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Belvidere's Soap Box Derby and Beyond

By David Larson

After the first race in Dayton, Ohio in 1934, Soap Box Derby fever spread around the world, fueled by the soaring hopes of 11-to-15-year-old boys to win the championship. A win at the nationals means a Championship Trophy, a \$15,000 college scholarship, a gold ring similar in appearance to the Indianapolis 500 Ring, and other prizes. A princely reward for a young man even today.

The idea of the Soap Box Derby grew from a photographic assignment in Dayton, Ohio, by newsman Myron Scott. Scott was to cover a group of boys racing their homemade, gravity-powered cars in the summer of 1933, and was so impressed with the event that he went in search of a corporate sponsor to establish a national program. In the 1930s, the Great Depression was affecting life in the United States. Chevrolet liked Scott's proposal and agreed to sponsor the first official All-American Soap Box Derby in Dayton in 1934. The federal WPA program also chipped in to support the advancement of the Soap Box Derby.

The following year, with financial backing, the race was moved to Akron, Ohio because of its central location and hilly terrain that was more suitable for the event. The first race in Akron was run on Tallmadge Avenue. The rules were established for participation and strictly enforced as the derby developed. Akron still hosts the Soap Box Derby World Championships. Today, timing lights are used to measure the best time within one-thousandth of a second.

After World War II, soap box racing became popular and spread throughout the United States. Woodstock was the first official racing site in the Northwest Illinois region until 1961. Other area communities had more-or-less unofficial local events aiming toward success in Woodstock in order to qualify for the Akron race. Belvidere youth during the late 1940s generally traveled to Marengo or Pecatonica, where unofficial derbies were being held.

In 1947, Cub Scout Troops 358 and 359 in Belvidere held a Soap Box Derby race of their own in the Warren Avenue and Pleasant Street area. Bill Prescott was the winner.

In 1952, Belvidere created its own, yet unofficial, Soap Box Derby. The race became a part of the Fourth of July celebration in Belvidere. It was a spectacle that the whole community embraced. Wolf Chevrolet, *Belvidere Daily Republican*, the Lions Club, and the newly-formed Belvidere Soap Box Derby Association were its sponsors and organizers. Crowds of 3000 to as high as 6000 people were reported in the press. The crowd began gathering on North Main Street for the 10AM time trials. By noon the races began. The derby had two separate classes. The A class was 11- to 12-year-olds and the B class was 13- to 15-year-olds.

After the Soap Box Derby, the crowd would move to North Main Street and East Madison Street where area fire departments would compete in barrow water fights. These involved a beer keg-like barrow being pushed by hose crews facing each other, with the goal to push



The launching ramp for Belvidere's Soap Box Derby on North Main Street

GOP Rallies at State Fair to 'Restore Illinois'

Questions about party unity linger among field of candidates

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Illinois Republicans gathered for their annual day at the State Fair on Thursday to showcase their candidates in the Nov. 8 election, vowing that the party will "restore Illinois."

But as the party faithful celebrated amid the sunshine, barbeque sandwiches, corn dogs and other fair staples, questions lingered about how unified the party will be in supporting its ticket given that many candidates have shied away from endorsing the party's gubernatorial nominee, state Sen. Darren Bailey, a southern Illinois farmer who has stirred controversy with his unguarded statements about abortion, the pandemic, Chicago and other issues.

"I may be a little bit rough around the edges, but I will work for you because I'm just like you," Bailey said to an enthusiastic crowd. "And friends, I promise you this - no one will work harder for you."

Bailey emerged as the nominee out of a crowded field of gubernatorial hopefuls, garnering 57.5 percent of votes, beating out rivals that included investor Jesse Sullivan, Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin, businessman Gary Rabine and former state Sen. Paul Schimpf.

During one candidate forum in the primary campaign, Bailey referred to the state's largest city as a "crime-ridden, corrupt, dysfunctional hellhole," reiterating that he believes Chicago has become a hellhole in his fair speech Thursday.

Rauner, Trump are Frequent Punching Bags During Fair's Governor's Day

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

In one of the largest annual gatherings of Illinois Democrats on Wednesday, the party had a message for its faithful that attended a pair of Illinois State Fair week events: "Democrats deliver."

This year's gathering of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association had 19 speakers, including congressional and statewide candidates and the Democratic leaders of the General Assembly, while the keynote speaker was Congressman Joe Neguse, D-Colorado.

"We've got a hell of a record, and we ought to run on it," Neguse said to the room full of Democrats on the floor of the Bank of Springfield Center that once served as the Illinois House of Representatives during the COVID-19 pandemic. "I think Sen. (Dick) Durbin, D-Illinois, would agree with me when I say that this Congress is arguably the most productive Congress since the Great Society in the 1960s."

He cited a federal bipartisan infrastructure bill, gun reforms and the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act to invest tens of billions of dollars in U.S. companies to promote computer chip production.

"And I haven't talked about the Inflation Reduction Act, which will reduce prescription drug prices and, by the way, is the most significant climate action ever taken by the United States Congress in the history of our republic," Neguse said.

On the state side, Gov. JB Pritzker touted his

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 Robert Montgomery, 87, Marengo, August 18
 Rita Mueller, 88, Belvidere, August 6
 Duke Williams, 68, Belvidere/Rockford. August 16



Duke Lansford Williams

Duke Lansford Williams, 68, of Rockford, passed away peacefully on August 16, 2022 at Javon Bea Hospital. Born May 2, 1954, in Belvidere, IL, the son of Harold A. and Ethel L. (Thornton) Williams. Duke was a graduate of Belvidere High School and became a machinist working at W.A. Whitney Company in Rockford, IL. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Duke is survived by his mother, Ethel Williams; siblings, Barbara (Michael) Webster, Dorothy Nwaoha, Direse Goodwin, Glendalen (Ernest) Beard, Wanda Buchanan, Ranual Williams, Zakeron (Jody) Williams, Nattanld (Sheila) Williams and Tenecia Williams; and a host of nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his father, Harold Williams; brothers, Oliver Williams and Januie Williams; and sister Fillesha Williams.

The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to every family member and friend for the many prayers and acts of kindness that we received during this time.

Please take comfort knowing:

“And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”
 Revelation 21:4

“Do not marvel at this, because the hour is

coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment.”
 John 5:28,29

A Mother’s hope for her son

I will truly miss my dear son Duke. Looking back, it was not easy to see you in so much pain for such a long time. It is a relief to know that you are no longer suffering anymore. I know that everything did not always work out as you planned but you did the best you could. Now that you have fallen asleep in death my hope for you now is in Jehovah God’s promise of a paradise earth where there will be no suffering. Jesus said at John 5:28,29 (“Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life and those who practiced vile things to resurrection of judgment”) So, my prayer for you this “may Jehovah God allow you to live again in his promised paradise. Where you can learn his way and live forever. This is my prayer and hope for all my children to listen to God through his word the Bible and learn from Him so I will see you in paradise here on earth.

With Love,
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Boone County Fair reports attendance of 218,068 this year; the second best attendance in Fair history.

The Boone County Council on Aging/Keen Age Center is in deed of volunteers for their Meals-on-Wheels program. Many slots are open in 2022 and 2023. Organizations and individuals who are interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Robbie Freeman at 779-552-7238 or by email at rfreedman@keenage.org

Winnebago and Boone Counties Genealogy Society will meet Saturday, September 10th at Spring Creek United Church of Christ- 1:30 pm. This event is in-person and via Zoom. Subject: "After You're Gone- Future-Proofing Your Genealogy Research"

Poplar Grove Community Market is seeking local vendors for their first market day 9/25. Details can be found on the Poplar Grove Community Market Facebook page.

Boone County Property Auction The

county is conducting a sealed bid auction of approximately 101 items from 2018 delinquent estate properties. The hope is that elimination of abandoned properties will improve the appearance of neighborhoods and property values. Minimum required bid is \$797.00 per item, and all items will be sold to the highest sealed bid received on or before September 9, 2022 by close of business. Bidding packets are available at the Boone County Treasurer's Office or online at www.iltaxsale.com For more information, call 1-800-248-2850

The Boone County Sheriff's Office and Boone County Coroner's Office are investigating the discovery of a body found in the parking area of a storage building on August 23, 2022.

Deputies found the body while investigating a "suspicious vehicle" around 2:40 in the morning. The body appears to be that of a white male, possibly in his early 50s. The investigation is ongoing, and the identity of the deceased has not been released.

St. John's United Church of Christ will hold their annual Pork Chop Dinner on Saturday, August 27th from 4:30-6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door. 11821 E. Grant Highway, Hampshire.

Soap Box Derby

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the barrow by force of water past the opposing side's formation. Following the water fights, the crowd then would move to the river at the Main Street and State Street bridges to watch boat races where local racers like Don Buck and Fred "Friz" Koch would battle it out. The day would end with fireworks on the edge of town at the old fairgrounds where Spencer Park is today.

In 1953, Roger Steinke, 15, of Belvidere continued on and won the Woodstock Derby and the opportunity to compete in Akron. To recognize his achievement, Roger was presented a trophy at the Rockford Speedway, where 73 other racers attended as guests at the Speedway's evening of stock car racing. Keith Smith from Belvidere, in a later year, also won in Woodstock and went on to Akron.

In 1961, Woodstock discontinued its role as the official raceway for the Soap Box Derby in the region and Belvidere stepped up to become the last stop before Akron. Randy Reed served as the chairman of Belvidere's Soap Box Derby

Association. Belvidere was the official site for Rockford, Loves Park, Genoa, Harvard, Marengo, Crystal Lake, and other area towns.

At the tallest point on North Main Street, in front of the Sheriff's Office, the launching tower of the derby was constructed within

official specifications of the Soap Box Derby rules and regulations. When complete and in action, the Soap Box Derby racers launched from the platform and traveled south towards the river to the finish line at the bottom of the hill. Wheels and weights were controlled by the rules and regulations to create a level playing field for the drivers, but there was still some room for variations. Each boy built his own racer with, we suspect, a little help from Dad.

Today the Kiwanis sponsor this region's official Soap Box Derby qualifying races in McHenry. This year's races in Akron wrapped up in late July, and the event seems to be on the rise in popularity.

State Police Questioned Over Handling of Highland Park Shooter

GOP lawmakers say agency had authority to deny Robert Crimo III a FOID card

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Officials from the Illinois State Police faced questioning Wednesday from Republican lawmakers who said the agency had authority to reject a gun permit application from a man who later allegedly carried out a mass shooting at a July 4 parade in Highland Park.

The alleged gunman, Robert Crimo III, is being held without bond on a 117-count indictment for the mass shooting that left seven dead and dozens more injured.

State Sen. John Curran, R-Downers Grove, criticized ISP for claiming that it had no authority to deny Crimo a Firearms Owners Identification, or FOID card, when he applied for one in December 2019, just three months after he had been the subject of a "clear and present danger" report filed by an individual who alleged Crimo had threatened to "kill everyone."

"This report clearly, by any independent review, would meet the level of preponderance of the evidence," Curran said. "It is clearly above the 50 percent threshold, more likely than not, that there (was) a threat of violence in that home."

The questioning came during a meeting of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, a legislative panel that has oversight of the administrative rulemaking process.

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In recent days he's also come under fire for old social media posts, including one in which he compared abortion in the United States to the Holocaust.

But he is perhaps best known for joining forces with downstate attorney Thomas DeVore, now the GOP nominee for attorney general, to file multiple lawsuits challenging Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker's COVID-19 mitigation orders.

"Let's say that we're going to be middle of the road and say it's a fair question as to whether or not he had the power – it wasn't, he didn't have it. But let's say it's a fair question," DeVore told the gathering, speaking of Pritzker's executive order authority. "Ladies and gentlemen, if there's ever a fair question between something the governor is doing as it impacts the people, you never go against the people, ever. And that's where that man made a mistake."

When asked directly by reporters whether they will endorse Bailey for governor, most GOP candidates answered with statements insisting that they support the Republican Party's candidates generally, but rarely saying that they support Bailey specifically.

"I support the ticket, and we've got a great ticket. I'm supporting them and I've said that already after the (primary) election, so I will be campaigning with every Republican who's on the ballot between now and Election Day," House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, told reporters at an event earlier in the day.

Durkin also said he is focused on trying to gain seats in the Illinois House, where Republicans are outnumbered by Democrats, 45-73. But he touted the fact that this year, the party has candidates in 106 of the 118 House districts, a record for the GOP.

State party chairman Don Tracy, of Springfield, tried to brush aside suggestions of disunity.

"It was a really robust primary," he told reporters after the rally. "It was a really rough-and-tumble primary. We had a great unity event (Wednesday) night. Richard Irvin was there; Gary Rabine was there; Jesse Sullivan was there. They all spoke in favor of Darren Bailey."

The rally also featured candidates for other statewide offices, including secretary of state, where state Rep. Dan Brady, of Bloomington, hopes to establish a GOP foothold by focusing exclusively on the duties of that office.

"When you talk about the race statewide, I think it's really important to keep the focus on one thing, and that is what you're going to do to cut down those wait times (at driver's service facilities), what you're going to do in the secretary of state's office, how you're going to improve services, and that's what I'm talking about, and that's what people are talking to me about," he told reporters.

Other candidates speaking at the rally included treasurer candidate Rep. Tom Demmer, of Dixon; comptroller candidate Shannon Teresi, of Crystal Lake; U.S. Senate candidate Kathy Salvi, of Mundelein; and 13th District congressional candidate Regan Deering, of Decatur.

The rhetoric at the GOP rally was in stark contrast to that used by Democrats the day before, when Pritzker referred to Republicans as "the lunatic fringe." Republicans fired back on Thursday by casting the Pritzker administration and Democrats in the Statehouse as extreme leftists and accusing Pritzker of having higher ambitions.

"I have traveled all around our state to help our fellow Republicans rescue Illinois from the leftist Gov. Pritzker," Tracy said. "He now wants to run for president. Are you kidding me? What a disaster he's been for Illinois. Gov. Pritzker has done nothing to address public corruption, crime, the rising cost of gas and groceries."

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Lawmakers Reflect on Historic Evidence Based Funding Formula Legislation

New money slowly closing state funding equity gap for public schools

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Five years ago this month, Illinois lawmakers passed legislation that overhauled the way public schools in the state are funded.

The so-called Evidence Based Funding formula, or EBF, was designed to calculate the actual cost for each district to provide the kind of education the state expects, and then gradually increase the share of that cost that's paid for by the state.

Over time, it was also supposed to narrow the disparity between the best-funded and worst-funded districts in the state, with the hope of lowering property taxes and improving academic achievement in the most underfunded districts.

Five years later, huge disparities still exist among districts, both in funding and academic performance, but lawmakers from both parties who were part of negotiating the new law say it has provided huge benefits, especially to those schools that were most underfunded.

"I use the example of East St. Louis, that I think at the time had the highest property tax rate but was nowhere near adequate spending," said Andy Manar, a former state senator and now deputy governor who was a chief architect of the plan.

"And if you did the math at the time, the math would show that East St. Louis literally could not tax itself enough to generate the funds needed to say that the school district has an adequate level of spending to achieve the results that we as a state expect of that school district. They literally could not tax themselves into equity. It was mathematically impossible."

In fiscal year 2018, the first year under the formula, the East St. Louis district was funded at 66 percent of adequacy. This year, it is funded at 96 percent of adequacy.

Republican state Sen. Chapin Rose, who represents a largely rural area in east central Illinois, said many of the districts in his area faced the same challenge.

"I do think that for many of the areas I represent, it was a lifeline," he said. "It's kept doors open and, in some instances, provided a much needed infusion, because they simply couldn't keep going back to the property tax well. That was dried up."

History of inequity

Illinois has traditionally relied on local property taxes to fund most educational spending. That has automatically led to built-in inequities because districts with relatively low levels of property wealth per-pupil must levy higher tax rates to raise the same amount of money as wealthier districts.

To offset those differences, prior to adoption of the EBF formula, the state used a complex formula to distribute state aid that was supposed to guarantee districts with modest tax bases a certain minimum level of "foundational" funding, although even the wealthiest districts received aid under that formula, even if they were more than able to raise adequate funding on their own.

Many districts complained that the formula never lived up to its promise of guaranteeing adequate funding to all districts, in part because the General Assembly did not fully fund the formula. Instead, it distributed "prorated" amounts, based on how much money was available in the state budget at the time.

Manar cited the example of Harrisburg High School, in southern Illinois, where the ceiling of the library had been removed because the district didn't have enough money for basic repairs and maintenance.

"And, you know, we held a town hall on school funding in that library – the location underscored the need for the bill," he said. "And Harrisburg High School wasn't unlike so many other places across Illinois, not just rural parts of the state. It was a result of years of proration of general state aid, and years of the inability to tackle the very complicated nature of school funding."

For decades, school districts across Illinois tried to turn to state courts to correct the inequities, arguing among other things that the 1970 Illinois Constitution provides that, "The State has the primary responsibility for financing the system of public education."

But state courts have consistently declined to get into the school finance fray. As far back as 1973, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled that that provision was merely "a hortatory expression of a goal to be achieved" and not a mandate for the state to take over school funding.

In 1990, a group of 50 school districts calling themselves the Committee for Educational Rights sued the state claiming the system produced vast disparities in educational resources between rich and poor districts in violation of several provisions of the Illinois Constitution, including its equal protection clause and a clause requiring the state to provide "an efficient system of high-quality public educational institutions and services."

But when that case reached the Illinois Supreme Court six years later, the justices ruled there were no judicial standards to determine whether the state was providing "high-quality" education and that the decision about how to fund schools – and how to balance the competing interests of equity and local control – was a legislative matter, not a judicial one.

The EBF formula

After more than a year of negotiations, Illinois lawmakers finally struck a deal that would, over a period of years, put more state money into public schools to bring the least-funded districts up to a level of adequacy – assuming, of course, that the General Assembly lives up to its obligations.

The final vote came during a special summer session in August 2017, during which lawmakers also ended the two-year budget stalemate with Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

The goal of the new formula is to gradually bring all districts up to an "adequate" level of funding, or having enough resources to cover the cost of providing the educational services the state expects. That takes into account a district's total enrollment, poverty rate, the number of English language learners and a host of other factors.

Each year, under the law, the state is to add at least \$350 million in new funding for schools, with the bulk of that money going to those furthest from adequacy. But the law provided that no district would see a reduction in funding from the final year before its passage, a so-called "hold-harmless" provision that meant even the wealthiest districts would continue to receive state aid.

People on both sides of the aisle said that was necessary because without a hold-harmless provision, the bill never would have passed.

"It's a living breathing formula, and it changes year to year, and so the mechanics of the formula eventually fade that out," Manar said. "But I think it brought a level of certainty. It brought a level of guarantee and, frankly, a level of comfort to a very complicated question of how we reform a very complicated and important system. ... So a lot of people didn't like it. I personally did not. But it was necessary to get it done."

Republican Sen. Jason Barickman, of Bloomington, who was also a key negotiator in the process, agreed that it was politically necessary.

"It was a politically practical, pragmatic decision," he said. "I was very focused on getting something done. And it was very apparent to me that we weren't going to get something done without a hold-harmless. So while I think a hold-harmless has policy challenges, we weren't going to

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let perfection get in the way of getting something done.”

So far in the first five years, the state has met or exceeded that funding target in all but one year, raising the state’s share of school funding from \$6.9 billion in fiscal year 2017, the last year under the old formula, to \$9.8 billion allocated this year.

It also drove the state’s percentage of K-12 education upward, according to ISBE data. In FY 2017, the state provided 24.4 percent of K-12 funding. In FY 2020, the latest year for which audited numbers are available, that number rose to 27 percent.

Signs of progress

According to data from the Illinois State Board of Education, it would still take another \$3.6 billion in state funding this year alone to bring all districts up to 90 percent of “adequate” funding, a goal set in statute. But the state has made some progress toward addressing the needs of the least-funded districts.

In the first year of evidence-based funding, there were 168 districts that were funded at less than 60 percent of adequacy. Those were the ones that were first in line for new funding when the EBF formula took effect.

For the upcoming year, there are only two districts below that level – Washington Community High School District 308 in Tazewell County and Chaney-Monge School District 88, an elementary district in Will County. Both are funded this year at 59 percent of adequacy.

The gap between the least-funded and best-funded districts has also narrowed, if only slightly. During the first year, funding levels ranged from a low of 47 percent to a high of 288 percent of adequacy. This year, the gap ranges from 59 percent to 270 percent.

Gov. JB Pritzker said during a recent news conference he believes the state must continue to increase its investment in education to increase outcomes and decrease reliance on property taxes.

“A lot of good has been done, there’s no doubt about it,” he said. “And as you know, Evidence Based Funding was both necessary to get money to the schools that needed it most and to make sure that we’re improving the education funding overall, across the state of Illinois. I personally think that we need to fund our education system even more.”

So far, though, there is little evidence that the new money has helped improve academic performance for students because the COVID-19 pandemic severely interfered with annual testing in 2020 and 2021.

Prior to the pandemic, though, the connection between school funding and student achievement was evident.

For example, in 2019, the last year before the pandemic, Central City School District 133, an elementary district in Marion County, was the least-funded district in the state at 52 percent of adequacy. That year, only 26.8 percent of its students met or exceeded state standards in English language arts, and only 8.5 percent did so in math.

By contrast, Rondout School District 72, an elementary district in Lake County, was the best-funded district, at 280 percent of adequacy. There, 65.1 percent met or exceeded state standards in English language arts while 49.4 percent did so in math.

Like many states, Illinois did not administer state assessments in 2020 due to the pandemic, and results from the 2021 tests are believed to have been affected by the pandemic. Results of the 2022 tests will be released later this year.

Barickman recalled there was a debate over whether to tie increased funding to improved student outcomes, to hold districts accountable for the new money they would receive. In the end, he said, lawmakers chose to go another route by pairing the new funding system with a form of taxpayer-supported scholarships for private schools, what is now known as the Invest in Kids Act.

“No one was fully, you know, exactly happy, which generally means we probably did a decent job, I suppose,” he said. “But we chose not to penalize failing school districts, but to equip children and families with resources that might give them a choice on their educational experience. And I think we’ve seen a lot of success with that program.”

Manar, meanwhile, argued that the achievement gaps are the result of many factors, including decades of inequitable funding, which the state has only recently started to address.

“What would those test scores have been had the least equitable system of school funding in the country been allowed to continue?” he asked.

He said as more money was put into the old formula, it made the inequity gap wider.

“So you know, those stats and that data aren’t gathered in a sterile, perfect environment. There’s a lot of things happening in 850 some-odd school districts in the state that have an impact on that too.”

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Democrats

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signature on a bill increasing the minimum wage to \$15 by 2025, a measure providing \$1.8 billion in tax relief and the fact that the state has virtually eliminated a bill backlog that rose to \$16 billion during Gov. Bruce Rauner’s administration.

He also mentioned state investments in the Illinois State Police to reduce forensic science backlogs and increase the number of troopers on state roads. The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act and, the state’s pandemic response, abortion protections and the Rebuild Illinois capital infrastructure plan were also points of emphasis for the Democrats.

While “Democrats Deliver” adorned the signage handed out to attendees, the speakers also sought to differentiate the party from a GOP they described as the “lunatic fringe,” “crazy as hell” and a “cult of fear.”

“And if you look at who’s winning these primaries on the Republican side, they are crazy as hell and they’re seeing and doing crazy stuff. ...And my fear is that if these individuals get elected, we’re going to see January 6 on a weekly basis,” secretary of state candidate Alexi Giannoulis said.

Former Gov. Rauner, an Evanston Republican, and former President Donald Trump were mentioned as frequently as Pritzker’s 2022 challenger, state Sen. Darren Bailey.

“I was never worried about the finances of this state even during the darkest days of the pandemic,” Comptroller Susana Mendoza said. “When my colleagues in other states would ask, ‘How do you seem so calm?’ I would say, ‘Well, it’s easy – the worst virus to ever hit Illinois’ finances wasn’t COVID, it was Bruce Rauner.’ And thank God we now have JB Pritzker.”

Mendoza, who took office halfway through Rauner’s term as governor, frequently sparred with the ex-governor. She looked back on that, saying she would fight every day to “save our state,” and “metaphorically speaking, kick him in the groin with much joy and pleasure.”

A short video presented at the brunch event showed a montage of clips from Rauner’s four years in office before cutting to images of Bailey with the text “he’s worse.”

Attorney General Kwame Raoul criticized Bailey and GOP AG candidate Thomas DeVore, who he described as a “COVID ambulance chaser” for the several lawsuits he has filed aiming to lift COVID-19 mitigations in the state.

Raoul said the current political landscape means who people elect as attorney general “mat-

ters more than any time in American history.”

“It matters to fight against audacious forces who threatened to diminish our rights, attack our nation’s Capitol, attack law enforcement and attack our democracy,” Raoul said.

Pritzker reused a line from a speech he gave to Florida Democrats in July, saying Republicans are “trying to distract us into believing that marriage equality, Black history, Disneyworld and library books are more of a threat to our children than the AR-15.”

“While the Republicans try to convince Americans that Q Anon lies are real, our diverse Democratic Party is getting things done for Illinois families,” he said.

The subject of abortion and health care rights was also a frequent talking point for speakers, including Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton.

“The Trump-endorsed MAGA extremist Darren Bailey will do everything in his power to try to turn back the clock on our progress,” she said. “And he has the unmitigated gall to think that the women of Illinois are going to just sit back, sit down and stay silent.”

While the crowds at the gathering of Democrats often chanted in unison in support of candidates, the absence of the party’s former chair from the Wednesday events indicated there is some lingering resentment regarding her recent unseating.

Congresswoman Robin Kelly, of Matteson, was ousted as party chair last month by new chair Elizabeth “Lisa” Hernandez, a state representative from Cicero who had Pritzker’s backing. Kelly didn’t attend the brunch or the Governor’s Day event at the State Fair that followed but issued a statement saying she’d back Democrats up and down the ballot “whether or not we are united.”

“The stakes are too high, this is the most important election of our lifetime,” she said in a statement in response to Capitol News Illinois questions.

Hernandez briefly took questions at the fair Wednesday and was asked how she would mend fences within the Democratic Party.

“I think that we are moving forward,” she said. “We are – the party is about trying to get Democrats elected in November. And that’s really the focus, that is what we are all on board with. And the mending the fences ... there is really just a real intent to try to get the Democrats through November and I don’t see a problem.”

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE, ILLINOIS,
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF:
SAWYER EVAN WILLIAMS, a male child.
BOONE COUNTY CASE NO. 2022AD8

**NOTICE TO RUSSELL RAYMOND WILLIAMS JR. and
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named, SAWYER EVAN WILLIAMS;

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, RUSSELL RAYMOND WILLIAMS JR, and ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Boone County, in the City of Belvidere, Illinois, on or before the 23rd day of August, 2022, a default may be entered against you at any time following that day, and a judgment order entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

DATED: 07/19, 2022

PAMELA CODUTO, Clerk of the Circuit Clerk
Attorney ALICIA OLIVER LEONARD AT LAW
631 N LONGWOOD ST., SUITE 203
ROCKFORD, IL 61107

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State Of Illinois
In The Circuit Court Of The 17th Judicial Circuit
County Of Boone
Probate Division

In the Matter of: WENDY NUTTER YOUNG, Decedent.
2022-PR-39

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of WENDY NUTTER YOUNG of Roscoe, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 4, 2022, to MARCIA L. MUELLER of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, 100 Park Avenue, Rockford, Illinois 61101.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before February 11, 2023,* that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

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

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

/s/Marcia L. Mueller
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD R. BILLINGS,
Deceased PROBATE No. 2022-PR-37

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of DONALD R. BILLINGS. Letters of office were issued on July 14, 2022, to Andrew Wroblewski, 1508 Dawngate, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 Administrator, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Russell J. Luchtenburg, 130 South State Street, #303, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before March 3, 2023, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 5/18-3 of Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

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

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

Dated July 20, 2022
Andrew Wroblewski
Independent Administrator
Attorney Russell J. Luchtenburg
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE

NORTHWEST BANK OF ROCKFORD, PLAINTIFF,
2021 CH 16
JOHN A. DICKEY, LINDA K. DICKEY, MIDLAND STATES BANK
F/K/A ALPINE BANK AND TRUST CO., UNKNOWN OTHERS,
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN TENANTS,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S

FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure heretofore entered by the said Court on the 29TH day of April, 2022 in the above-entitled cause, David Ernest, Sheriff of Boone County, Illinois will on the 13th day of September, 2022 at the hour 10:00 A.M., at the Boone County Courthouse 601 N. Main Street Belvidere, Illinois 61008 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash and all singular, the following described premises and real estate in said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment to-wit:

The Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section

27, Township 46 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian; Excepting therefrom that part described as follows to-wit: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Quarter (1/4) Section, thence South 00 degrees-10'34" East, along the East line of the said Quarter (1/4) Section, 656.96 feet, thence South 88 degrees-36'-31" West, 1327.63 feet to the West line of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of said Quarter (1/4) Section; thence North 00 degrees-12'21" West, along the West line of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of said Quarter (1/4) Section, 655.58 feet to the North line of said Quarter (1/4) Section; thence North 88 degrees-32'-58" East, along the North line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, 1328.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the rights of the public over any part thereof taken, used or dedicated for public roadway purposes; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

Commonly known as: 19290 Grade School Road Caledonia, Illinois 61011

P.I.N Number: 01-27-300-009

The property is commonly known as 19290 Grade School Road Caledonia, Illinois 61011 and is improved with a residential property. Judgment was taken in the amount of \$412,776.24 on behalf of Northwest Bank of Rockford. Property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes and is offered for sale without any representations 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivision (g) (1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms are cash or certified funds 10% at time of sale and the balance, including the judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser to the person conducting the sale, provided that in no event shall the fee exceed \$300 is due within 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.

Upon payment in full on the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a certificate of sale which will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

Respective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Timothy F. Horning attorney for Plaintiff, 3400 N. Rockton Avenue, Rockford, IL 61103. Pursuant to Section 15-1507 (c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this Notice will be provided.

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.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Helen Edwards-Swanson, Deceased
Case No. 2022-PR-41

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of HELEN EDWARDS-SWANSON, Letters of Office were issued on August 8, 2022 to LAURIE ANN AZELTINE, 3433 Lennon Lane, Marion, Iowa 52302, and MARI BETH EDWARDS SPECKMAN, 9310 Shaw Road, Rockford, Illinois 61107, who are the legal representatives of the estate. The attorney for the estate is David Kurlinkus, of Sosnowski Szeto, LLP, 6735 Vistagreen Way, Ste. 300, Rockford, Illinois 61107.

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

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

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

Dated: August 18, 2022
/s/ Laurie Ann Azeltine
LAURIE ANN AZELTINE, Executor
Dated: August 18, 2022
/s/ Marybeth Edwards Speckman
MARI BETH EDWARDS SPECKMAN, Executor
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL
BOONE COUNTY

VERONICE CONTRERAS Plaintiff
-VS- CASE # 2022-DN-15
ALFONSO CONTRERAS Defendant

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given to you, ALFONSO CONTRERAS, Defendant that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE and other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Boone County, Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 on or before the 28th day of SEPTEMBER, 2022, a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Dated: 08-10-2022
Pamela Coduto, Clerk of the Circuit Court
17th Judicial Circuit Boone County, Illinois
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Adyson Lampard, minor

No.

19-JA-15

ALEXANDRA BARKEY/ To whom it may concern
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on AUGUST 11, 2022, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Adyson Lampard, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 10/13/2022; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination of parental rights will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

Dated: August 16, 2022

Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Braxton Lampard, minor

No.

19-JA-16

ALEXANDRA BARKEY/ To whom it may concern
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on AUGUST 11, 2022, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Braxton Lampard, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 10/13/2022; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination of parental rights will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

Dated: August 16, 2022

Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village of Timberlane Planning/Zoning Committee, on September 7th, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., in the Village Hall @ Immanuel Lutheran Church located at 2940 Charleston Court, Caledonia, Illinois.

The subject property is commonly known as 4746 Orth Road and adjacent parcel to the East and legally described as:

Parcel code: Item (1): 03-35-400-002, Item (2): 03-35-300-006

The South Fifty-five (55) acres of the West half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) West of the road in Section Thirty-five (35), Township Forty-five (45) North, Range Three (3) East of the Third Principal Meridian; EXCEPTING THEREFROM that part of the State of Illinois recorded as Document No. 2010R02351. ALSO, the East Fifty (50) acres of the South Seventy (70) acres of the East half (1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) in Section Thirty-five (35), Township Forty-five (45) North, Range Three (3) East; all situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

Special Use in conformance with Zoning Chapter 6, titled: Agricultural District.

The petitioner, The Oscar Mike Foundation in Marengo, IL is "seeking a special use in the agricultural district for a private recreational area/camp, not operated for profit. Applicant proposes building a dorm-style facility with a gym on the Southeast corner with two additional areas identified on the attached site plan for future expansion. The balance of the property will remain undeveloped and will be used for recreational purpose."

All persons interested should attend and will be given an opportunity to be heard at the stated time and place.

Correspondence accepted via US mail to P.O. Box 56, Caledonia, IL 61011, or via email to jlipscomb@villageoftimberlane.org

Jonathan Lipscomb, Chairman

Planning/Zoning Committee

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Carter Lampard, minor

No.

19-JA-17

ALEXANDRA BARKEY/ To whom it may concern
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on AUGUST 11, 2022, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Carter Lampard, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 10/13/2022; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination of parental rights will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL

RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

Dated: August 16, 2022

Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK

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ASSUMED NAMES

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend... to conduct and transact a Architect business in said County and State under the name of ADDIS ARCHITECTURE at the following post office addresses: 672 W. Main St. #462, Lake Geneva, WI, 53147 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Jacob Addis, 3301 business 20, Belvidere IL, 61008. Signed: Jacob Addis, 08/16/22

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 16th. Day of August, 2022,

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk,

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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

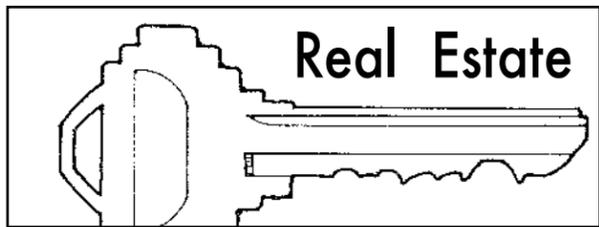
State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend... to conduct and transact a Painting business in said County and State under the name of NIKPAINTS at the following post office addresses: 1105 E 2ND St, Belvidere, IL, 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: NIKOLAI CAPORASO, 1105 E. 2ND St., Belvidere, IL, 61008. Signed: Nikolai Caporaso, 08/24/22

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 24th. day of August, 2022,

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk

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

NORTHWEST BANK OF ROCKFORD, PLAINTIFF,
2021 CH 16

JOHN A. DICKEY, LINDA K. DICKEY, MIDLAND STATES BANK
F/K/A ALPINE BANK AND TRUST CO., UNKNOWN OTHERS,
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN TENANTS,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S

FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure heretofore entered by the said Court on the 29TH day of April, 2022 in the above-entitled cause, David Ernest, Sheriff of Boone County, Illinois will on the 13th day of September, 2022 at the hour 10:00 A.M., at the Boone County Courthouse 601 N. Main Street Belvidere, Illinois 61008 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash and all singular, the following described premises and real estate in said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment to-wit:

Commonly known as: 19290 Grade School Road Caledonia, Illinois 61011

P.L.N Number: 01-27-300-009

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Respective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Timothy F. Horning attorney for Plaintiff, 3400 N. Rockton Avenue, Rockford, IL 61103. Pursuant to Section 15-1507 (c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this Notice will be provided.

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On Sept. 5, 2019, Highland Park police received a report, believed to be from a juvenile member of the Crimo family, that Crimo had made a threat in the household a few days earlier and that he intended to "kill everyone." The reporting individual told authorities of being afraid to go home due to the nature of the threat.

When police arrived at the residence, according to the report, they interviewed both Crimo and his mother, Denise M. Pesina. Crimo reportedly admitted to being depressed when he made the statement and admitted having a history of drug use. The reporting officer noted that neither Crimo nor his mother was forthcoming about the language he used when making the threat.

Police then recovered a tin lunch box containing 16 miscellaneous knives along with a 12-inch dagger and a 24-inch Samurai-type blade. The weapons reportedly belonged to Crimo's father, who did not live in the residence, but were being stored in Crimo's bedroom closet.

During the interview, Crimo denied that he felt like hurting himself or others.

ISP said in a statement after the July 4 shooting that no arrest was made following the September 2019 incident and that no one, including Crimo's family, was willing to move forward with a complaint or provide further information on threats or mental health issues that would have allowed law enforcement to take additional action.

Highland Park police then forwarded a copy of the report to ISP, which is responsible for administering the state's FOID law. But because Crimo did not have a FOID card at the time and had not yet applied to obtain one, ISP discarded the report.

Under the administrative rule in place at the time, ISP was required to maintain records of people who are determined to present a clear and present danger. But the rule also said ISP "shall not maintain a record of those persons who are not determined to present a clear and present danger for these purposes."

The rule also defined a "clear and present danger" as someone who poses "an actual, impending, or imminent threat of substantial bodily harm to themselves or another person that is articulable and significant" or a person "who will be likely to act in a manner dangerous to public safety or contrary to the public interest if they were granted access to a weapon."

Curran, however, questioned whether any determination had been made in Crimo's case, pointing to what he interpreted to be inconsistencies in ISP's public statements.

He noted that on July 5, the day after the shooting, ISP issued a news release stating that the agency took no action on the report because Crimo did not have a FOID card to revoke or a pending application to deny.

But the following day, Curran noted, ISP issued another release indicating the agency had, in fact, reviewed the Highland Park police report which indicated that officers found no probable cause to arrest Crimo.

"Upon review of the report at that time, the reviewing officer concluded there was insufficient information for a clear-and-present-danger determination," the release stated.

Curran said the conflicting statements have led to confusion.

"We don't know if the determination was ever made because you're not telling us," Curran said. "You put two different versions out there. I'd like to know which one (is accurate)."

Other Republicans on the panel criticized the Pritzker administration over its handling of the incident.

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"The Pritzker administration's purported review of the FOID card process following the Aurora shooting in 2019 failed to recognize this gap in the interpretation and application of clear-and-present-danger reports submitted to the ISP," Sen. Donald DeWitte, R-St. Charles, said in a statement. "Had the Pritzker administration done what they said they were going to do, which was to review and make sure laws already on the books were being implemented more effectively, the tragedy in Highland Park might never have occurred."

But Kelly Griffith, ISP's acting chief legal counsel, defended the agency's actions, saying its hands were tied by the rules in place at the time.

"At the time that the clear present danger came to the Illinois State Police in September 2019, the rule would not have allowed us to keep that information," she said. "The person didn't have a FOID card. They didn't have an application on file. And so that report was actually not kept."

On July 21, ISP published a new emergency rule to make it clear that the agency will maintain records of clear-and-present-danger reports, even if the person does not have a FOID card or pending application.

It also broadens the definition of a clear and present danger to match the definition in statute, which does not require that the person pose an "impending, or imminent threat" or that the threat be "articulable and significant."

State agencies are allowed to issue emergency rules under some circumstances, but they are still subject to JCAR review and can stay in effect for only 150 days before they either expire or are replaced with permanent rules. ISP has indicated it intends to submit permanent rules, which will also be subject to public comment and further review by JCAR.

JCAR did not issue an objection to the emergency rule Wednesday, meaning it is allowed to remain in place through the 150-day window.

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