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“Help! Jane! Stop this crazy thing!”

By David Larson, Charles Herbst, and historical material from James Middleton.

George Jetson, born on July 31, 2022, is now one-month old. George, you will recall, was the lead character in the 1960s Hanna-Barbara animated sitcom, *The Jetsons*, set 100 years in the future.

Times are moving fast, and several things from *The Jetsons* are a reality in 2022: Videophone service such as Skype and Facetime. There are robots. As we recently reported, today’s robots don’t have minds of their own like the Jetsons’ Rosie, but they’ll bring you a cocktail, clean your floor, or fetch your slippers. We see Jetson-inspired drones, flat-screen TVs, 3D printers, smart watches, and, of course, treadmills! All of these can be found in Belvidere.

Another thing moving fast is the world of transportation, and on many different levels. First, road design is evolving. The derogatory term “stroad” has been coined to describe a through road that is choked by commercial

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Pritzker Talks Session Timeline, Highlights Infrastructure Spending

*Gun, abortion-related bills could wait
until new year,
depending on lawmaker support*

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

In a series of downstate news conferences coinciding with the Illinois State Fair, Gov. JB Pritzker this week gave an update on the possibility of a special session, outlined new state infrastructure investments and announced a new program for some Illinoisans over age 55.

While the governor quickly announced he would call a special session after the landmark Supreme Court case *Roe vs. Wade* was overturned in June, lawmakers have thus far not scheduled any return to the Capitol.

Last week, Pritzker wasn’t any clearer as to when he expected lawmakers to return to address issues such as abortion rights and gun violence.

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Democratic, GOP Campaigns Vie to Define 2022 Election

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker said Tuesday that abortion rights will be a central issue in the 2022 election, not just in his bid for reelection but in races up and down the ballot.

That includes races for Congress and the Illinois Supreme Court as well as the governor’s race and state legislative contests.

Speaking at a news conference with officials from political advocacy arms of Planned Parenthood organizations, Pritzker said the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in June overturning *Roe v. Wade* changed the focus of the 2022 elections and gave voters – particularly women – a new motivation to vote this fall.

“But make no mistake, the right wing may have taken away abortion rights from half of all Americans, but they’ve unleashed a tsunami of determined women voters and their allies who will lift up pro-choice candidates and take down the ultra-conservative fundamentalists this No-

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OBITUARIES

Ronald Barr Sr, 78 Belvidere August 20th
 Debra Dettmer, 70, Harvard, August 24th
 Thomas Kehoe, 51, Belvidere, August 23rd
 Laura (Gilbert) Palmere, 66, Belvidere, Aug. 26
 Helen Peters, 93, Marengo, August 28
 Benjamin Houden, 100, Burlingame CA, Aug 27
 Mikhail S. Gorbachev, 91, Moscow, 30 August

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Did Senator Lindsey Graham really just say that?

Will be Boone County Republicans be rioting in the streets with ax handles and baseball bats if Trump is indited?

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development. Locally, State Street in Rockford or Northwest Highway in Crystal Lake are good examples. Stores with excessively large parking lots are starting to be shunned, particularly if they are constructed with impermeable materials. Millennials and Gen Z want to buy their avocado toast at a place they can walk to. Bike routes and roundabouts are being built everywhere, and state law now gives priority to pedestrians. Untimed traffic lights are viewed as time wasters and generators of global warming.

Motive power is also evolving. Not only have our vehicles become more efficient, but our choice of fuel has also evolved. Although John D. Rockefeller made his fortune in fossil fuels, in much of the developed world, the internal combustion engine is quickly going the way of the Sinclair dinosaur. Five years ago, an electric car was a novelty. This year, Illinois passed incentives to manufacture and purchase electric automobiles, and in the past month, substantial electric vehicle tax incentives were created by Congress and the Biden Administration. Whether or not Stellantis takes advantage of Illinois' incentives to build electric vehicles and batteries, it is increasingly unlikely that we will see vehicles with internal combustion engines manufactured in Belvidere for much longer. In another decade, you won't be able to sell them in California.

This week we learned of another milestone. The Chicago Automobile Dealers Association is hosting a special Chicago Drives Electric Auto Show in Oakbrook Terrace on September 30-October 2. Only electric vehicles will be on display. The event was just announced this week and is already sold out! This is reality, not science fiction, and it's about an hour away.

The CADA intends to return to McCormick Place this February for its long-running, largest-in-the-nation auto show. The *Journal* covers the show every year, and electric vehicles are quickly becoming ubiquitous there.

The entire world is urbanizing, and this includes Chicago and the Midwest. Rural backwaters contain less and less of the world's population. This is precipitating a revolution in public transportation. Cities and countries worldwide are constructing new rail systems, bus systems, subways, and streetcars. Regional rail systems are electrifying and embracing other

innovations like through-running and cross-city service configurations. London has just opened the \$25 billion Elizabeth Line, which connects its western and eastern suburbs, while also stopping at Heathrow Airport and various other financial and business hubs throughout Greater London. Toronto is expanding and electrifying all six lines of its GO regional rail service simultaneously. Toronto is building a new subway line as well. Huge new transit projects are being constructed in Los Angeles, Washington, Istanbul, China, Sydney, Auckland, and on every continent. Even Chicago is mulling the idea of providing a one-seat, electrically-powered ride between O'Hare, McCormick Place, and Hyde Park. The right-of-way already exists.

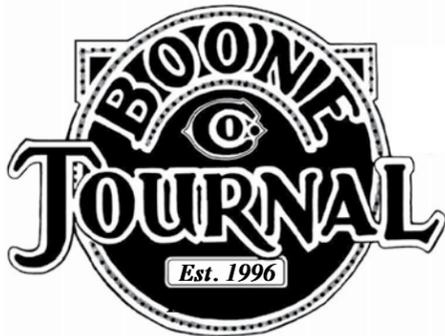
Except in Belvidere. And Rockford.

The photograph above was shot in the later 1800s when the Chicago & Northwestern Railway served Belvidere. In those days and for a few decades ahead, passengers boarded in Belvidere and arrived in downtown Chicago a couple hours later. There were intermediate stops along the way, but the trail moved directly into the Windy City. Going westbound, in a couple of hours, after passing through Rockford and Galena, one would arrive in Dubuque, Iowa.

The Downtown Belvidere Chicago & Northwestern Railway Depot disappeared decades ago. But, for a few, the memory of boarding the train here remains. Just ask any child or anyone with a child's memories at their excitement and the pleasure of riding the rails, at a high rate of speed passing through smaller towns, stopping in Elgin, and proceeding east through the suburbs of Chicago.

The arrival at the vast Union Station on Canal Street was also an imposing experience. The depot with its vast ceilings, marble walls and endless wooden pews where passengers waited

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for trains to board. The scene was beyond belief for many who had passed through the building after having left Belvidere a couple hours earlier.

But that train left the station nearly a century ago. The world has moved on. Belvidere and Rockford haven't.

For decades, politicians have been feeding the local community fairy tales of how they intend to provide rail service from Downtown Rockford and Downtown Belvidere to Union Station in Chicago. This will "transform" Rockford and put Belvidere on the map. America (or at least two aging cities in the State Line) "will be great again."

In Texas (home of Dallas, Houston, and Austin, which have all recently built viable new passenger rail systems) there is a name for people who offer such empty promises: "All hat and no cattle."

After thirty years, the promises ring hollow. But, for the moment, they tickle the imagination, seem believable, distract from other issues, and convince the voter that the politician is doing something constructive.

It's clear to everyone who has seriously examined the issue that running a train from Downtown Rockford through Downtown Belvidere to Downtown Chicago is not commercially feasible (whether run by Amtrak, Metra, Deutsche Bahn, or the Chinese Government for that matter). Even if such a service were initiated, its running-time would not be close to car-competitive, nor would the route satisfy the State Line's need for transportation to Northeast Illinois and beyond.

The current scheme is merely a government giveaway to the Union Pacific Railroad. The politicians propose spending hundreds of millions of dollars to improve a couple of the Union Pacific's privately-owned bridges. Even the planners have admitted this.

Since 2009, the Interstate 90 Tollway has undergone a major upgrade, which many Belvidereans use today to go to work in the Northwest Suburbs. It is fully illuminated at night, has a minimum of three lanes in both directions, plus a unique lane for buses to avoid any traffic backups that might occur. Sadly, that bus service only occurs east of Randall Road.

Belvidere is fortunate to already have the Oasis, which can be easily upgraded to a transit hub like the Rockford Mass Transit (RMTD) depot on Lyford Road near State Street. Stations are already in place at Hoffman Estates and Rosemont. Unlike the choo-choo train fantasies, with a little gumption and initiative, bus rapid transit to Chicago and O'Hare could be up and running before the end of the current football season at a fraction of the cost!

Why is bus rapid transit possible in Kankakee,

but not here? Kankakee has an Amtrak station with service to Chicago, but the locals use the River Valley Bus instead! But why wouldn't they—it's cheaper and faster!

Connecting Boone County to 60,000 new high-paying construction jobs at O'Hare would kick start the potential for Boone County to become a desirable bedroom community for commuters and remote workers, who expect reliable public transport, particularly among Millennials and Gen Z. They won't come here (or even stay here) if they have to endure antiquated, dialup Internet service or be reliant on gas-guzzling SUVs. (What are the public EV charging options in today's Boone County?) There's also work to do to bring the schools, library, and race relations up to snuff, but we'll save that for another day.

Finally, unless we take steps now to preserve the Oasis, our ability to financially benefit from commerce along one of North America's busiest long-distance routes is going to vanish. The operating leases are set to expire in a few years. Travelers will be happy to spend the money they're spending here in Janesville, Beloit, and Hampshire instead.

We at the *Journal* continue to ask the question why our politicians are failing to connect our community to the world of 2022 and the future. Why do they force us to export our brightest children to Chicago, Texas, and the Coastal States? We will leave that for you to answer.



Pritzker

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"As you know, the working groups are hard at work in the House of Representatives, working on various aspects of legislation, working with advocates, listening to them," he said. "And so we're cautiously optimistic that they'll be able to come up with ideas for us to be able to bring forward in a special session, or in veto session, or some of it may even be in the new year."

On Tuesday, Pritzker was asked about session again, noting he was in favor of banning high-capacity magazines and assault-style weapons like the ones used in the Highland Park July 4 shooting.

But, he said, measures passed after May 31 need three-fifths supermajorities to become law immediately once signed. Bills passed with simple majorities after that date cannot take effect until June 1 of the following year, or in this case June 1, 2023. Measures passed after Jan. 1, however, can take effect immediately on a simple majority vote.

"So the question is, can they come up with a compromise or bills that will meet my

requirements that could get done before the new session, and that's what I'm looking for," he said.

The regular veto session is scheduled for Nov. 15 through 17 and Nov. 29 through Dec. 1.

M a i n s t r e e t improvements: In his latest celebration of state infrastructure funding, Pritzker stopped in Alton Monday to highlight a \$106 million state investment in revitalization of main streets across Illinois. It will be met by \$109 million in other matching funds, for a total investment of \$215 million.

The state was able to double its initial planned \$50 million

investments in the program to \$106 million due to funding made available through the federal American Rescue Plan Act, according to the governor's office.

The grants will be made through the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in more than 50 communities with a maximum allotment of \$3 million.

The funding is aimed at modernizing downtowns, addressing long-awaited infrastructure needs and boosting local economies, Pritzker said.

In Alton, that includes \$3 million for the renovation of downtown space for a business incubator. In Rantoul in Champaign County, it included \$3 million for downtown improvements, infrastructure upgrades and implementation of a master plan.

Over \$2 million will go to Carbondale for downtown arts and entertainment district improvements, while Carrollton, in Greene County, will see \$1.9 million for courthouse improvements.

The funding for Rebuild Illinois' building infrastructure component comes from an expansion of gambling in the state, as well as an increase to cigarette taxes and parking taxes. Those measures have all been in place since 2019.

A full list of downtown revitalization projects is available here.

Law enforcement campus: Pritzker also stopped in Belleville Monday to announce a plan for a new law enforcement-focused campus in partnership with the city of Belleville, Southwestern Illinois College, the Illinois State Police, and Southern Illinois University.

The Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus will be located at a site which once housed Lindenwood University's undergraduate program.

The city of Belleville purchased the building through a \$3 million DCEO grant, and SWIC was allocated \$5.9 million from the Illinois Community College Board to operate the facility.

Beginning in the fall of 2022, according to the governor's office, SWIC will launch a new police training academy at the site. It will host 125 to 130 cadets in the inaugural class, and the site could host more SWIC criminal justice programs in the future.

PACE program: On Senior Day at the fair Monday, Pritzker and representatives from the Illinois Department of Human Services announced the state's participation in a Medicare- and Medicaid-funded program aimed at giving Illinoisans aged 55 and older in certain communities an alternative to nursing home care.

The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, or PACE, will be available to Illinoisans age 55 and older who qualify for Medicaid and Medicare in West Chicago, South Chicago, Southern Cook County, Peoria and East St. Louis.

The program provides coordinated medical care and social services to adults who fit those categories and qualify for nursing home care but can safely live at home.

It's a federal program that Illinois tried to participate in in the 1990s, IDHS Director Theresa Eagleson said, but participation was minimal. Pritzker said 31 states already have such programs in place.

"Seniors who enroll in PACE will receive interdisciplinary and comprehensive services right in their communities right at home," Pritzker said. "That's everything from home and personal care to individualize specialty medical care and diagnostic services."

The governor's office said the programs are expected to be up and running in Fiscal Year 2024, which begins in July 2023. The funding comes from a redistribution of existing resources within the state's managed care program.

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CALENDAR FOR 2023 ELECTIONS

Primary Election – February 28, 2023 and Consolidated Election – April 4, 2023

One Alderman from each of Five Wards

Primary

First Day to Circulate Nominating Primary Petitions (Party) – August 30, 2022

Filing of Petitions

City Clerk's Office – November 21 – 28, 2022

Consolidated

First Day to Circulate Nominating Primary Petitions (Party) – September 20, 2022

Filing of Petitions

City Clerk's Office – December 12 – 19, 2022

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vember,” he said.

Pritzker’s comments came as the general election cycle is just getting into full swing and the two major party candidates try to define what the central issues of the campaign should be.

So far, Pritzker’s Republican challenger, state Sen. Darren Bailey, of Xenia, has tried to focus the race on issues of law and order, including the high rate of violent crime in Chicago, as well issues like taxes, the economy and Pritzker’s handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bailey’s lieutenant governor running mate, Stephanie Trussell, was scheduled to hold a news conference Tuesday in Chicago to focus on what the campaign called “the Pritzker administration’s failure to address rising crime and businesses shutting down and fleeing communities across Illinois.”

And on Monday, Bailey released a statement calling on Pritzker to apologize to Illinois students and parents for closing schools and cancelling extracurricular activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The U.S Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* appears to have made abortion a top issue with Democrats in the mid-term elections. A Pew Research poll released last week showed 71 percent of Democrats view abortion as an issue that is “very important” to their vote. That was up 25 percentage points from March, before the *Dobbs* decision.

In Kansas, voters in that conservative state on Aug. 2 overwhelmingly rejected a proposed constitutional amendment that would have given the state’s legislature broad new authority to regulate abortion.

Elsewhere, so-called “trigger laws” quickly took effect in at least 16 states, including those neighboring Illinois, that have either banned or imposed severe restrictions on abortion access, making Illinois an outlier in the Midwest while giving Democrats here a hot-button social issue on which to run.

“At least 26 states in total are expected to move to ban abortion in the coming months, putting 40 million women and people who can get pregnant at risk,” said Alexis McGill Johnson, president of Planned Parenthood Action Fund. “Hundreds of thousands of people can no longer access the abortion care they need in their own states, and they are fleeing to places like Illinois to get care.”

Immediately after the *Dobbs* decision, Pritzker announced that he would call the General Assembly into special session to consider measures to expand abortion access in Illinois. Among the measures discussed is allowing nurse practitioners to perform the procedure in order to increase the number of abortion providers and giving legal protection in Illinois to providers in other states who may face disciplinary action or prosecution for performing the procedure.

Those plans, however, have been put on hold, and Pritzker indicated Tuesday that lawmakers might wait until the 2023 regular session before taking action, when it takes only a simple majority, rather than a three-fifths super majority, to pass legislation that takes immediate effect.

“So, there’s some things that can be done, could be done with a supermajority, some things that take a simple majority,” he said. “So again, the legislature is working through all those things.”

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Bailey, Pritzker Face Off in Agriculture Forum with Accusations of Lies

2021 energy bill is major topic of discussion at legislative roundtable

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

The candidates for Illinois governor faced questioning about their agriculture-related policies Wednesday in an outbuilding on a McLean County farm.

Gov. JB Pritzker’s message was one of optimism, billing himself as the state’s “chief marketer.” His challenger, state Sen. Darren Bailey, a Republican from Xenia, told the room full of farmers that Illinois was in a “dire situation” that needed the “grit of a farmer” to rectify it.

The Illinois Agricultural Legislative Roundtable – put together by a coalition of more than 100 of the state’s agriculture stakeholders – took place at Schuler Farms in rural Lexington. The event was moderated by Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr.

Pritzker highlighted his administration’s wide-ranging infrastructure bill, defended his signature on a massive decarbonization bill and highlighted the progress toward fiscal stability the state has seen in his time in office.

Bailey, meanwhile, sought to discredit the state’s fiscal progress, dismissed the energy bill as a collection of “virtue signals” and said Illinois was starting to look like Baghdad.

The last comment came in reference to the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, signed into law by Pritzker last year, which aims to put 1 million electric vehicles on state roads by 2030 and take carbon-emitting energy generators offline in the state by 2045.

The law seeks to accomplish that by massive ratepayer subsidies for renewable and nuclear energy and forced closure of fossil fuel plants over the next two decades.

Bailey said that law has led to a threat of brownouts in areas of downstate Illinois that are part of the MISO regional transmission organization that purchases energy capacity for 15 states. MISO representatives, however, testified at a committee hearing earlier this year that the early retirement of out-of-state fossil fuel plants, not the passage of CEJA, led to higher downstate energy prices and warnings of potential brownouts.

“JB Pritzker’s energy policies are a little more than impractical virtue signals and cannot succeed with the speed of his promises,” he said. “We all want a clear plan, but JB has bet the farm, he’s bet our farms, and he’s thrown snake eyes every time.”

Pritzker pointed the finger for higher downstate energy prices at MISO.

“MISO has fallen down on the job,” he said. “That’s why Illinois had to pick up the pace in solar and wind and make sure that we’re producing more energy, not less. That is what the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act does. It helps us produce more energy.”

It was also in relation to the energy bill that Pritzker accused Bailey of lying to members of the forum about one of the provisions in the bill that the Illinois Farm Bureau had hotly contested.

The point of contention had to do with eminent domain, a process that allows governments to procure private property while giving the property owner little power other than to negotiate a price.

While the climate bill was ultimately stripped of provisions that would have given counties the power to invoke eminent domain for wind and solar projects, the final bill did include a provision that allows a private transmission line to invoke the authority in seven counties.

Democratic lawmakers at the time said the language, included on page 673 of the public act, applies to the Grain Belt Express, a transmission

line owned by the private company Invenergy. The language in the bill states that a project of Grain Belt’s magnitude “shall be deemed” a public use line, giving the company the ability to invoke eminent domain if needed.

The counties named in the bill are Pike, Scott, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Christian, Shelby, Cumberland and Clark.

While Bailey said he believed the bill forced coal and natural gas offline too early, the eminent domain provision was enough for him to vote against it.

Pritzker, in his discussion at the forum, incorrectly claimed any eminent domain language was stricken from the bill. Asked by a reporter after the forum about the Grain Belt Express provision, Pritzker said he was “talking about eminent domain broadly.”

“What I heard was eminent domain, and that really got taken out of the CEJA at the very last day,” he said.

Invenergy, meanwhile, has held town halls and said eminent domain would be a last resort with the vast majority of their interactions with property owners ending amicably.

While the energy bill was a major topic of conversation, candidates also discussed a number of other issues, from agriculture subsidies to broadband availability in rural areas to infrastructure.

Pritzker continued to tout the \$45 billion capital infrastructure bill that includes money for broadband infrastructure and all modes of transportation. It’s a program Bailey opposed while in the General Assembly.

“We’re going to be building our roads and our bridges, and our airports, and our ports all across the state of Illinois so you can more easily get your goods to market across the board,” Pritzker said. “Take note that the majority of the dollars that we’re putting into infrastructure are invested downstate.”

Bailey, meanwhile, continued to assert that state finances can be improved with “zero-based budgeting,” a concept of justifying every dollar spent up front rather than carrying over costs from a previous budget year.

He said he’d fill government agencies with businesspeople.

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State Announces Energy Assistance, Violence Prevention Grants, EV Rebates

Illinois also receives waiver to increase ethanol use in response to Indiana BP fire

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Beginning Thursday, low-income families in Illinois can begin applying for state assistance on their natural gas, propane and electricity bills.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, has \$300 million available. Families can apply by visiting helpillinoisfamilies.com or by calling 1-833-711-0374. Information on other state assistance programs can be found on that website as well.

A list of local agencies can be searched by county here.

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Belvidere High School Class of 1977 who attended their 45th class reunion held at The Hidden Aerie restaurant

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This is the first year Belvidere Fire has defeated the Police.

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Capt Chad Cunningham on Right from BFD and Chief Woody from BPD

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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.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Adyson Lampard, minor N o .
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 N o .
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.

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Dated: August 16, 2022

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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 MARIBETH 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

MARIBETH 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 Court 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: Carter Lampard, minor N o .
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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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

DATE: August 26, 2022

PROJECT: Performance Services
Belvidere CUSD #100
Belvidere, Illinois

LOCATIONS: District-wide

OWNER: Belvidere Unit School District #100

1201 5th Avenue

Belvidere, Illinois 61008

OWNER'S REP.: Cadence Consulting, LLC

Michael A. Hacker

Tel: (414) 610-5470

Email: Michael.a.hacker@outlook.com

All associated inquiries, outreach, and request for RFP distribution is to be directed to Michael A. Hacker at Cadence Consulting, LLC.

SCOPE: The Belvidere Community Unit School District #100

(the "District") requests detailed responses from Qualified Energy Services Companies (ESCOs), capable of providing infrastructure and energy-related projects district-wide. This investment is associated with federal ESSER funds and must align with associate requirements and timelines. The procurement process and contract shall follow the requirements of 105 ILCS 5 / School Code, Section 19b School Energy Conservation and Savings

Measures. The Respondent/Vendor is encouraged to closely review this RFP in preparation for formal proposal submittal.

DATE DUE: Formal proposals will be accepted until 2:00pm on

Thursday, September 29, 2022, at the office of the Director of Operations, Belvidere Community Unit School District No. 100, 1201 Fifth Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois.

PRE-PROPOSAL CONF.: A mandatory pre-proposal conference at 10:30am on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 in a virtual setting. RIGHTS RESERVED The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities BY OWNER: and/or reject any or all proposals when, in the opinion of the Owner, such action will serve the best interests of the Owner.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

Date: August 29th, 2022

Project: Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for Belvidere CUSD #100 Belvidere, IL

Owner: Belvidere Unit School District #100

1201 5th Ave Belvidere, IL 61008

Scope: The Belvidere Community Unit School District #100 (the "District") requests responses from vendors capable of

providing either Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, or both, for the District.

Date Due: Formal proposals will be accepted until 1:00PM on Monday, September 15th, 2022 at the office of the Director of Operations, Belvidere Community Unit School District No. 100, 1201 Fifth Avenue Belvidere, Illinois. Bids are to be submitted on the form Provided and signed by an authorized representative of the company. Specifications may be obtained at the Administration Building or by phoning 815-544-0301.

Rights Reserved by Owner: The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and/or reject any or all proposals when, in the opinion of the Owner, such action will serve the best interests of the Owner.

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District #100, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry Counties, Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Board of Education offices, 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois from and after 7:45 a.m. on the 29th day of August 2022.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 29th day of September 2022, at the Board of Education offices, 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2022.

Board of Education Community Unit School District #100, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry Counties, Illinois.

Holly Houk

Secretary, Board of Education

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

NICOLE BURK, Plaintiff

-VS- CASE # 2022-DC-15

WILLIAM BURK, Defendant

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given to you, WILLIAM BURK, 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 19th day of OCTOBER, 2022, a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Dated: 08-24-2022

Pamela Coduto

Clerk of the Circuit Court

17th Judicial Court

Boone County, Illinois

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

In the Matter of the Estate of NANCY LINDER, Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-42

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of NANCY LINDER. Letters of Office were issued on August 19, 2022 to Diane L. Gregg, Walworth, Wisconsin, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles T. Sewell, 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or March 2, 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 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

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

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

Dated: September 1, 2022

Diane L. Gregg, Independent Executor

Charles T. Sewell, L.L.C.
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ASSUMED NAMES

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

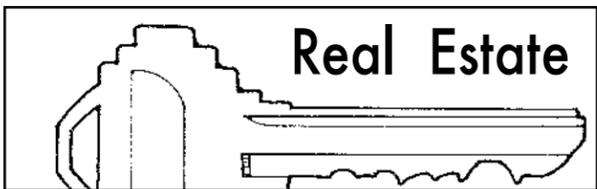
State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend... to conduct and transact a Architect business in said County and State under the name of ADDIS ARCHITECTURE at the following post office addresses: 672 W. Main St. #462, Lake Geneva, WI, 53147 and that the true and 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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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE
 This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a sewing crafts business in said County and State under the name of LIL'BITS BY TARA at the following post office address: 3907 Bluff Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Tara J. McClenthen, 3907 Bluff Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # (815) 547-0842.
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 29th day of August, A.D. 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

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

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Attorney Timothy F. Horning

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out to a 30-day gross income below \$2,265 for a one-person household, \$3,052 for a 2-person home, \$3,838 for a three-person home, \$4,625 for four people, \$5,412 for five people and \$6,198 for six people.

The level of assistance received is needs-based, and last year's LIHEAP recipients received an average of \$1,330 per household, according to the governor's office.

EV REBATES: A state rebate program for the purchase of an electric vehicle remains open through Sept. 30, and the state announced this week a new rebate application window will open on Nov. 1.

The current round of funding opened on July 1, offering a \$4,000 rebate for individuals purchasing an all-electric vehicle and a \$1,500 rebate for an all-electric motorcycle. Applications for the first round of funding must be postmarked by Sept. 30 and submitted within 90 days of the vehicle's purchase.

The next round will open on Nov. 1 and run through January 2023.

The rebates don't apply to hybrids or vehicles not licensed for Illinois roads. It also doesn't apply to rented or leased vehicles.

The purchaser must reside in Illinois on the date of the vehicle purchase and it must be purchased at a state-licenses dealer. Documentation requirements include a copy of purchase invoice, proof of purchase, vehicle registration, and IRS W-9 or W-8 forms. The purchaser must also own the vehicle for 12 months.

As of July 1, the fund paying out the rebates had a balance of \$17.9 million, and rebates were subject to funding availability.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, which administers the rebates, gives priority to low-income applicants whose income doesn't exceed 80 percent of the state median income and expedites grants to those individuals. Thus far, as of Aug. 25, according to IEPA, the state has received 72 low-income applications and approved 22 of them. It had received 898 that didn't meet the low-income threshold.

More information can be found here <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/ceja/Pages/Electric-Vehicle-Rebates.aspx>.

ANTI-VIOLENCE FUNDING: Gov. JB Pritzker's office announced grant opportunities are available for \$100 million in funding made available through the state's Reimagine Public Safety Act.

The RPSA, an effort to drive violence-prevention funds to the state's most dangerous areas, was approved in 2021 and received \$250 million in the state's current-year budget from federal American

Rescue Plan Act funding.

The funding announced this week will support nonprofit community-based organizations and local governments in 16 municipal areas outside of Chicago, according to the governor's office.

The state also made \$113 million available in May, for which the application window is still open.

The state's Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, or OFVP, convened local advisory councils in the 16 non-Chicago communities eligible for funding, which include Aurora, Belleville and East St. Louis area, Berwyn-Cicero area, Calumet City area, Chicago Heights area, Danville, Decatur, Joliet, Kankakee, Maywood-Bellwood areas, Peoria, Rock Island, Rockford, Springfield, Urbana-Champaign area and Waukegan-North Chicago area.

The OFVP will award grants through the program to eligible nonprofits that focus on violence intervention programs, mental and behavioral health programs designed to help victims of trauma, and for youth mentoring programs.

Information about the grant program can be found at <http://www.dhs.illinois.gov/rpsa>, and resources for interested organizations can be found at <http://www.DHS.illinois.gov/Grants>.

ETHANOL PRODUCTION: The state announced this week that it and surrounding states have been granted a federal emergency waiver by the U.S. EPA that allows for high volatility gasoline to be sold through Sept. 15.

The governor's office said it will reduce fuel disruptions following an Aug. 24 fire which broke out at a BP facility in Whiting, Ind., which produces 430,000 barrels of oil per day.

Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin also requested and were granted the waiver which, the Pritzker administration noted, would boost the use of ethanol produced by Illinois corn farmers.

"After learning of the electrical fire at the BP facility in Whiting, our administration has taken proactive steps to increase gas supply and reduce barriers so all Illinoisans have access to the fuel they need," Pritzker said in a news release. "This coordinated effort with our neighboring states will reduce the chance of disruptions and keep the people and businesses of Illinois moving."

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