for 2023 will be held on December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Shannon Hansen, Budget & Finance Officer, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Suite 100, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 (815-544-2612).

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$6,006,634.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$7,038,812. This represents a 17.3% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service for 2022 were \$0.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service for 2023 are \$0.00.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$6,006,634.

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V. The tax levy for Special Service Areas #2 and #3 shall not exceed 0.12% of the value as equalized or assessed of taxable property within the Special Service Areas #2 and #3.

State Supreme Court Weighs Constitutionality of Lifetime Restrictions On Child Sex Offenders

Decades after conviction, man says limits on where he can live serve no valid purpose

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois Supreme Court is weighing whether it is constitutional to impose lifetime restrictions on where a person can live after they've been convicted of a sex crime involving a minor.

"It's been 21 years – almost 21 years since my conviction," Martin Kopf told the court's seven justices on Wednesday. "I have been totally offense-free. Not even a moving violation. But yet, they still say that I'm dangerous."

Kopf, now 54, pleaded guilty in 2003 to aggravated criminal sexual abuse for an incident involving a 15-year-old boy. According to a published report of the incident, Kopf, who was a high school basketball coach at the time, was accused of sexually assaulting a member of his team during a sleepover at which he allegedly served the boy alcohol.

According to court records included in briefs filed with the Supreme Court, Kopf served three years of probation and reportedly has had no other criminal convictions since then. Still, because he was convicted of a sex crime involving a minor, Kopf remains subject to an Illinois statute that requires him to register for the rest of his life as a sex offender and prohibits him from ever living in certain areas.

Those residency restrictions cover any place within 500 feet of a "playground, child care institution, day care center, part day child care facility, day care home, group day care home, or a facility providing programs or services exclusively directed toward persons under 18 years of age."

More than a decade after his conviction, Kopf and his wife were shopping for a home. They settled on a building lot in Hampshire, in Kane County. Before purchasing the property they checked with both the Illinois State Police and the Hampshire Police Department to make sure it complied with his residency restrictions. Records indicate both agencies told him that it did.

Kopf and his wife moved into their new house in August 2018. Three months later, in November, they were told there was a child day care facility within 500 feet of their home and, as a result, they would have to move.

Unable to find an apartment that met the residency restrictions and where the landlord would accept a registered sex offender, Kopf and his wife bought a travel trailer and took up residence in an RV park in Marengo. But they were soon evicted from there due to his status as a sex offender and, eventually, Kopf resorted to sleeping in the back of his pickup truck.

In court challenges, Kopf has represented himself while arguing, among other things, that the law enforcement agencies were negligent for failing to notify him that the property did not comply with the residential restrictions. He also argued the restrictions themselves were unconstitutional.

In a June 2021 ruling, Kane County Circuit Judge Kevin Busch dismissed most of Kopf's claims. But he did declare the law unconstitutional, saying it violated constitutional guarantees of due process and equal protection.

Specifically, Busch said there was no rational basis behind the residential restriction. He pointed to scientific studies showing there is little or no evidence to suggest such residency restrictions reduce the chance of someone reoffending. He also pointed to contradictions in the law, noting that an offender is free to live next door to a house where multiple children live, but not one where the parent has multiple children and also looks after someone else's children.

Busch also noted that the law only restricts the residency of people convicted after the law took effect, while offenders who purchased their homes before the law took effect are allowed to stay there for as long as they choose.

Lawyers for the state, however, argued that the state has a legitimate and compelling interest in protecting children from sexual predator and that the law does not have to be perfect to pass constitutional scrutiny.

"Although the residency restriction may not protect every single child within the state of Illinois from living or being within 500 feet of the residence of a child sex offender, it does protect some children," Assistant Attorney General Kaitlyn Chenevert told the court. "And this court (in a previous case) did explain that the legislature need not prevent every single evil in one statute."

The court took the case under advisement and is expected to issue a decision within the next several months.

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have very many of those types of voters who would go into their polling place with no clue of who's on the ballot and would just go through and randomly pick the first one or pick the last one," he said. "Maybe it happens, I don't know, but it does seem to defy logic a bit."

The deadline for major party candidates to file their petitions is 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, with those entering in the final hour eligible for the last spot on the ballot.

Among those in line at 8 a.m. was House Minority Leader Tony McCombie, R-Savanna, who said she'd consider it a success if the superminority party picked up five seats this year. Democrats currently hold a 78-40 majority in that chamber, but

McCombie said she was hopeful her party could make headway in the Chicago suburbs.

She also criticized Democrats for approving a district map that favors the majority party – a criticism oft-repeated by GOP candidates who lament that Democrats have drawn themselves into a decade of power until new maps are drawn after the 2030 U.S. Census.

"I would love to have more, of course," she said. "But with the political environment of this map done by gerrymander, we're gonna see what we can do."

Asked about McCombie's goal of flipping five seats, Rep. Marcus Evans, D-Chicago, said that's going to be up to voters.

"I think that people are going to be our litmus tests," he said. "I think the Democrats have done a good job. Our track record is pretty clear."

McCombie said Republicans' top issues will be the economy, followed by "ethics and corruption," although she acknowledged the latter issue has not necessarily helped the GOP "turn out voters."

On the issue of abortion, McCombie said the GOP should "talk about it" – and her status as Republicans' first-ever top female leader in the House puts her in the position to do so.

"I think, with a female leader, it might be a little bit different," she said when asked about Democrats' successfully campaigning on the abortion issue since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade decision last summer.

"I think the government certainly always has their hands in every issue. And I think we just have to approach it and be realistic about it and just talk about it," she said, later adding, "We're not afraid to talk about our bodies."

Other issues that are likely to play a major role in the election are the state and city of Chicago's handling of an influx of migrants from southern U.S. border states, particularly Texas.

Evans, who is a majority leader for House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, commended Gov. JB Pritzker's recent decision to dedicate another \$160 million in state resources to help migrants find housing and to navigate the asylum process.

Read more: Pritzker designates additional \$160M for migrant response as winter approaches

"This migrant issue is a worldwide, is a national issue," Evans said. "I just got back from New York. And they've gotten a lot of folks from Venezuela who are looking for what we have in America – opportunity, you know – so we got to try to manage those folks."

While McCombie said she expects lawmakers to consider a potentially unpopular supplemental spending plan to assist migrants, Evans was noncommittal on new funding going to the issue.

Evans, a strong union ally, noted that energy policy will be a priority for Democrats in the upcoming legislative session.

He specifically mentioned a measure giving existing utilities on the downstate energy grid the right of first refusal when it comes to building new transmission lines – a measure that unions

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supported but Pritzker vetoed earlier this year.

Its supporters have said they want to bring the issue back next year, and Evans said he'd support the effort.

Read more: Proponents drop push to give downstate utilities dibs on new transmission lines

Voters in the March 19 primary will choose nominees in races for president, the U.S. House of Representatives, Illinois General Assembly, judicial races, and multiple county contests.

As far as the presidential race goes, McCombie said she favored U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-South Carolina, at the top of the ticket and she was disappointed when he dropped out. She said she also liked the message of former Republican South Carolina Gov. Nikki Hailey, who also served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations under former President Donald Trump.

With Trump polling well in the lead of the GOP field, McCombie was asked if it would hurt the GOP in down-ballot races, given Illinoisans' strong support of Democratic candidates in recent elections.

"I don't know if it hurts it, but it might challenge it," she said.

Capitol News Illinois' Andrew Campbell and Jennifer Fuller contributed.

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Former GOP Senator, Third-Party Governor Candidate to Represent Himself in Corruption Trial

Sam McCann fires court-appointed attorneys on trial's scheduled start date

By Hannah Meisel Capitol News Illinois

Monday was supposed to have been the first day in the weeklong federal corruption trial of former Republican state Sen. Sam McCann, who allegedly misused more than \$200,000 in campaign funds for personal expenses.

A pull-down projector screen in the Springfield courtroom of U.S. District Judge Colleen Lawless stood ready to play host to prosecutors' presentation prepared to accompany their opening statements.

But in a bizarre turn of events as Lawless took the bench on Monday morning, McCann presented a pair of last-minute motions to represent himself – ditching his latest court-appointed attorneys – and delay the trial for at least the 13th time.

"I'm not a professional...but I care about the outcome," McCann told the judge, acknowledging he isn't an attorney, nor did he finish college.

Lawless chided McCann for not actually answering her question of whether he was familiar with the federal rules of evidence, later adding that a "trained lawyer" would represent him far better than any defense case he'd put on as a pro se litigant.

"I think it is unwise for you to represent yourself in this proceeding," Lawless said before

ultimately approving both of McCann's motions and rescheduling the trial for the week of Feb. 5.

During a final pretrial conference last week, Lawless had already approved McCann's request to have the case heard in a bench trial setting, instead of a trial by jury.

After the hourlong court session Monday morning, McCann briefly explained to reporters outside the courthouse that he'd come to his decision over the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend, when he'd hoped "a better defense" would materialize from his court-appointed attorneys.

"I've been counting on other people to do everything they could do for me," McCann said. "And that hasn't worked out. And so now I'm going to do everything I can do. And we'll let the good Lord take care of the rest."

'Scheme to defraud'

McCann had been out of public office for more than two years in February 2021 when a federal grand jury indicted him on seven counts of wire fraud and one count each of money laundering and tax evasion.

The president of his own construction company, McCann narrowly defeated popular Democratic state Sen. Deanna Demuzio in the Republican wave of 2010. He held that seat for eight years, stepping away from it only to run as a third-party candidate for governor in 2018.

McCann had established the "Conservative Party" that summer, leaving the GOP he believed wasn't conservative enough under then-Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner. Two years earlier, Rauner had spent millions backing an opponent to McCann in 2016, but organized labor came through for McCann, who held onto his seat.

In 2018, organized labor again intervened on McCann's behalf, seeking to siphon Republican votes away from Rauner, who was easily defeated anyway by Democrat JB Pritzker. McCann ultimately received 4.2 percent of the November 2018 vote, or nearly 193,000 votes.

But throughout the two political battles – through the spring of 2020, according to federal prosecutors – McCann had allegedly been mismanaging some of the more than \$5 million that had been donated to his various political accounts.

According to state records, McCann's construction businesses saw their corporate statuses dissolved by the secretary of state's office in late 2013 for failure to pay taxes and file required annual reports. The federal Internal Revenue Service also began looking into McCann's businesses, hitting him with hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax liens.

Against the backdrop of business troubles, the feds allege that beginning in 2015, McCann "engaged in a scheme to convert more than \$200,000 in contributions and donations made to his campaign committees to pay himself and

make personal purchases," according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's office at the time of his indictment.

McCann also allegedly concealed his fraud "from donors, the public, the Illinois State Board of Elections and law enforcement authorities," according to the feds.

He allegedly used some of that money to pay his mortgage, personal debts, buy personal vehicles and even pay himself.

In addition to spending roughly \$60,000 on a 2017 Ford Expedition and a 2018 Ford F-250 pickup truck – along with the fuel and insurance costs for the vehicles – McCann also allegedly purchased two recreational vehicles with campaign funds.

He sought to turn those RVs into a business opportunity, according to the feds, establishing an account with an RV rental business in Ohio to rent out the vehicles. He'd put that account under the name "Sam McCann."

At that same company, McCann made another account as a potential renter under the name "William McCann" – his legal first name – and proceeded to "rent" the vehicles to himself, paid for by campaign funds.

McCann also allegedly spent \$50,000 in campaign funds on credit card payments related to a family vacation in Colorado and charges from Apple iTunes, Amazon, a skeet and trap club, Cabela's, Scheels, Best Buy, a gun store and cash withdrawals.

Shortly after being indicted, McCann claimed he was unemployed and had very little money to his name, while facing tens of thousands of dollars in debt.

His bleak financial picture earned him a court-appointed attorney, though he's now been through five such attorneys, including those he ditched on Monday morning.

But McCann told reporters he wasn't nervous about representing himself, saying "God's got this," and insisting he's innocent.

"It's obvious to me that no one is going to take this seriously, especially an appointed – I guess you get what you pay for," he said.

McCann's campaign account was dissolved by the Illinois State Board of Elections in August after he didn't file required paperwork for more than two years. Though his account has a little more than \$32,000 in it, the letter notifying McCann of the account dissolution noted he owes the Board of Elections \$9,250 in fines.

The campaign account for McCann's Conservative Party of Illinois, meanwhile, has a balance of \$15.66, though it hasn't filed its required quarterly reports since January 2022.

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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.

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

**PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-vs- NO. 23 FC 24**

**SHARON K LAREINE, RAYMOND G LAREINE, LANDMARK
CROSSINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant**
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 21, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 3, 2024, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: LOT SEVENTEEN (17) AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NUMBER 1 OF LANDMARK CROSSINGS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF (1/2) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 6, 2005 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2005R07560 IN PLAT INDEX FILE ENVELOPE 324-A IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 2025 LAFAYETTE DRIVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-22-278-001

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

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

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

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.

MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys,
One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a

7 day status report of pending sales.

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Attorney File No. 23-140831L_883538
Case Number: 23 FC 24
TJSC#: 43-3691

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 # 23 FC 24

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**Complaint for An Order of Abandonment Pursuant to 65 ILCS
5/11-31-1, Against**

515 Buchanan St, Belvidere, Illinois 61008

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, the City of Belvidere, an Illinois municipal corporation, v. Thomas D. Grimes aka Tom Grimes, et al., Case No. 2023MR37. PUBLICATION NOTICE: The requisite affidavit having been duly filed herein, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO Thomas D. Grimes aka Tom Grimes, Blackhawk Bank s/i/i First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Belvidere, Retax Corp, and Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants that said action has been commenced in said Court by the Plaintiff, naming you as Defendant(s) therein and requesting an order declaring abandoned the property commonly known as 515 Buchanan St, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 PIN: 05-25-378-009, and legally described as: Lot Three (3) in Block Two (2) of Gilman's Fourth Addition to Belvidere, being a Subdivision of part of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 25, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded April 5, 1882 in Book 41 of Deeds, page 491; situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois. Now, therefore, unless you file your answer or otherwise make your appearance in said action in this Court by filing the same in the office of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court - Boone County of 601 North Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008, by December 18, 2023, AN ORDER OF DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AND JUDGMENT ENTERED FOR PLAINTIFF. Circuit Court of Boone County Clerk.

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

**ANA D. QUINTANILLA, Petitioner
-VS- CASE # 2023-DN-63**

ERNESTO RAMIREZ, Respondent
PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication have been filed. Notice is hereby given you, ERNESTO RAMIREZ, Respondent, in the above-entitled suit, that the above suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, by said Petitioner against you praying for a dissolution of marriage; that Summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law; and that said suit is still pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said Respondent, file your Response to the Petition in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein the said Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois on or before the 19th day of January, 2024, default may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the said Petition.

Pamela Coduto, Clerk of the Circuit Court
17th Judicial Court
Boone County, Illinois

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**Suggested Disadvantaged Business (DBE)
Advisement for Construction Contractors
Notice to Disadvantaged Businesses**

Cahey Pump Service, Sumner, Iowa, 563-578-1130, is seeking disadvantaged businesses for the WELL #11 - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS. Project for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: excavating, pipe supplier, and cement grout.

All disadvantaged businesses should contact, IN WRITING, (certified letter, return receipt requested), Darin Cahey to discuss the subcontracting opportunities.

All negotiations must be completed prior to bid opening 12/12/23 at 9:00 a.m.

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

**PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF,
VS. NO. 23 FC 76**

**ANTHONY ROBERT TRIPOLI A/K/A ANTHONY R TRIPOLI
A/K/A ANTHONY TRIPOLI; PRAIRIE MEADOW ESTATES LOT
OWNERS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIM-
ANTS, DEFENDANTS.**

**12751 VESTAS PLACE
BELVIDERE, IL 61008**

**JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE**

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU,

Prairie Meadow Estates Lot Owners

Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

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

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, TO WIT:

LOT SEVENTY (70) AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 3 OF PRAIRIE MEADOW ESTATES, BEING PART OF THE WEST HALF (1/2) OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED NOVEMBER 26, 2003 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2003R19850, ENVELOPE NO. 287-A IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 12751 Vestas Place
Belvidere, IL 61008

and which said Mortgage was made by,

Anthony Robert Tripoli a/k/a Anthony R Tripoli a/k/a Anthony Tripoli Mortgagor(s), to
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for American Pacific Mortgage Corporation

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, Illinois, as Document No. 2022R03161; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before January 2, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated in this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you

could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411- 1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

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

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

Attorney for Plaintiff

1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200

Chicago, IL 60602

Ph. (312) 346-9088

File No. 23-165331L-987489

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process-Public Participation in accordance with the FCC's Nationwide Programmatic Agreement. U.S. Cellular intends to expand the existing lease area at approx. 12401 Beloit Road, Caledonia, Boone County, IL (Latitude: 42.3310167 and Longitude: -88.8912444). The portion of the facility that includes the 194 ft. self-support telecommunications tower and access/utility easement having been previously reviewed. This review includes a proposed southern and eastern addition to the existing tower compound, utility easement and access/utility easement lease areas. U.S. Cellular is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations (47 CFR § 1.1307) for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We respectfully request that parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking relative to potential effects on cultural or historic properties should contact GSS, Inc., 3311 109th Street, Urbandale, IA 50322; Ph. (515) 331-2103 within 30 days of the posting of this notice. (GSS #W23608)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**BOONE COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR'S
2023-2024 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Boone County Township Assessor's Annual Meeting will be held, Monday December 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM in the Boone County Board Room, 1208 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008. This meeting is being held in accordance with the Illinois Property Tax Code, Article 9, Div. 1, and Section 9-15.

The purpose of the Assessor's Annual Meeting is for instruction on the updates in the Illinois Property Tax Code, methods of mass appraisal, functions and practices of the assessment process and plans for the 2023 Assessment Year. This meeting is open to the Public.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY,
601 NORTH MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF Dale Aliotta, DECEASED.
23 PR 53

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Kimberly Heun, 22552 Grade School Road, South Beloit, Illinois 61080, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Christopher S. Nudo, Bazos Freeman Schuster & Pope, 1250 Larkin Avenue, Suite 100, Elgin, Illinois 60123.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act III. 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 June 7, 2024, 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>.

Christopher S. Nudo

Bazos Freeman Schuster & Pope (6216623)

1250 Larkin Avenue, Suite 100

Elgin, Illinois 60123

(847) 737-1800

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
**ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC
F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Plaintiff,
-vs- 2023 FC 47
SUSEN MASEK et al Defendant**

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 8, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 4, 2024, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT THIRTY-ONE (31) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF BULLARD'S ADDITION TO POPLAR GROVE, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 10 OF PLATS ON PAGES 50 AND 51 AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-3406 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 124 BULLARD ST, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 04-19-102-018

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

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

after confirmation of the sale.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527

630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com

Attorney File No. 14-23-03624
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2023 FC 47
TJSC#: 43-3236

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 # 2023 FC 47
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF BOONE
TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND
DISBURSEMENTS FOR
THE BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2,
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The undersigned, Mark Huntington, being first and duly sworn on oath states as follows:

Section A: That he is the duly appointed, qualified and acting Treasurer of the Boone County Fire Protection District #2, Boone County, Illinois and by virtue of said office receives for disbursement and disburses the funds of said fire protection district.

Section B: That the following is a statement of all monies received and of all monies paid out by the undersigned on behalf of said Fire Protection District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023.

1.) ALL MONIES AND FROM WHAT SOURCE RECEIVED

CORPORATE FUND

Property Taxes	\$1,039,288
Replacement Taxes	\$ 76,676
Illinois Municipal League	\$ 26,891
Interest Income	\$ 8,611
Non-Resident Billing	\$ 54,846
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 8,233
Donations	\$ 11,946
Illinois Tollway	\$ 14,050
Annexation Tax Money	\$ 1,855
Memorial Funds	\$ 0
Grants	\$ 3,822
Total	\$ 1,246,218

2.) ALL MONIES PAID OUT WHERE TOTAL EXCEEDS \$2,500 IN THE AGREGATE TO INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN EMPLOYEES

Air One Equipment \$30,056.45; Alpha Controls & Services \$7,689.00; BCBS of IL \$17166.80; Boone Co. E-911 Board \$26,740.56; City of Belvidere \$17,677.65; Dinges Fire Co. \$2620.00; Erboe & Associates \$5115.44; ESO Solutions, Inc. \$6360.34; Gallano Grain Farms, Inc. \$3800.00; Hoffman House \$4079.50; Illinois Public Risk Fund \$52,471.00; Landfall \$2906.45; Marv's Towing & Repair \$7688.60; Massie Heating & Air Conditioning \$5950.00; Midland States Bank \$4429.00; Motorola Solutions, Inc. \$6224.40; Pecatonica Fire Protection District \$9000.00; Public Risk Underwriters of IL \$26,393.00; Rockford Information Technologies, Inc. \$7849.00; RollnRack, LLC \$9050.00; Scales Mound Fire Protection District \$70,000.00; Toyne, Inc. \$381,528.61.

ALL MONIES PAID OUT AS COMPENSATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES

Under \$25,000: J. Adams, R. Bland, B. Block, B. Bryan, A. Burza, B. Clausen, E. Collins, J. Craft, T. Davis, M. Dixon, C. Dovenmuehle, M. Dovenmuehle, J. Dummer, M. Eby, A. Ellwanger, T. Endress, C. Fowler, B. Grillo, R. Hauser,

A. Helser, D. Johnston, K. Kampert, P. Kirane, B. Klippell, D. Kownacki, T. Losh, C. McElhinney, S. Mead, F. Perez, J. Prokop, P. Sanford, A. Schiro, K. Schulz, R. Schwegler, P. Severson, J. Spradling, L. Spradling, R. Swisher, N. Walton, D. Welton, M. Zickert.

\$25,000 to \$49,999: T. Becker, A. Brahmstedt, D. Dovenmuehle, B. Kunce, M. Lowe, M. Niezgodzki,

3.) SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Corporate Fund

Beginning Operating Expense Fund	\$ 321,319
Beginning Capital Reserve	\$ 1,112,789
Total Revenues	\$ 1,167,419
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,246,218
Ending Operating Expense Fund	\$ 471,321
Ending Capital Reserve	\$ 738,831
Ending Balance	\$ 1,210,152

I, Mark Huntington, acting Treasurer of the Boone County Fire Protection District #2, Boone County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023.

Mark Huntington
SUBSCRIBED to and SWORN before me

On the 22nd day of November 2023.

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Notice of Mechanic's Lien by Kunes of Belvidere Inc.

Owner: Tore Solomon

Lienholder: Solera Auto Finance
2015 Kia KNDJP3A5XF7136342

Has an unpaid service balance of \$8,499.93 and we intend to enforce a mechanic's lien pursuant to 770 ILCS 50/3

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NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

To All Owners And Occupiers Of Lands Lying Within The Boundaries Of The Boone County Soil And Water Conservation District:

Notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on the third day of January, 2024 at 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 211 North Appleton Road, Belvidere IL 61008. Three Directors will be elected to serve the Boone County Soil and Water Conservation District of the State of Illinois.

All persons, firms or corporations who hold legal title or are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote.

William Hall
Chairman
Boone County Soil and Water Conservation District
Published in The Boone County Journal Nov 30 and Dec 14, 2023

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

Case No. 23-MR-25
Niko Garrison Maurice Trumbo By Helen W. Johnson

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given, that on January 16, 2024 at 9:45 am, I will present a Petition requesting that the Court change his/her present name of Niko Garrison Maurice Trumbo, a minor, to the name of Niko Garrison Maurice Johnson. The hearing will take place at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008.

Niko Garrison Maurice Trumbo, a minor, by, Helen W. Johnson
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ASSUMED NAMES

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

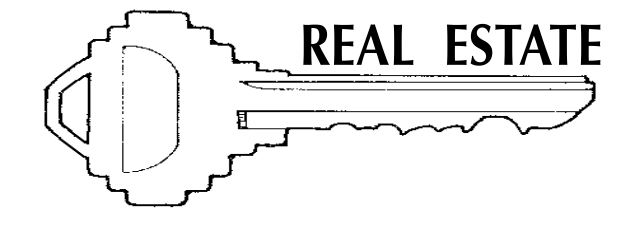
No. DBA4176 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a Resume writing service is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of PRO RESUMESELECT that its location is or will be 1625 CLOVERDALE WAY, BELVIDERE, IL 61008, in Belvidere in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and 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.

Airris M. Gore, 1625 Cloverdale Way, Belvidere, Illinois 61008
I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: November 21, 2023 Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4177 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a Aesthetic service is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of PINK BUTTERFLY LASHES that its location is or will be 222 N. STATE ST., BELVIDERE, IL 61008, 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: 815-519-9925
Dulce Cervantes, 8545 Olympus Dr., Belvidere, Illinois 61008
I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: November 28, 2023 Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v.- 23 FC 24

SHARON K LAREINE, RAYMOND G LAREINE, LANDMARK CROSSINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

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Commonly known as 2025 LAFAYETTE DRIVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-22-278-001
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

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

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC
F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Plaintiff,

-v.- 2023 FC 47
SUSEN MASEK et al Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

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they could appeal the revocations.

In both cases, ISP denied the requests, citing the exemption in the Freedom of Information Act. But in both cases, the Madison County Circuit Court sided with the applicants and ordered ISP to hand over the requested information. In 2022, the 5th District Court of Appeals upheld those decisions, saying the FOIA exemption was never intended to prevent individuals from obtaining records pertaining to themselves.

Both the trial court and the appellate court pointed to the use of plural language in the 2011 amendment that prohibits the release of “names” and information of “people” who have applied for or received permits. They argued the use of plural words indicated lawmakers did not intend to prevent people from accessing their own information.

But the Supreme Court rejected that analysis, saying the use of the plural words “does not, in itself, mean that a request for one’s own information” would be permissible under the 2011 amendment.

The court’s ruling noted that the individuals could have obtained their FOID card applications and revocation letters through the Firearms Services Bureau, which is the division of ISP that processes FOID cards.

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Temporary Staffing Agencies Seek to Block New State Labor Law

Suit says new requirements are overly burdensome, preempted by federal law

By Peter Hancock *Capitol News Illinois*

A group of temporary staffing agencies and their trade associations are asking a federal court to block enforcement of a new state law that governs how day laborers and temp workers are managed and paid.

The lawsuit, filed earlier this month in Chicago, challenges several changes enacted this year to the Illinois Day and Temporary Labor Services Act, a law originally passed in 2006 to bring those staffing agencies under state regulation.

That act applies to an estimated 650,000 workers in Illinois who are employed by companies that provide short-term labor in blue collar industries such as warehousing, light manufacturing and distribution facilities. Professional and clerical staffing services are exempt from the law.

Since its 2006 enactment, the law has required those staffing agencies to register with the Illinois Department of Labor. It also established minimum protections for employees of those firms such as a guarantee of at least four hours of pay whenever they are sent to an assignment.

During this year’s spring legislative session, state lawmakers enacted sweeping amendments to the law that imposed new mandates on staffing agencies and extended new protections to short-term workers.

One of the biggest changes is a requirement that after 90 days on an assignment, a temp worker is entitled to pay and benefits that are “not less than” those offered to comparable employees who are directly hired by the client company.

Another change requires staffing agencies to disclose to their workers the existence of any strikes or other labor disputes at a work site and gives those

workers the right to refuse such an assignment without being penalized by the staffing agency.

Additionally, the new law empowers any “interested party” – defined as “an organization that monitors or is attentive to compliance with public or worker safety laws, wage and hour requirements, or other statutory requirements” – to sue a staffing agency if it believes the agency is violating any part of the law.

State Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago, who chairs the Senate Labor Committee and was the legislation’s chief sponsor, said in an interview Tuesday that there has been an “explosion” in recent years of employers using temp labor to drive down the cost of wages and benefits for other workers.

“They have different rights than everybody else,” he said of temp workers. “And so there’s more use of temp workers, but they don’t get equal pay for equal work. They’d be put into these situations called perma-temping, where they’d be repeatedly left in a temporary position, even though they were technically working permanently, and never offered the permanent job.”

Read more: State high court to hear case against staffing agencies accused of suppressing wages

The new provisions took effect immediately after Gov. JB Pritzker signed the legislation on Aug. 4. However, lawmakers passed a follow-up measure during the recent fall veto session delaying implementation of the equal pay provision until April 1, 2024. Pritzker signed that measure Nov. 17.

Meanwhile, the Illinois Department of Labor is already enforcing other provisions of the new law through the adoption of emergency, temporary administrative rules and is in the process of taking public comment as it works toward adopting permanent rules.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit, however, are asking a federal judge to block any enforcement of the new law, arguing that the requirements are overly burdensome, impossible to comply with, and in conflict with already-existing federal laws.

“Reasonable minds can differ as to the parameters for reasonable regulations, but no reasonable debate can be had about the crippling impact of the amendments to the (statute) and related regulations,” the lawsuit argues. “They impose extraordinary burden, cost, and compliance risk in violation of federal law. The amendments and related regulations essentially guarantee non-compliance because compliance is literally impossible.”

For example, regarding the equal pay provision of the law, the plaintiffs argue it is impossible to calculate the value of benefits such as life and health insurance or retirement contributions being provided to other employees because the value of those benefits can vary from one employee to the next.

They also argue that any state laws regarding health and retirement benefits are preempted by federal laws such as the Affordable Care Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, or ERISA.

The plaintiffs also object to allowing any “interested party” to sue and recover damages for alleged violations of the law, arguing that such a provision leaves staffing agencies open to an infinite number of lawsuits, regardless of whether the entity suing them has suffered any damages.

“Temporary staffing agencies therefore face loss of licensure, substantial and potentially catastrophic statutory penalties, and civil actions by a potentially infinite number of uninjured third parties for perceived violations of (the law),” the lawsuit claimed.

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