



Ford Tri-Motor Aircraft Comes to Rockford

By Charles Herbst

Rockford's Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 22 is hosting a fly-in of a 1928 Ford Tri-Motor Airplane from Thursday, June 9 through Sunday, June 12. It's a chance to see this vintage aircraft and go up for a ride.

From Thursday, June 9 through Sunday, June 12, rides will be available on the Ford Tri-Motor at the Rockford Airport. The fare is \$85 for adults, and \$55 for those under 18. Advance tickets can be purchased at FLYTHEFORD.ORG.

This particular airplane, N9645, a Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT-B, Serial number 8, was delivered on January 18, 1929 to its first owner, Transcontinental Air Transport, later known as Trans World Airlines, or TWA. It has a wingspan of 77.5 feet, is 50 feet long, and has a gross weight of 12,500 pounds. It has a cruising speed of 122mph and can fly 560 miles, while reaching 18,500 feet.

The plane was named the *City of Wichita* and was used in the inauguration of the first all-air, coast-to-coast passenger service on October 25, 1930. The plane is now owned by the Liberty Aviation Museum of Port Clinton, Ohio. It is currently on loan to the EAA Aviation Foundation, and it tours throughout the US, offering rides to the public.

Between then and now, this airplane has had a colorful history, flying all over the Americas, including a stint in 1998, when it was used for static line parachute jumping! (The EAA has assured us that the above fares are for a flight that includes an onboard landing.)

The Tri-Motor is a series of three-engine aircraft built by the Ford Motor Company that was

really the first significant airplane for commercial passengers. It was the largest such aircraft at the time and was used by the legendary Pan American Airways for service from Key West to Havana, and later to Central and South America. These planes made the first commercial flight over the Canadian Rockies and the first from the United States to Mexico City. Many airlines of the day, including United, American, and Northwest, flew them.

Both Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart flew the Tri-Motor. Many celebrities flew in the Ford Tri-Motor as well, including Franklin Roosevelt, who flew aboard a Ford Tri-Motor in 1932, while campaigning for President. Elm Farm Ollie, the first cow to fly, was milked during her flight on the Tri-Motor! Harvard Milk Days' cow, Harmilda, would be so jealous!

Although the heyday of the Tri-Motor was brief, and after the aircraft was superseded by later planes, the plane was still well-suited to carry heavy freight to mining operations in remote jungles and mountains. Many of the planes were converted during World War II to military service. A sight-seeing service flew the plane over the Grand Canyon well into the

1960s.

If you are a vintage aircraft enthusiast, this has been the perfect spring for you:

On Sunday May 22, at the Poplar Grove Airport, EAA Chapter 1414, for the first time, publicly flew the replica Jenny airplane that they painstakingly built. Hundreds of well-wishers were there and had a great time cheering on the flight crew. The weather was perfect for flying.

And this is not the first time a Ford Tri-Motor Aircraft has been flown into Rockford as part of a promotional visit. In May of 1929, a Ford Tri-Motor Aircraft was flown into Rockford to offer rides to an engaged public, eager to see the latest in commercial air transport. Hundreds of people drove their cars to the Rockford Airport to see the plane. Many remembered Memorial Day, May 30, 1929, as the day of their first flight.



Bill & Chris Aupperle with their Model "A" and a Ford Tri-Motor

Parental Notice Of Abortion Law Officially Ends

Repeal takes place as abortion becomes central campaign issue

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Doctors in Illinois may now perform abortions on minors without notifying the child's parents or obtaining a judicial bypass of the notification requirement.

That's because a bill passed by the General Assembly during last year's fall veto session and signed into law by Gov. JB Pritzker repealing the state's 1995 parental notification requirement officially took effect Wednesday.

That development came as the U.S. Supreme Court appears poised to overturn its landmark 1973 decision in Roe vs. Wade, which legalized abortion nationwide, and as the debate over abortion rights has become a central issue in this year's elections.

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House Bill 370 passed the General Assembly in October despite opposition from some Democrats. It creates the Youth Health and Safety Act which, among other things, declares it to be public policy in Illinois that residents and people coming into the state should have access to reproductive health care, free of unnecessary barriers or bans on particular procedures.

It also repeals the 1995 Parental Notice of Abortion law, which did not go into effect until 2013 due to prolonged litigation.

Supporters of repealing the law argued that it imposed an undue burden on young pregnant women, especially those who became pregnant through rape or incest, while opponents argued that the notification requirement protected a parent's right to guide their child's health care.

Those same arguments were reiterated Wednesday as groups on both sides of the issue reacted to the new law taking effect.

"It is a grave injustice that the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Pritzker repealed this law," the Catholic Conference of Illinois said in a statement Wednesday. "The Parental Notice of Abortion Act was a broadly-supported, reasonable safeguard that allowed Illinois' parents to properly exercise love and care for their children."

But the ACLU of Illinois, which lobbied in favor of the repeal, said the new law gives young people more autonomy over their own health care.

"Prior to today, pregnant young people could make any medical decision without barriers except abortion. Now thankfully they have the same right to make a confidential decision about their health care as everyone else," Emily Werth, staff attorney at the ACLU of Illinois, said in a statement. "Today abortion is treated just like all other forms of health care in this state."

Meanwhile, Pritzker was on the campaign trail in East St. Louis Wednesday where he hosted an event with local lawmakers and Planned Parenthood of Illinois to tout his support for abortion rights and to criticize his Republican challengers for their opposition to abortion.

"Every Republican running for governor of Illinois this year wants to make Illinois an anti-choice state. Every single one of them," he said.

Asked about those remarks at a separate news conference, Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin, who is leading the GOP pack in recent polls, avoided discussing his own views about abortion but instead accused Pritzker of using abortion to sidestep other issues.

"He doesn't want to talk about the fact that crime is spinning out of control in the state of Illinois. Taxes and wasteful spending is spinning out of control," he said. "He doesn't want to talk about the corruption that has prevented us from going

forward and progressing as a state. He wants to talk about things that are already determined to be codified law in the state of Illinois."

When pressed by a reporter to say whether he would reinstate the parental notification law if he is elected governor, Irvin said, "absolutely." Reinstating that law would require action from the General Assembly.

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New Law Provides \$700 Million for Nursing Home Staffing

Pritzker signs bill that links rate increases to quality improvement

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker signed legislation Tuesday that will pump an additional \$700 million annually into Medicaid-funded nursing homes, provided they use that money to increase staff and wages in their facilities.

"This is truly a game changer," Pritzker said at a bill signing ceremony at a Chicago-area nursing home. "... Together we've delivered a victory for the communities of residents that you serve."

The payment reform bill, spelled out in a Senate amendment to House Bill 246, is among the first of its kind in the nation, according to Department of Healthcare and Family Services officials. It passed unanimously out of both chambers of the General Assembly, but only after nearly two years of negotiations between the administration and the nursing home industry — negotiations that at times appeared to reach an impasse.

"I'm just I so proud for this administration and this team that we've been able to accomplish this.

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Letter to the Editor:

A Reminder to Contact your Representatives

The issue released on May 12 contained a press release from the Boone County Clerk's Office informing citizens about elections. I sincerely hope every reader of the *Boone County Journal* will let their voices be heard in this year's elections and dutifully inform themselves about each individual candidate on the ballot. Democracy works best when it features massive participation from citizens of all walks of life. I also hope each reader encourages their friends and family to participate in the coming elections.

Furthermore, I would like to encourage your readers to go beyond simply voting for their representatives and to contact them with their opinions and concerns. Whether they are a Republican, Democrat or Independent, and whether you disagree with them agree, you can trust them to listen to your concerns. Participation in a democracy is more than voting every election cycle and should include compulsory discussions with those who represent us about the issues that we face on a day-to-day basis. Given how *Roe v. Wade* may soon be overturned and the issue of abortion returned to you, the voters, it might now be a good idea to contact your elected officials and inform them of your opinion regarding abortion.

If you are ever unhappy with what your government is doing, or if you want to influence how your government acts, you do not have to wait until the next election. Take this time to contact your representatives and elected officials at every level of government and inform them of your opinions and concerns. At the same time encourage your friends and family to do the same. Democracy works best if everyone makes their voice heard.

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The League of Women Voters Sponsors Debates

To assist voters in learning about the candidates running in the June 28, 2022 Illinois Primary, the following Meet and Greet events are being held:

Winnebago County Treasurer, Clerk, and Winnebago County Board Candidates

Monday, June 6th at 6pm, YWCA of Northwest Illinois, 4990 E. State St, Rockford, across from Rockford University. Use the road leading to RU – the YWCA is on the left (west) side of the road.

Illinois Statehouse & Senate Candidates

Tuesday, June 7th: at 6pm, Loves Park City Hall, 100 Heart Blvd., Loves Park. Christine Haeggquist will moderate.

Congressional 16 & 17th District Candidates

Thursday, June 9th at 6pm, Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1703 S. Central, Rockford. Paulette Gilbert will moderate.

Candidates will introduce themselves and will then meet one on one with the audience so voters may ask them questions.

The League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford, American Association of University Women (AAUW), NAACP, Women's March Rockford (WMR), and the YWCA Northwestern Illinois are co-sponsoring these Meet and Greet events to provide an opportunity for the public to meet candidates in upcoming Primary Election on June 28.

OP-ED

It's all about the parenting, Stupid

By Jim Nowlan

Chicago mayor Lori Lightfoot finally put her finger on the fundamental problem about youth violence in her city: "Parents should not let their 10-year-olds go downtown alone late at night, as some are doing!" Duh.

I fear the quality of parenting has declined sharply over the past half century, especially in—I'm generalizing here, of course—households that often lack good intergenerational child rearing skills; a paucity of financial resources, and inadequate positive social support networks in the community.

Parenting is a tough job in the best of situations. And almost impossible when the parents and grandparents have largely lost the skills that they should be passing along, and when most absent fathers have never given a thought to being in the home with their children.

I am still haunted by an after-class discussion at the Downstate Illinois prison where I have frequently been a guest instructor in a course on how to behave on the outside upon release—after 15-20 years out of circulation. One of the inmates said, wistfully, "I just wish somebody had given me some love as a child." I noticed heads nod.

A mother naturally wants to love her child, yet it's hard to show that love when your life is chaotic, lacking in the structure and stability that should underpin the household. In a city like Chicago, where the gang culture is strong, joining is often a way to belonging, to something.

The Chicago Crime Commission publication "The Gang Book 2012" reported that Chicago has more gang members than any other city in the world, with a reported gang population of 150,000. For context, there are this year 345,000 Chicago public school pupils, K-12.

Life is about navigation. As with all animals, parents provide the most important navigational training. They spend much more time with youngsters than anyone else, more than teachers, much more than any one teacher.

Two parent households, not always possible, I grant you, are generally much better than one: more time with children, more financial resources, more time for creating order and discipline, more time for loving the child.

When I was a college professor, I had a student assistant who had two children. After the children came along, my assistant came out lesbian. A white, she partnered with a black woman student. They reared her children. The women both became college professors themselves. The children have done just fine. Two loving adults in the home are generally much better than one, regardless of their backgrounds.

Lest this essay be seen as a racist rant, which it isn't, I note quickly that the parenting deficiencies are also found in my white rural Downstate setting, again, especially among inadequately educated, single parents. There are, as we know, more whites than blacks or browns on welfare and in single households, though the rates are lower for whites.

How and why did the American family culture ("learned behaviors" is my quickie definition) decline so much since I was a child in the 1940-50s, especially among the less well off? Factors might include a dramatic increase in divorce rates; decline in church participation; misguided welfare programs that denied financial assistance to a household where the father was present; abandonment of struggling neighborhoods by the middle class. Other factors as well, I'm sure.

And this is not to glorify parenting in my childhood days. The two-parent family then (most were such) had more community and church supports, yet there were many awful marriages

and wretched home situations

Today, I fear that many depleted, basically abandoned urban neighborhoods have lost the capacity to cope with their many dysfunctional households.

So, what to do? Conservatives often see the problem as one where the single parent simply needs to buck up, get her act together, act like the better off do, with all their supports. And to many conservatives, guns are not the problem, when of course they are, certainly in gang-infested cities like Chicago.

I think liberals see the problem, not as that of the parent, but of the society. So, we must provide all sorts of impersonal supports—child care, WIC, food stamps, food pantries, rental and utility assistance, and much more. None of which improve the quality of the parenting.

The following partial remedies may be way off the mark. Please offer better ones.

But, how about required parent coaching for persons receiving welfare assistance. And birth control support for single mothers (teen birth rates have come way down in recent decades, by the way, which is a positive); and sanctions against parents for the misdeeds of their children, e.g., the 10-year-olds allowed to roam late at night in downtown Chicago on their own.

More effective parenting won't solve the present violence problem in Chicago, largely generated by gangs of wild youth. But it may stabilize communities in the years to come. In the meantime, we simply must have more police/social worker presence in the neighborhoods. And more love from all of us for the single parents and their children, whom we have largely abandoned to their own devices.

Nowlan is a retired professor of political science and former Illinois state legislator, agency director and aide to three unindicted Illinois governors. He lives in Princeton, Illinois.

Pro-Choice, Pro-Life, Pro-Reduction on Abortion

By Jim Nowlan

The likely overthrow of *Roe v. Wade* in June by the U.S. Supreme Court puts abortion back in the crosshairs of American public focus. The polar opposite Pro-Life and Pro-Choice camps appear more interested in ideology than in the practical matter of reducing decisions to have an abortion.

Enter Perry Klopfenstein of Gridley, in central Illinois. Klopfenstein waves the banner for "Pro-Reduction," and calls for both sides to work together on the matter.

My friend Perry is a conservative small businessman, staunchly pro-life. Perry is an Apostolic Christian, an adult-baptism sect noted in my rural locale for its close-knit families and mutual support among its members.

As with many people, I am opposed to abortion, yet come down on the pro-choice side of the divide. Perry thinks people like the two of us should come together to work on workable policies that would reduce abortions.

I still have in my files an op-ed by Perry that appeared in the April 5, 1998 edition of the Peoria Journal-Star. In his piece, Perry declared that rhetorical warfare has not produced positive results. "It's time to break the stalemate, regardless of court decisions," Perry says.

He lays out seven "incentives for life," which include adoption, informed and parental consent, and medical and living assistance for those who would carry to term, this last a rather liberal position.

Perry encourages the pro-choice side to come up with its suggestions as well. I think, for

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example, of better sex education and of making adoption easier. I hear from couples wanting to adopt that the process is often more difficult than it needs to be.

Then there is an idea I have offered before, which many find too harsh, to wit: In return for state safety net services that might be needed for a single mother and her first child, the woman would subsequently agree to wear a long-term birth control patch. I offer this for the sake of the woman, as an under-educated, single parent who has more than one child is basically consigning herself to a life of dependency on the government dole.

The ideas above may have merit, or not. Perry's point is that both sides could come together in support of ideas and efforts to reduce abortion, an objective most of us favor.

The Guttmacher Institute, a pro-choice research group, reports that in 2017 there were 14 abortions per 1,000 women age 15-44, which also worked out to a rate of about 14 per 100 pregnancies.

This is a startling number to me, yet it is way down from earlier years. In 1980, an apparent high point for abortions, there were 29.3 abortions per 1,000 women age 15-44, obviously twice the 2017 rate.

Joe Carter of the Gospel Coalition, a pro-life group, identifies the following as factors in the lower rates of unintended pregnancies: increased contraception use; fewer teens having sex; increased opposition to abortion among the young, and greater willingness to have a child from an unintended pregnancy.

So, let's build on these factors and trends.

I propose we respond to Perry Klopfenstein's clarion call for a Pro-Reduction movement on abortion, which would engage caring people from across the ideological spectrum.

Study: State's Broadband Investment Will Help Address 'Digital Divide,' 'Pay For Itself'

Those with internet have better earning potential, ILEPI, UI study suggests

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

A \$400 million investment in broadband internet infrastructure approved by Illinois lawmakers in 2019 could pay for itself by added tax revenues alone within four years of completion of construction, according to a new study.

That's according to a report by the University of Illinois Project for Middle Class Renewal and the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, which estimated an additional 238,000 households, businesses and farms would have new internet accessibility as a result of the state funding combined with at least \$100 million in new federal funding and other non-state funds.

ILEPI is a nonprofit research organization with strong ties to organized labor, while the Project for Middle Class Renewal is housed in the UI School of Labor and Employment Relations and has a mission of "elevating public discourse" on worker-related issues to promote middle-class jobs and reduce poverty.

Their report found the broadband expansion has several implications, from economic impacts in the billions of dollars to social impacts such as access to telemedicine that are more difficult to quantify.

"The economic aspect of the internet was realized and harnessed fairly quickly after its invention. But the social impact of the internet, I would say it's still kind of being discovered, being researched," Andrew Wilson, a policy analyst for ILEPI and a report author, said in an interview. "And so, that's why I think it's still important to – yes, the economic reasons are important and we've shown them – but also it's like telehealth, things like access to school, things like access to jobs and all that are important from a social aspect too."

The social importance was shown at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, as those who could work from home were able to maintain jobs during stay-at-home orders, and students with internet access fared better as schools were shut down.

From a direct economic standpoint, the broadband expansion will boost worker wages by \$843 million annually, according to the study, while creating over 25,000 short- and long-term jobs.

That includes 14,400 construction-related jobs, about 38 percent of which would be subject to the prevailing wage rate, and 11,400 jobs maintained afterward.

Income, sales and property taxes would increase by \$126 million during the construction and

installation phase, according to the study, and by \$77 million every year after, not adjusting for inflation.

The study analyzed the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data which showed about 83 percent of Illinoisans have internet access, and that number was expected to grow to 87 percent because of the new funding.

"Access," per the study, was defined as a home, farm or business's ability to connect to internet infrastructure at an affordable cost.

Dr. Robert Bruno, a professor at the UI School of Labor and Employment Relations and director of the Project for Middle Class Renewal, said state and federal investment contributes to affordability.

"For people who have not had access, it certainly isn't a want for it or an unwillingness to use it," he said, noting private companies usually invest where they can make a profit. "This is where, of course, the state contributing to this essential infrastructure in the same way you would build roads and highways, it has a positive impact on affordability."

The report also outlines a "digital divide" between urban and rural areas, as 82 percent of the city of Chicago, 88 percent of its suburbs and 76 percent of the rest of the state had internet access per an analysis of 2017-2019 ACS data.

Wilson likened the current divide in internet access to an electricity divide in the 1930s that led President Franklin Roosevelt and Congress to establish the Tennessee Valley Authority to, among other things, increase rural access to electricity.

"It's the same thing now, that everything you need to do needs the internet," Wilson said. "And so you get places that had electricity, because they invested in it, they could afford it, and places that didn't. You're seeing the same thing now where places who could, when it was expensive, invested in (internet access), and then places who couldn't didn't, and now we're playing catch up."

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To drive that connectivity number to 100 percent statewide, the study found, it would require about \$3 billion in funding from state and non-state sources.

That number was based on the expenditures that have already taken place since 2020 as part of the Rebuild Illinois expansion.

That included \$162 million – \$73 million from the state which was matched by \$89 million in federal and non-state funds – expanding access to 39,000 homes, businesses or farms at a cost of about \$4,200 per location.

Frank Manzo, executive director of ILEPI and a study author, said the state's dollars might even go further than the study initially projected, as Illinois can apply for additional federal grants beyond the baseline \$100 million it will receive from the recently-passed federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The study also found that there is greater earning potential in homes that have access to the internet than those that do not.

With factors such as marital status, household size, gender identification, race and education attainment controlled, the analysis showed those with internet were 1 percent more likely to be employed than those who had no access. That equates to 6,800 new jobs that pay about \$43,600 per year, per the study.

Those with internet earned about 5 percent more than those without internet when work hours, industries and sectors were controlled, a gain of about \$2,200 per year.

The study authors said the income increase for those with internet access can partially be explained by people having the ability to search for higher-paying jobs if they have an internet connection, but internet access itself may also make a worker more valuable.

"It's a job skill," Bruno said. "It's part of the infrastructure that you as an individual need if you're going to be job ready... You're much less competitive if you don't have that access."

Bruno said some research suggests the digital divide is a major contributor to income inequality.

"The technology is there, but it's paying dividends for only certain people in the in the job market," he said.

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Attorney General Files First Civil Hate Crime Lawsuit Under Authority Expanded in 2018

Carroll County residents allegedly lynched an effigy of their neighbor, displayed slurs, swastikas

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

For the first time since lawmakers expanded the state's hate crime law in 2018, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul is launching a civil lawsuit against two Illinoisans for allegedly engaging in hate crimes.

The lawsuit says two residents of Carroll County in northwest Illinois lynched an effigy of their neighbor, who is Black, to intimidate him. Cheryl Hampton and her adult son, Chad Hampton, both white, also allegedly displayed a Confederate flag and a racial slur in a window facing their neighbor Gregory Johnson's home.

Raoul's complaint argued the effigy was used "as a threat of racial violence against Johnson, because he contacted law enforcement about the Hamptons" stemming from a dispute about damage to Johnson's lawn.

The attorney general's complaint includes two counts each against Cheryl and Chad Hampton for intimidation and disorderly conduct as part of a hate crime, seeking a \$25,000 maximum fine under state law for each count.

Each count also seeks other unspecified relief deemed necessary by the court and a prohibition on the Hamptons from contacting Johnson or participating in any damage to his property or other violations of Illinois hate crime laws.

Raoul said the lawsuit would "send a message that hate and bigotry of any kind are not welcome and will not be tolerated."

"Our complaint alleges the defendants intentionally used the shameful history of lynching and racism in America to terrorize and instill fear in their next-door neighbor simply because he is Black. No one should be subjected to this kind of hate," Raoul said in a news release.

The complaint details a history dating back to July 2020, when Johnson notified police in the city of Savanna that a fence on his property was damaged after Cheryl Hampton had threatened to tear it down.

Johnson again contacted police after witnessing Chad Hampton "purposely" spray weed killer on Johnson's lawn, damaging the grass. Chad Hampton was charged with a misdemeanor for damage to property, and in September 2020 he allegedly painted swastikas on his garage facing Johnson's house.

Court records show the criminal damage to property case is still pending.

Police returned to tell Hampton to remove the swastikas in September 2020, and by October 2020, the effigy of Johnson was hung from the Hamptons' tree.

"The life-size effigy resembled Johnson by design," the complaint stated. "The head consisted of a mask intentionally painted black and a curly wig altered to resemble Johnson's hair. The stuffed clothing used for the body resembled Johnson's clothing. A noose made of rope hung the effigy by the neck from a tree a few feet from Johnson's property. A large chain bound the effigy's hands and torso."

Savanna police returned to the Hampton home and, according to the report, Cheryl Hampton "openly admitted" she hung the effigy to target Johnson because she was "tired" of Johnson complaining about "everything she and her son did."

After a visit from police and the town's mayor, she refused to move or alter the effigy, so police took custody of it and charged Cheryl Hampton with a felony for intimidation of a witness. Court documents show that case is still pending.

On Nov. 1, Chad Hampton contacted the police department stating he would like to file a complaint for damage to property because police had cut the hanging figure down from the tree.

The Hamptons rented the property in question and no longer resided there as of the filing of the lawsuit, according to the complaint.

In a news release distributed by Raoul's office, Johnson said the lawsuit is "about never giving up on the mission of our United States Constitution."

"I looked out of my new home at a Black-faced mannequin shackled and lynched on a tree branch, the N-word scrawled upon a window, and swastikas," Johnson said in the release. "Our American flag was replaced with their Confederate flag. Have we not come any farther than this? This lawsuit is about tearing off the shackles that still restrain us to this day. ... We, as a nation, are better than this."

The ability for the AG to file suit on behalf of the people of Illinois is found in a 2018 update to the state's hate crime law.



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LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of Miguel Lopez. Letters of Office were issued May 12, 2022 on to Maria Guadalupe Gomez Lopez, Belvidere, Illinois who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles T. Sewell, 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before November 25, 2022, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

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

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

Dated: May 16, 2022

Maria Guadalupe Gomez Lopez, Independent Administrator
Charles T. Sewell, L.L.C.

Attorney at Law

215 South State Street

Belvidere, IL 61008

Phone: 815-544-3118

Email: charlestsl@aol.com

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

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

Julie A. Bliss

Boone County Clerk & Recorder

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

-v.-
19 CH 112

KATHLEEN I. DIAMOND A/K/A KATHLEEN I. LYNN, FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN) Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

Commonly known as 336 ANDREWS DRIVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-25-479-004

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$119,970.53.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

236-SALE

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

LOGS Legal Group LLP

2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301

Bannockburn IL, 60015
847-291-1717
E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com
Attorney File No. 19-091421
Case Number: 19 CH 112
TJSC#: 42-1249

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 19 CH 112
6088-923387

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

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No.: 2022FC32

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

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

UNIT 19-4 IN COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS AS DELINEATED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: PART OF LOT 18, LOT 19, AND LOT 20 AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 2 OF COUNTRYSIDE MALL SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 2002R05940, IN ENVELOPE 267-B IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS; WHICH SURVEY IS RECORDED AS COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS ADD-ON EXHIBIT "A" ON JULY 12, 2005 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2005R07847 IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP RECORDED APRIL 26, 2004 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2004R04777 AND AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMONS ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN SAID DECLARATION, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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

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

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

Pamela Coduto

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Boone County, Illinois

FRANKS, GERKIN, PONITZ & GREELEY, P.C.

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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 the Estate of KENNETH G. VAN KEUREN, JR.,
CASE NO. 2022-PR-18 Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of KENNETH G. VAN KEUREN, JR. Letters of Office were issued on the 19th day of April, 2022 to KEVIN VAN KEUREN, 1021 E. 2nd Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, who is the legal representative of the Estate. The attorney for the Estate is GEORGE P. HAMPILLOS, of Hampilos & Associates, Ltd., 308 West State Street, Suite 210, Rockford, Illinois 61101.

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before November 26, 2022, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 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 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 their attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated: May 20, 2022

By: /s/George P. Hampilos, Esq.

George P. Hampilos, Esq.

George P. Hampilos — ARDC #6210622

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff,
vs.
21 CH 18

PETER J. HOWE AKA PETER HOWE; CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in the office of inside the front entrance of the, Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for

cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO (262) IN UNIT NO. 3 OF THE CANDLEWICK LAKE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-123 IN BOOK 8 OF PLATS ON PAGE 27 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 03-27-276-013.

Commonly known as 205 CANDLEWICK DR NE, POPLAR GROVE ILLINOIS 61065.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. File Number 6722-180357

INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Devana Velazquez, minor

No. 20-JA-4

JULIAN VELAZQUEZ-MARQUEZ/ JULIAN VELAZQUEZ/ To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Father

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on March 16, 2022, a termination 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 Deyana Velazquez, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 6/30/2022; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an arraignment will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be ward of the 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 THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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: May 23, 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: McKenzie Elliott, minor

No. 20-JA-13

To whom it may concern

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on MAY 26, 2022, a termination 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 McKenzie Elliott, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 6/30/2022 and 8/18/2022; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an arraignment will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL 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: May 27, 2022

Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK

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Flora Township

Flora Township meeting will be Tuesday June 7th at 6:30 pm at Flora Township Office, 3100 Town Hall Road, Belvidere, for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town.

Kenneth Freeman, Flora Township Supervisor

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Malaki Elliott, minor

No. 20-JA-14

To whom it may concern

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on MAY 26, 2022, a termination 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 Malaki Elliott, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 6/30/2022 and 8/18/2022; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an arraignment will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL 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: May 27, 2022

Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
BOONE COUNTY
DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT): STEVEN MICHAEL MC COLLOM
Case No. 22-MR-5

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: STEVEN MICHAEL MC COLLOM to the new name of ASHLEY MICHELE MC COLLOM. The court date will be held on July 26, 2022 at 9:30a.m. at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 in Courtroom #3

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To: Pamela Pittman, James Pittman, Julie Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Curtis Newport, County Treasurer of Boone County, Tricia Smith, States Attorney of Boone County, State of Illinois, Attorney General, State of Illinois, Secretary of State Vehicle Services, Unknown Occupants of 2630 Springcreek Rd., Belvidere, IL 61008, and Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 2630 Springcreek Rd., Belvidere, IL 61008

TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX10

FILED: 5/12/2022

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold: 10/31/2019

Certificate No. 2018-90005

Sold for General Taxes of: 2018

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A

And Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No. N/A

INST. NUMBER: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at: 2630 Springcreek Rd., Belvidere, IL 61008
Mobile Home Vehicle Identification No. (or other unique description): 50-09-400-029

This notice is to advise you that the above mobile home has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/26/2022.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the mobile home from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax certificate of title which will transfer the certificate of title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/26/2022.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 11:00 A.M. on 11/22/2022.

You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY.

Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/26/2022 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois.

For further information contact the County Clerk.

ADDRESS:

1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103

Belvidere, IL 61008

TELEPHONE: (815) 544-3103

AUCTION Z, INC.

Purchaser or Assignee

Dated: 5/16/2022

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To: Brian Cook, Alexis Cook, Julie Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Curtis Newport, County Treasurer of Boone County, Tricia Smith, States Attorney of Boone County, State of Illinois, Attorney General, State of Illinois, Secretary of State Vehicle Services, Unknown Occupants of 3904 Hemlock Ct., Belvidere, IL 61008, and Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 3904 Hemlock Ct., Belvidere, IL 61008

TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX12

FILED: 5/12/2022

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold: 10/31/2019

Certificate No. 2018-90008

Sold for General Taxes of: 2018

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A

And Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No. N/A

INST. NUMBER: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at: 3904 Hemlock Ct., Belvidere, IL 61008
Mobile Home Vehicle Identification No. (or other unique description): 50-28-400-083

This notice is to advise you that the above mobile home has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/26/2022.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the mobile home from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax certificate of title which will transfer the certificate of title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/26/2022.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 11:00 A.M. on 11/22/2022.

You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY.

Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/26/2022 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois.

For further information contact the County Clerk.

ADDRESS:

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Belvidere, IL 61008

TELEPHONE: (815) 544-3103

AUCTION Z, INC.

Purchaser or Assignee

Dated: 5/16/2022

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To: Christopher M Meyer, Tiffany Holland, Salvador Villalobos, Abel Medina, Armando Carranza, Jackie Meyer, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Unknown Occupants of 1817 7th Ave., Belvidere, IL 61008, and Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 1817 7th Ave., Belvidere, IL 61008

TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX9 FILED: 5/12/2022

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold: 10/31/2019

Certificate No.: 2018-00175

Sold for General Taxes of: 2018

Sold for Special Assessment of

(Municipality):

N/A

And Special Assessment Number:

N/A

Warrant No. N/A INST.

NUMBER: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at: 1817 7th Ave., Belvidere, IL 61008

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 05-35-452-017

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/26/2022.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/26/2022.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 11:00 A.M. on 11/22/2022.

You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY.

Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/26/2022 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois.

For further information contact the County Clerk.

ADDRESS:

1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103

Belvidere, IL 61008

TELEPHONE: (815) 544-3103

Auction Z, Inc.

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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 retail business in said County and State under the name of THE PASTEL HOUSE at the following post office address: 8787 Huber Road, 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: Rachel Bock, 8787 Huber Road, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # (815) 793-4150.

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

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk

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GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON TUESDAY, June 28, 2022, at the usual polling places in the various precincts in the County of Boone and State of Illinois, a General Election will be held for the purpose of securing the expression of the preference of the party voters with respect to candidates for the office of the:

REPUBLICAN PARTY AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY

- UNITED STATES SENATOR
- GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
- ATTORNEY GENERAL
- SECRETARY OF STATE
- STATE COMPTROLLER
- STATE TREASURER
- REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
- REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - ELEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
- SENATOR IN ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE - THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT
- SENATOR IN ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE - THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT
- SENATOR IN ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE - FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT
- REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - SIXTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT
- REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - SIXTY-NINTH DISTRICT
- REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - EIGHTY-NINTH DISTRICT
- REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - NINTIETH DISTRICT
- COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
- COUNTY TREASURER
- COUNTY SHERIFF
- REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS
- COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS - DISTRICTS ONE, TWO AND THREE
- JUDICIAL RETENTION - APPELLATE COURT SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
- JUDICIAL RETENTION - CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
- PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ALSO THAT AN ADVISORY QUESTION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF LOVES PARK.
Shall the Corporate Authorities of Loves Park, Illinois be authorized to continue a levy a Municipal Retailers Occupation Tax and a Municipal Service Occupation Tax, at a rate of (1%), until June 30, 2034, to be used for expenditures on public infrastructure, including but not limited to repairs, maintenance, improvements and reconstruction of roadways, drainage systems, pedestrian and bikeway facilities and water systems? Yes No

AT THE FOLLOWING PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACE

- BELVIDERE 1 COMMUNITY BUILDING - 111 W First St, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 2 COMMUNITY BUILDING - 111 W First St, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 3 COMMUNITY BUILDING - 111 W First St, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 4 COMMUNITY BUILDING - 111 W First St, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 5 COMMUNITY BUILDING - 111 W First St, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 6 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - W Jackson & Appleton Rd, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 7 HAMBLOCK FORD LINCOLN - 1800 N. State St., Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 8 COMMUNITY BUILDING - 111 W First St, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 9 BOONE COUNTY ADMIN CAMPUS - 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 10 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 221 N Main St, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 11 EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH - 220 E Harrison St, Belv.
- BELVIDERE 12 KEEN AGE CENTER - 2141 Henry Luckow Lane, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 13 POPLAR GROVE AIRPORT/EAA Hangar-5151 Orth Rd, Poplar Grove
- BELVIDERE 14 BELVIDERE VWF POST #1361-1310 W. Lincoln Ave, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 15 KEEN AGE CENTER - 2141 Henry Luckow Lane, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 16 SWANHILLS GOLF COURSE - 2600 Gustafson Rd, Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 17 HAMBLOCK FORD LINCOLN - 1800 N. State St., Belvidere
- BELVIDERE 18 CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH - 425 Riverside Rd, Belvidere
- FLORA 1 UAW HALL LOCAL 1268 - 1100 W Chrysler Dr, Belvidere
- FLORA 2 FLORA TOWN HALL - 3100 Town Hall Rd, Belvidere
- FLORA 3 UAW HALL LOCAL 1268 - 1100 W Chrysler Dr, Belvidere
- CALEDONIA 1 TIMBERLANE VILLAGE HALL-2940 Charleston Ct. Caledonia
- CALEDONIA 2 CANDLEWICK LAKE REC CENTER - 1812 Candlewick Dr, Poplar Grove
- CALEDONIA 3 CANDLEWICK LAKE REC CENTER - 1812 Candlewick Dr, Poplar Grove
- CALEDONIA 4 TIMBERLANE VILLAGE HALL-2940 Charleston Ct. Caledonia
- CALEDONIA 5 PEACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH - 502 Orth Rd, Loves Park
- MANCHESTER MANCHESTER TOWN HALL- 20904 Grade School Rd Caledonia
- SPRING SPRING TOWN HALL - 3150 Shattuck Rd, Belvidere
- BONUS 1 BONUS TOWNSHIP BUILDING - 9015 Marengo Rd, Garden Prairie
- BONUS 2 LOGAN AVE SELF-STORAGE/DOC'S UPHOLSTERY (formerly) - 6544 Logan Ave, Belvidere
- BOONE 1 CAPRON LION'S COMMUNITY CENTER - 305 E North St, Capron
- LEROY LEROY TOWN HALL - 9743 Blaine Rd, Capron
- POPLAR GROVE 1 POPLAR GROVE FIRE STATION - Route 173, Poplar Grove
- POPLAR GROVE 2 POPLAR GROVE VILLAGE HALL - 200 Hill St, Poplar Grove
- POPLAR GROVE 3 POPLAR GROVE FIRE STATION - Route 173, Poplar Grove
- POPLAR GROVE 4 POPLAR GROVE FIRE STATION - Route 173, Poplar Grove
- POPLAR GROVE 5 POPLAR GROVE FIRE STATION - Route 173, Poplar Grove

THE COLORS OF THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOTS TO BE USED BY THE RESPECTIVE POLITICAL PARTIES AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022, IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- REPUBLICAN YELLOW
- DEMOCRAT GREEN
- NON-PARTISAN WHITE

NOTE: In order to vote for a NON-PARTISAN proposition, it is NOT necessary to choose a political party affiliation.

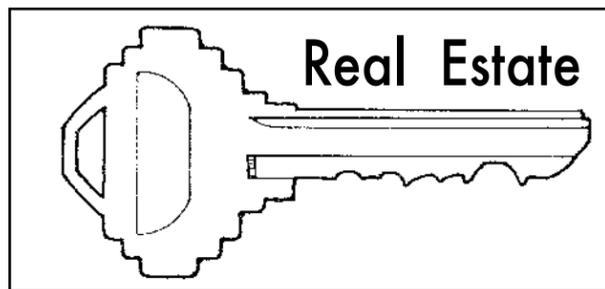
EARLY/GRACE PERIOD VOTING is currently available at the Boone County Clerk's Office at 1212 Logan Ave., Suite 103, Belvidere, IL, until Monday, June 27, 2022. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and from 9:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday, June 25, 2022

The polls of said General PRIMARY Election will be open continuously from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on June 28, 2022, at which the Unisyn Voting System, including the OVO Optical Scan and Freedom Vote Tablet (FVT) will be in use.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2022

JULIE A BLISS, COUNTY CLERK

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

-v- 19 CH 112

KATHLEEN I. DIAMOND A/K/A KATHLEEN I. LYNN, FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN) Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$119,970.53.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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847-291-1717

E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com
Attorney File No. 19-091421

Case Number: 19 CH 112
TJSC#: 42-1249

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 19 CH 112
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff,
vs.
21 CH 18

PETER J. HOWE AKA PETER HOWE; CANDLEWICK LAKE
ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON
RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. in the office of inside the front entrance of the, Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street,, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 205 CANDLEWICK DR NE, POPLAR GROVE ILLINOIS 61065.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. File Number 6722-180357

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Under the law, nursing homes can qualify for higher payment rates as they hire additional staff to reach certain target levels. The law also establishes new reimbursement rates for services provided by certified nursing assistants, or CNAs, providing them with wage increases based on their years of experience in the profession, rather than their tenure at the specific facility where they work.

The new law also requires more disclosure about the ownership of nursing homes, something that HFS officials said is needed, particularly with for-profit nursing homes. It was also a provision meant to address concerns among nursing home owners that the new payment model could force some nursing homes to close their doors.

"You cannot measure profit if you don't know who owns a facility," HFS deputy director Andy Allison said in a recent interview. "Profit, net and loss, is a function of the definition of the business that you're describing. And you can't define a business if you can't define its ownership, and in particular, common ownership across nursing homes. So the fundamental question of viability, access and serving our customers depends on knowing who owns what."

The new rules still need approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, but Eagleson said she is confident of getting that approval.

"They actually came out and talked to us and were asking us how we can help other states move in this direction," she said.

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I don't think anybody really understands how big of a lift this was, and how much of a change it is," HFS Director Theresa Eagleson said during a recent interview.

The Illinois Medicaid program pays for the care of about 70 percent of all the nursing home residents in the state, or roughly 45,000 seniors and disabled individuals.

For years, though, there have been concerns about the quality of care those people receive. HFS officials have cited studies showing Illinois has more understaffed nursing homes by far than any other state, a problem driven by high turnover rates and low wages.

That problem became especially acute during the COVID-19 pandemic when nursing homes became the source of multiple outbreaks and accounted for a disproportionate number of COVID-related deaths.

"We know that almost half of all COVID-19 related deaths occurred in our nursing homes at the beginning of the pandemic," said Rep. Anna Moeller, D-Elgin, the bill's lead sponsor in the House. "And we've heard tragic stories of overcrowding and understaffing that happens in far too many nursing homes, especially in homes located in Black and Latino communities. We learned how COVID-19 only exacerbated an already chronically bad situation."

Sen. Ann Gillespie, D-Arlington Heights, who carried the bill in the Senate, said that even before the pandemic, many for-profit nursing facilities were reporting profits even as they operated with staffing levels below clinical requirements.

"The data showed long-term care facilities in predominantly Black and Latino communities had among the lowest staffing levels," she said. "And while the situation worsened during the pandemic, the data was clear that this has been happening well before the pandemic ever started."

The estimated \$700 million in new annual funding is split evenly between state and federal funds. Most of the state's portion comes through an increase in the state's nursing home bed tax, which is used to draw down additional federal dollars.

11th Contempt Citation Filed Against DCFS Director

Suicidal 11-year-old girl was in emergency room for four days

By Beth Hundsdorfer Capitol News Illinois

On Thursday afternoon, a Cook County judge found Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Director Marc Smith in contempt of court for the 11th time for violating court orders to move children to proper placements.

The 11-year-old girl at the center of the case has been in the care of DCFS since she was five. In those six years, according to the Cook County Public Guardian who represents the girl in court, she has been placed in an abusive foster home, emergency foster homes, psychiatric hospitals, residential placements, shelters and emergency rooms.

On April 12, the girl was at school and said she wanted to kill herself, according to a news release from the Cook County Public Guardian's office. When she got home, she made a noose and tried to slip it around her neck. She was taken to a hospital.

After she had been in a hospital emergency room for two days, a judge ordered DCFS to take her out of the hospital and put her in a psychiatric hospital or a secure residential facility.

Despite that court order, the girl stayed in the emergency room for two more days before she was moved to a temporary shelter where she remained on Friday.

During her four days in the emergency room, the girl repeatedly made suicidal statements, tried to run away and became physically aggressive, the release stated. Medical staff administered five

medications to calm her.

This child joins 10 others whose cases are the basis for contempt citations.

The judge in each case ordered DCFS to move the children to appropriate settings where they could receive treatment and services, but they remained in inappropriate settings despite those court orders and the agency's own recommendations.

Four of those contempt citations have been purged, meaning those children have been moved into the recommended placements.

"This youth is no longer in a psychiatric hospital and DCFS has, in fact, placed this youth in a clinically appropriate setting where she is receiving supportive services and is attending school every day," DCFS spokesperson William McCaffrey said in a statement. "DCFS is in constant contact with its network of providers and foster parents in an ongoing effort to place children in clinically appropriate settings."

Last week, a child that Capitol News Illinois identified as "Leah" to protect her identity was a subject of a case that led to the 10th contempt citation against Smith. Leah remains in a locked psychiatric hospital.

While the 40 or so children on the "beyond medical necessity" docket make up a small number of the 20,000 children in DCFS care, the contempt citations have brought much attention to the plight of these children.

The details of these cases demonstrate that children who have a diagnosis of psychiatric and medical conditions, developmental delays or some combination thereof complicate the placement. Smith has said that the elimination of specialized care during the previous administration has left the agency scrambling to rebuild services.

During COVID-19, the need for psychiatric services for children grew. The state lagged in providing supportive services for children ready to be discharged from a hospital to residential care or family-like settings. Children lingered in these restrictive settings rather than step down to less restrictive settings with the help of supports and services.

Nearly a third of these children did not enter the psychiatric facilities while under state care. They may have been admitted into care by parents who brought them to a hospital then did not have necessary services to bring them home after discharge.

"Because it is doing everything possible to place these children, DCFS has taken and continues to take the legal position that these contempt orders are not appropriate and has appealed to a higher court to overturn these orders as expediently as possible," McCaffrey said.

In the 11 contempt cases, Murphy fined Smith \$1,000 per day for every day the children remain in the improper placements. In all the cases that have not been purged, the fine has been stayed by an appellate court.

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