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The Rodeo Comes to Belvidere



Charles Herbst

*It's bulls and blood, it's dust and mud
It's the roar of a Sunday crowd
It's the white in his knuckles, the gold in the buckle
He'll win the next go 'round
It's boots and chaps, it's cowboy hats
It's spurs and latigo
It's the ropes and the reins, and the joy and the pain
And they call the thing rodeo*

Garth Brooks, *Rodeo*

Lyrics by Larry Bastian

The American Cowboy is an icon of American culture and has always been a subject of endless fascination. Countless young boys have spent hours playing and dreaming of becoming cowboys. Television shows and movies from *Gunsmoke* to Spielberg's *Cowboys and Aliens* have celebrated the cowboy era. Actors such as John Wayne made careers out of the cowboy culture. Many colleges offer athletic programs (with scholarships) in rodeo and some offer degrees based on the cowboy lifestyle.

On Saturday, August 15th, the D and D Pro Rodeo Company entertained Boone County Fairgoers with a rodeo. It was a soggy day in Belvidere, but the rodeo did its utmost to put on a good show in spite of the rain.

Would-be cowboys (and cowgirls) pursue the rodeo circuit, often traveling nationwide to compete in rodeos. Rodeo entrants pay substantial fees and travel costs to compete. It gives them a chance to indulge their fantasy.

Rodeos trace their origin to the cattle herding practices of Spain and Mexico. The rodeo was an opportunity for cowboys to practice and hone their cattle management skills. It has evolved into a professional sport featuring well-trained animals and athletes.

Rodeos are accredited by professional associations. D and D is accredited by the International Professional Rodeo Association. The other major group is the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. In addition to prize money, the contestant can earn points for a successful ride. Earning points qualifies the cowboy to compete in championship rodeos. Ultimately, a good ride in Saturday's rodeo leads to the International Finals Rodeo in January at Guthrie, Oklahoma. Points

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Rideshare unionization, drug-pricing oversight, plastic pellet and light pollution bills become law

Immigrant detention center limitation also among 75 bills signed by the governor

Peter Hancock, Brenden Moore & Jerry Nowicki
Capitol News Illinois

Rideshare drivers can unionize in Illinois, a new law seeks to regulate and classify plastic pellets as a pollutant, and the state will exercise greater oversight of a federal prescription drug discount program.

Those are a few of the 75 new laws signed by Gov. JB Pritzker on Friday as he works through the legislation sent to him by the General Assembly in the legislative session that concluded in May.

He's signed over 350 of the nearly 400 bills that lawmakers sent his way, leaving him with about 20 more to consider in short order.

340B Drug-Pricing Program

Two related bills will bring more state oversight of a federal prescription drug program known as the 340B Drug Pricing Program.

Congress established that program in 1992 to give steep discounts on prescription drugs to community health centers, safety-net hospitals and other providers that serve large numbers of uninsured or Medicaid patients.

But as Medicaid eligibility expanded since then, so did the 340B program, which is now the second-largest federal drug program behind Medicare Part D. That has led to healthcare providers and drug manufacturers accusing each other of abusing the program.

House Bill 2371, known as the "Patient Access to Pharmacy Protection Act," prohibits drug manufacturers from imposing restrictions on the acquisition of discounted drugs by a 340B provider or its contract pharmacy. passed unanimously

Meanwhile, House Bill 4327, backed by the pharmaceutical industry, calls on the Illinois Department of Insurance to conduct a study of the impact the 340B program has had on healthcare in Illinois, including its impact on the state's Medicaid program and state employee group insurance program. The study will also examine how much money hospitals and clinics make by marking up the price of drugs they obtain at a discount. Locally, Cabello voted no.

"These bipartisan laws strengthen transparency and accountability while protecting a program that helps our most vulnerable communities," Rep. Camille Lilly, D-Chicago, a lead sponsor of the bills, said in a statement.

Rideshare unionization

Illinois is now the third state to allow rideshare

drivers to bargain collectively. House Bill 5090, which took effect upon Pritzker's signature, regulates how rideshare drivers can form a union, elect union representatives and engage in union activities.

Drivers interested in forming a union will first have to obtain signatures from at least 10% of active drivers to establish interest and then 30% to become a certified union. Rideshare companies like Uber and Lyft will be charged 4-cents-per-ride to cover implementation costs and a grant program to support workers.

The law impacts more than 100,000 rideshare drivers. Advocates, including Service Employees

International Union Local 1 and the IAM machinists union, have pushed for the right to unionize rideshare drivers since at least 2019.

"This law doesn't just give drivers a seat at the table — it shifts power to the workers who make this industry possible," Genie Kastrup, an App Drivers Union leader, said in a news release. "It sends a clear message that no corporation is too big, no business model is beyond accountability, and no industry is beyond the reach of a union when working people stand together."

Illinois joins California and Massachusetts in allowing rideshare drivers to unionize. Massachusetts rideshare drivers secured the first statewide union certification in May. Locally, Stadelman, Syverson, Vella, and West voted yes. Cabello, Chesney, Keicher, McCombie, and Sosnowski voted no.

Immigration detention centers

House Bill 5024 aims to prevent the federal government from operating new immigration detention centers within 1,500 feet of any home, school, daycare center, park, forest preserve, cemetery or place of worship.

The law is a response to the chaos that ensued in 2025 outside of an Immigration and Customs Enforcement processing center in suburban Broadview. The facility, located near homes and a church, became a focal point for clashes between masked federal agents and protestors during the height of Operation Midway Blitz.

The new restrictions would only apply to future facilities, not the existing Broadview facility or others already owned or leased by the federal government. And even then, it is likely to face legal hurdles as the federal government is generally exempt from state and local zoning restrictions. The law takes effect immediately. Locally, Stadelman, Vella, and West voted yes. Keicher voted "present." Cabello, Chesney, McCombie, Sosnowski, and Syverson voted no.

Plastic pellet pollution

House Bill 4418 instructs the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan that would make Illinois the first Great Lakes state to classify plastic pellets as pollutants.

Plastic pellets are a byproduct of plastic production that frequently end up in Illinois waterways through spills and become a major source of microplastics.

The measure doesn't specifically spell out what the plan would entail but gives the IEPA one year from its Jan. 1, 2027, effective date to implement the requirements to be included in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits.

"Clean water is one of Illinois' most valuable resources, and protecting it means addressing pollution before it reaches our rivers and lakes," said bill sponsor Rep. Joyce Mason, D-Gurnee.

Republicans generally criticized the broad authority the measure gives the IEPA as the bill passed the Senate 44-13 and the House 69-33. Locally, Stadelman, Vella, and West voted yes. Sosnowski was excused. Cabello, Chesney, Keicher, McCombie, and Syverson voted no

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Driver's license requirement axed

Under House Bill 4758, employers will no longer be able to require that a job applicant have a driver's license unless driving is one of the essential functions of the job.

And if a job requires a driver's license, the employer or employment agency must include a brief description in the job post explaining why.

"Too many people are being shut out of good jobs because of requirements that have nothing to do with the work, and this measure will help change that," said Sen. Christopher Belt, D-Swansea, the bill's sponsor.

The law takes effect Jan. 1, 2027.

Locally, Stadelman, Vella, and West voted yes. Cabello, Chesney, Keicher, McCombie, Sosnowski, and Syverson voted no.

Higher Education Bill of Rights

Students at public universities and colleges are now protected by an academic bill of rights that assures them, among other things, that their schools will not infringe on their constitutional rights to freedom of speech, assembly and the press.

The new law also calls on schools to provide an environment where students are protected from unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or retaliation, and that they can request reasonable accommodations for disabilities so they can participate equally in academic and campus activities.

House Bill 4304, titled the "Higher Education

Student Support and Academic Freedom Act," was written in response to Trump administration actions that some have characterized as attacks on higher education.

"Earning your degree continues to be a ticket to a better future, but that future is at stake when curricula, the right to organize and more are being eroded by an administration who sees knowledge as a threat, not something to strive for," Rep. Aaron Ortiz, D-Chicago, a lead sponsor of the bill, said in a statement.

The law calls on public colleges and universities to publish "clear, accurate, and timely information regarding courses, degree pathways, credit evaluation and transferability, and graduation criteria." And it calls on them to provide "fair

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evaluation” of students’ academic performance “based on demonstrated learning and achievement and pursuant to published standards, with due regard for the professional judgment of faculty.”

The bill passed both chambers along largely partisan lines: 72-37 in the House; 37-19 in the Senate.

Locally, Stadelman, Vella, and West voted yes. Cabello, Chesney, Keicher, McCombie, Sosnowski, and Syverson voted no.

Foreign language requirement

Students who enter high school in 2028 will not necessarily have to complete two years of foreign language as a condition of graduating.

That requirement was scheduled to go into effect under legislation passed in 2021. But a shortage of foreign language teachers in Illinois prompted lawmakers this year to amend that requirement by giving students another option.

Under Senate Bill 3070, students will have the option of completing two years of foreign language or two years of an approved career and technical education course.

Supporters of the bill said they still believe

in the importance of learning a foreign language but conceded that making it a requirement for graduation was not practical

“What we’re finding is that teacher shortage is still a big challenge in our state and we do not have enough foreign language teachers, and we want to put more effort in workforce development while we’re building that pool,” Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford, D-Westchester, said during Senate floor debate on the bill.

SB 3070 passed the Senate 58-0 and the House 117-0 with four members voting “present.”

Light pollution bills signed

Senate Bill 3037 amends the state’s Energy Efficiency and Control Act that allows municipalities to adopt “stretch energy codes” that are more stringent than the Illinois Energy Conservation Code.

The bill states that by December 2029, the Illinois Capital Development Board will create a stretch energy code regulating outdoor lighting for public and private entities in the municipalities where it is adopted. The code would create several listed lighting requirements to reduce light pollution.

House Bill 5474 aims to reduce light pollution by requiring any outdoor lighting purchased with state funds to adhere to certain brightness limitations.

The outdoor Lighting Control Act first became law in 2025, applying to any state-purchased lighting or lighting on property owned or managed by the Department of Natural Resources. Under the amendment, lighting purchased before 2032 can’t be brighter than 2,700 Kelvin. It drops to 2,200 on June 30, 2032.

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Pritzker Signs Bills State Will Review Insurance Rate Hikes

New laws give Insurance Department rate review authority for homeowners, auto policies
Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker signed legislation Tuesday that will give the Illinois Department of Insurance authority to review and approve rate changes for homeowners and automobile policies.

"It's not asking too much to say to insurance companies, if you're telling your customers that rate hikes are necessary, you should be able to prove why," Pritzker said at a bill signing ceremony in Chicago.

Prior to the bill signings, Illinois was one of only two states, with Wyoming, that did not exercise regulatory control over insurance rates.

The new laws, which take effect July 1, 2027, prohibit companies from charging "excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory" rates and prohibit them from shifting the cost of losses in other states onto Illinois consumers.

The new laws come a little more than a year after Illinois-based State Farm announced it was raising homeowners insurance rates an average 27.2% statewide. They also come two years after Illinois

motorists saw an average 18% hike in their auto rates, according to Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias.

In both cases, insurance industry officials said the rate increases were necessary due to inflation, the rising cost of repairs and, in the case of homeowners insurance, the increasing frequency of extreme weather.

In addition, State Farm recently noted that auto insurance rates have been falling in Illinois and that it lowered its premiums by an average 15% in 2025.

Insurance Department Director Ann Gillespie agreed there often are legitimate reasons for rate increases. But she said the new laws will help make sure that rate increases in the future are justified by reliable data.

"While no state legislation can fully eliminate these impacts to insurance premiums, these bills today hold insurance companies accountable for addressing their cost increases by requiring rates to reflect Illinois-specific losses and considerations," she said. The bills

House Bill 4273, the homeowners insurance bill, requires companies to give their customers 60 days' notice before raising premiums more than 10%.

It also requires them to use credible state-specific claims data to develop their rates when it is available, but companies will be able to supplement that data with national, regional or out-of-state data if needed to meet actuarial standards of credibility.

Companies will still be able to charge new rates once they are filed with the Insurance

Department. But the new law gives the department authority to review those rates and order rebates of any excess premiums collected if the rates are found to be excessive or unfairly discriminatory.

Senate Bill 714, the auto insurance bill, requires companies to give customers 30 days' notice before raising premiums more than 10%. It also gives the department authority to review rates and order rebates if the rates are found to be excessive or unfairly discriminatory.

Giannoulias pushed for that bill, criticizing companies for basing rates on factors unrelated to a person's driving record, such as their credit score or ZIP code. But while those practices are not specifically prohibited in the final legislation, the new law does ban rates that are "unfairly discriminatory."

"For far too many Illinois families, the cost of mandatory auto insurance has become absolutely unsustainable, forcing impossible choices between paying for coverage and paying for life's basic necessities," Giannoulias said at the bill signing ceremony. "That's not just a financial burden. It puts more uninsured drivers on the road and makes our roads and communities less safe."

Insurance industry organizations, however, remain opposed to the new laws.

In a joint statement issued after the bill signing, the Illinois Insurance Association, the American Property

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Rodeo

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earned at PRCA rodeos qualify a cowboy for the National Finals Rodeo in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Points earned are non-transferrable between associations.

Saturday afternoon's show was a good sampler of rodeo events with an excellent announcer, Matt Palmer. Palmer kept the crowd informed as the rodeo unfolded and explained the action in sufficient detail so the crowd could follow the action. His interaction with the rodeo clowns kept the pace of the rodeo lively and entertaining.

Rodeos begin with a "Grand Entry" which is often a parade of flags, contestants, and rodeo staff. This opening is wrapped in zealous patriotism and conservative Christianity.

Rodeo events are grouped into two categories: roughstock and timed events. The rodeo alternated between these two groups.

Roughstock events included Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, and concluded with the ever-popular Bull Riding. In Roughstock, a contestant only earns points if he stays on the animal for eight seconds. Out of 100 possible points, 50 points are based on the cowboy's performance, with the other 50 being allocated to the animal. The highest score wins the event.

While the rodeo is organizing between events, choreographed music and rodeo clowns entertain the audience. This eliminates the drag that spectators complain about at horse races. The result is a fast-paced performance. The D and D clowns did not disappoint.

Timed events Saturday included Steer Wrestling, Tie Down, Cowgirl Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, and Barrel Racing. In these timed events, the fastest time wins.

The show demonstrated that producing an entertaining rodeo is hard work, and takes a lot of effort. Professionalism and safety were paramount. Wet ground greatly increases the potential for injuries, and the complete show was performed without a serious mishap.

A second show with another set of contestants was held Saturday evening.

This was my first rodeo, and I'd like to thank Rodeo Texas for their excellent website, rodeotexas.org. That site explains rodeo for those unfamiliar with watching the sport and it greatly enhanced my experience at the D and D Pro Rodeo.

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CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff
-v.- 2025 FC 3
BRAD SHERFINSKI, GINA SHERFINSKI, SECRETARY OF HOUS-
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No.: 2026 PR 145

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF
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STATE OF ILLINOIS, Plaintiff

vs.

KELLEY WILLIAMSON COMPANY; ILLINOIS BANK &
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JANESVILLE ACQUISITION, INC., d/b/a Bobcat of Rockford;
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Defendants

Case #: 2026 ED 3

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That part of Lot 1 as designated on the Huntwood Business Park, being a subdivision of part of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 5, Township 43 North. Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian. Boone County, Illinois. as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois on April 6, 1999 in envelope number 213A as Document Number 1999R03308, with bearings and grid distances referenced to the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System, East Zone NAO 83(2011). with a combined scale factor of 0.99997273, described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot 1; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 54 seconds West, on the east line of said Lot 1, a distance of 10.56 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 30 seconds West, 47.34 feet; thence North 86 degrees 14 minutes 26 seconds West, 125.83 feet to the north line of said Lot 1 and the southerly right of way line of US 20; thence northeasterly on said north line of Lot 1 and said southerly right of way line, 102.71 feet on a curve to the right, having a radius of 4,634.47 feet, the chord of said curve bears North 88 degrees 57 minutes 27 seconds East, 102. 70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes 33 seconds East on said north line of Lot 1 and said southerly right of way line, 70.24 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.0269 acre, more or less (area based on ground distances). 2192001 HE-B That part of Lots 1 and 2 as designated on the Huntwood Business Park. being a subdivision of

part of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 5, Township 43 North. Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Boone County, Illinois, as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois on April 6, 1999 in envelope number 213A as Document Number 1999R03308, with bearings and grid distances referenced to the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System, East Zone

NAO 83(2011), with a combined scale factor of 0.99997273, described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said Lot 1; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 59 seconds West, on the west line of said Lot 1, a distance of 209.18 feet to the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes 08 seconds East. 23.59 feet; thence South 00 degrees 41 minutes 52 seconds West, 85.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 18 minutes 08 seconds West, 22.83 feet to the west line of said Lot 2; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 59 seconds East, on the west line of said Lot and Lot 1, a distance of 85.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.0453 acre, more or less (area based on ground distances). Said Parcels 21920011TE-A and 2192001 HE-B contain a total of 0.0722 acre, more or less (area based on ground distances).

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF
ILLINOIS, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS, Plaintiff

vs.

GERALD C. COLE; AUDREY COLE; and UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case #: 2026 ED 4

Condemnation

Parcel #: 20513005TE

Job #: R-92-005-13

JURY DEMAND

PUBLICATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, defendants, that this case has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County against you and other defendants, asking for Judgment as to the determination of just compensation for certain real property legally described in Exhibit A and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your appearance in this case in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk, at 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, within 30 days of the date of this publication, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, Plaintiff

By: /s/ Jeremiah Lewellen
Special Assistant Attorney General
Jeremiah Lewellen (ARDC: 6306437)
Special Assistant Attorneys General
CONKLIN & CONKLIN, LLC
125 S. Wacker Dr., Ste. 300
Chicago, IL 60606
Tel.: (312) 341-9500
JLewellen@conklinlawyers.com

EXHIBIT A

Owner Gerald C. Cole and Audrey Cole, husband and wife, as joint tenants
Route F.A.P. 517 (US Bus Rte 20)
County Boone County
Job No. R-92-005-13
Parcel No. 20513005TE
P.I.N. No. 05-19-276-011
Section L-R-1
Station 56+20.85
Station 56+32.37

EASEMENT

That part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Boone County, State of Illinois, with bearings and grid distances referenced to the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System, East Zone NAD 83 (2011 ADJ), with a combined factor of 0.9999985, described as follows: Commencing at a mag spike at the East Quarter corner of said Section 19 per Monument Record recorded June 25, 2020, as Document Number 2020R03495 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County; thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 35 seconds East, on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 191.48 feet to a perpendicular line; thence North 89 degrees 22 minutes 25 seconds West, 60.00 feet to the existing westerly right of way line of Olsen Avenue as described in the Final Judgment Order recorded July 20, 1994 as Case No. 92-ED-1 in said Recorder's Office and the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds West, 10.82 feet; thence North 00 degrees 39 minutes 14 seconds East, 45.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds East, 10.80 feet to said existing westerly right of way line; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 35 seconds West, on said right of way line, 45.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.0112 acre, more or less (area based on ground distances).

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

FIRST MID BANK & TRUST, N.A. Plaintiff,
-v.- 2025 FC 30

MICHAEL J. SCHMIDT, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 10, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 15, 2026, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT TEN (10) AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT OF WASHINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, BEING A PART OF OUTLOT "D" OF STARR'S THIRD ADDITION AND PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 3RD P.M., THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN BOOK 5 OF PLATS ON PAGE 21 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

Commonly known as 652 W. 8TH STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008
Property Index No. 05-35-408-001

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$32,058.15.

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

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For information, contact Andrew Weiss, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 141 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD SUITE 1575, CHICAGO, IL, 60604 (904) 354-5500. Please refer to file number IL-008916-25.

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Attorney ARDC No. 6284233

Case Number: 2025 FC 30

TJSC#: 46-1557

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, for and on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois, Plaintiff

Parcel # 21920014TE

Job # R-92-005-13

CPG Investors, LLC; BMO Harris Bank, N.A.;

v. Case # 2026ED

US Small Business Administration; St. Charles Bank and Trust Company; Washington State Bank; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.

JURY DEMAND

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Non-Record Claimants and Unknown Owners, defendants in the above entitled suit, that the above named plaintiff has filed its Complaint in said Court in the Law Division thereof, for condemnation pursuant to the eminent domain laws of the State of Illinois, of the lands and premises in the Complaint

situated in Kankakee County, State of Illinois, to wit:

Owner	CPG Investors, LLC
Route	FAP 525 (US 20)
County	Boone
Job No.	R-92-019-20
Parcel No.	21920014TE
P.I.N. No.	05-32-300-026
Section	(6, 15, 14) R&HBR
Station	80+19.80
Station	82+68.97

EASEMENT

That part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Boone County, Illinois, with bearings and grid distances referenced to the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System, East Zone NAD 83(2011), with a combined scale factor of

0.99997273, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Southwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 40 seconds West on the south line of said Southwest Quarter, 46.19 feet to the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5 Township 43 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Boone County; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 05 seconds West on the north line of said Northwest Quarter, 203.81 feet, thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East, 101.43 feet to the north right of way line of US 20, being the south line of a tract of land described in the Warranty Deed to 2009 Properties, LLC as recorded on July 18, 2013 as Document Number 2013R05714 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, being the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East on the west line of said 2009 Properties tract, 227.39 feet; thence North 89 degrees 00 minutes 36 seconds East, 40.56 feet, thence South 00 degrees 54 minutes 34 seconds East, 210.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes 10 seconds East, 85.88 feet to an existing building; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 41 seconds East, along said building, 10.12 feet; thence North 89 degrees 23 minutes 21 seconds East, along said building, 104.61 feet; thence North 71 degrees 29 minutes 25 seconds East, 15.27 feet to the east line of said 2009 Properties tract; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 27 seconds West on said east line, 13.19 feet to the north right of way line of US 20 and the south line of said 2009 Properties tract; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 05 seconds West on said north right of way line and said south line of said 2009 Properties tract, 250.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.2841 acres, more or less (area based on ground distances).

PIN:05-32-300-026; that summons was duly noticed out of the said Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. The said Complaint is for the ascertaining of the just compensation to be paid to the owner: CPG Investors, LLC; BMO Harris Bank, N.A.; US Small Business Administration; St. Charles Bank and

Trust Company; Washington State Bank; CAI Customs Alloys, Inc.; Rockford Local Development Corporation; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Generally, for the fee taking and temporary easement acquisitions to the above described real property sought to be acquired for the purposes of widening a public highway

Now, therefore, unless you the said above named defendants, unknown owners and non-record claimants file your appearance in the said suit, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Boone County, Law Division, Boone County Courthouse, Boone, Illinois, on or before August 31, 2026, an order or default may be entered against you at any time after that day and judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Dated: Boone, Illinois

By: Clerk of the Circuit Court

Date:

Kwame Raoul, Attorney General, Vincent D. Pinelli, Special Assistant Attorney General Attorney for Plaintiff, 70 West Madison, Suite 4300, Chicago, IL 60602; Attorney No.3122437
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT

COLUMBIA COUNTY

CIVIL DIVISION

BCG Equities, LLC

225 S. Executive Dr. Suite 200

Brookfield WI 53005

Plaintiff,

Case No.: 2026CV000186

Classification Code: 30301

The amount claimed is over \$10,000.

LELAND BISHOP

523 LOGAN AVE

BELVIDERE IL 61008

Defendant.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 (forty) days after August 6, 2026, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 400 Dewitt Street, Portage, WI 53901 and to DLF Law Group, LLC (formerly Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC), the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 (forty) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2026.

DLF Law Group, LLC

(formerly DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC)

Attorneys for the plaintiff

by Tyler J. Glaser

Tyler J. Glaser

State Bar No. 1118674

MAILING ADDRESS:

225 S. Executive Dr.

Brookfield, WI 53005

(262) 641-3715

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Notice of Public Hearing

Belvidere Community Unit School District No. 100

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School board of Belvidere Community Unit School District #100, in the County of Boone, DeKalb, and McHenry, State of Illinois, that tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois in this School District from and after 8 o'clock am., on the 18th day of August, 2026.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6 o'clock pm., on the 21st day of September 2026, at 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois in this Belvidere Community Unit School District #100.

Dated this 13th day of August 2026. School Board of Belvidere Community Unit School District #100, in the County of Boone, DeKalb, and McHenry, State of Illinois.

By: Holly Houk

Board Clerk

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

No. DBA4294 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a FARM business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of FORGOTTEN OAKS HOMESTEAD that its location is or will be 21371 POPLAR GROVE ROAD in POPLAR GROVE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-596-0553

GWENDOLYN W HIRST

21371 POPLAR GROVE ROAD

POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: July 22, 2026

Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County

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

No. DBA4295 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a Selling of fresh fruits and veggies business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SUSIE'S GARDEN PATCH that its location is or will be 10258 US HWY 20 in GARDEN PRAIRIE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-597-3011

MARY SUE BRUBACH, 7525 LAWRENCEVILLE RD, GARDEN

PRAIRIE, ILLINOIS 61038

KEVIN FORREST BRUBACH, 7525 LAWRENCEVILLE RD, GAR-

DEN PRAIRIE, ILLINOIS 61038

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: July 24, 2026

Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County

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

No. DBA4289 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of ALIEN EYES that its location is or will be 1668 PARKSIDE DRIVE in BELVIDERE in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-289-9545

COLIN J TOOHEY

1668 Parkside Drive

Belvidere, Illinois 61008

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office.

Dated: July 9, 2026

Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County

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

No. DBA4296 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a FARM STAND business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SCRAMBLE AND SPROUT that its location is or will be 152 N. CREEK ROAD in ROSCOE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-243-0192

JEANIE MICHELLE RINALDI

152 N. CREEK ROAD

ROSCOE, ILLINOIS 61073

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: August 3, 2026

Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County

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

No. DBA4297 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a BAKING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of L.A. SWEETS that its location is or will be 1721 8TH AVENUE in BELVIDERE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-721-9470

MARIA ELIZABETH ARELLANO

1721 8TH AVE

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: August 14, 2026

Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County

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

No. DBA4298 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a CUSTOM APPAREL PRINTING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of BELVIDERE SIGNATURE CREATIONS that its location is or will be 226 ANDREWS DRIVE in BELVIDERE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-721-9470

MARIA ELIZABETH ARELLANO

1721 8TH AVE

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

JOSE CAMARGO

1301 W 6TH ST

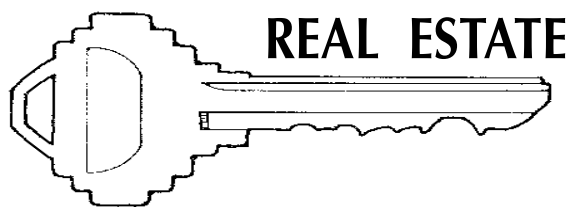
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Boone - Belvidere, ILLINOIS
The Huntington National Bank, Plaintiff
vs.
26 FC 3 CALENDAR
Armandina Romero; Foundation Finance Company LLC; U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of NRZ Recovery Trust, Defendant

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 September 3, 2026, at the hour 12:15 p.m., Outside the Circuit Clerk's Office in the Lobby of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 05-35-178-010.
Commonly known as 1203 WEST 5TH STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008.

The real estate is: 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 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Suite 1250, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 25-026440

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are

advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff

-v.-
2025 FC 3

BRAD SHERFINSKI, GINA SHERFINSKI, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., BYRON BANK - PG, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 20, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 25, 2026, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 116 GABLES DR SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065
Property Index No. 03-28-229-009

The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.

The judgment amount was \$120,936.64.

Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 100% of the bid amount shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The certified check must be made payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. 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 Johnny Dale Frevert, Jr., KELLEY KRONENBERG, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N CLARK STREET SUITE 1150, CHICAGO, IL, 60602 (312) 216-8828.

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Insurance

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Casualty Insurance Association and the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies warned the new laws will lead to higher costs and fewer choices in the insurance market because they do not address the economic realities behind premium increases.

"Instead, the laws impose a fundamental shift in Illinois' regulatory environment, moving the state toward a more rigid rate approval system similar to struggling insurance markets like California," the organizations said. "This shift will make it harder for insurers to respond in real time to market conditions and adjust rates up or down based on actual claims experience."

Pritzker, however, dismissed the industry's criticism.

"It's silly to suggest that this is going to raise rates across the board," he said. "What's raising rates are when insurance companies are simply putting out their bills that people can't afford and that don't have any relationship to what's actually happening on the ground."

Locally, Stadelman and Vella voted yes for both bills, West voted for House Bill 4273 and "present" for Senate Bill 714. Cabello, Chesney, Keicher, McCombie, Sosnowski and Syverson voted no. Jeff Keicher is a State Farm Insurance Agent and Dave Severson is employed in the insurance industry.

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