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## Historic Preservation, Huh?

#### By Sonya Dobberfuhl

Around town there are many beautiful homes with intricate detailing on the eaves or railings. Some are in need of repair, and others have been restored. In the downtown area, you will see buildings with dates on them, or a name from a time past. You may even go on vacation visiting homes of famous people from our history books. These places exist today because someone or some group thought it would be important to save and invest in these properties.

Historic Preservation is meant to protect buildings. There are many vanishing landmarks faced with replacement by highways, high rises, or because of the high cost of repair. Most history museums cannot preserve a building within their four walls, with the exception of the Boone County Museum of History, which has the log cabin belonging to Eric Duxstad inside its building. For most communities, time, money, and the decision to restore are forefront on whether to preserve or build anew.

#### The History on Saving History:

Preservation began in the United States in 1856 when a group of women found out that George Washington's house in Mount Vernon was going to be razed. George Washington's nephew was going to sell the property and turn the site into a hotel or factory. At the same time, John Hancock's house was going to be torn down and replaced by new construction. Some people were upset and wondered how can we tear down the homes of such important people in our history. While others saw the sites' value as commercial real estate and the money that could be made. Eventually this group of women preservationists formed the Mount Vernon Ladies Association and raised enough money to save George Washington's house. Unfortunately, John Hancock's house fell to the fate of the wrecking ball and became townhomes. The question becomes, why do some historic homes remain, while others are gone forever, left to our memories or photographs.

#### National Historic Preservation:

In New York City, Penn Station, which opened in 1910, was set to be demolished to make way for Madison Square Garden. Many



Mount Vernon, George Washington's Home in disrepair



people protested, but in 1963, it was torn down. The mayor and many others were so upset, they decided to enact a Landmark Preservation *Continued on Page 4* 

# EPA Emissions Proposal Includes Stricter Limits for Pickups, Heavy-Duty

#### By Timothy Eggert FarmWeek

Fewer vehicles essential to farmers and the ag industry, like pickup trucks and freight haulers, would be powered by internal combustion engines over the next 10 years under a set of proposals introduced April 12.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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#### Penn Station, New York City

(EPA) proposed stricter vehicle emission limits that would mandate up to two-thirds of new U.S. models be electric by 2032. Half of heavy-duty vehicles sold would need to be "zero emission."

EPA's rule would establish tailpipe emission standards for the 2027 through 2032 model years of light- and medium-duty vehicles, such as passenger cars, trucks and SUVs.

EPA also proposed a separate emissions rule for the 2027 through 2032 model years of heavy-duty "vocational" vehicles, like garbage trucks and school buses, as well as tractor-trailer trucks used for hauling freight.

That rule would require up to 50% of heavyduty vocational vehicles and up to 25% of longhaul tractor-trailer trucks be "zero-emission" by 2032.

Taken together, the proposed regulations represent the strictest limits ever proposed by EPA.

They also serve as a mechanism to fulfill President Joe Biden's promise to cut in half U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and are backed by tax credits contained in the Inflation Reduction Act.

EPA Administrator Michael Regan in a statement called the proposed rules the "most ambitious pollution standards ever."

And asked later at a news conference if the rules would effectively jeopardize the future of

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#### Letter to the Editor Dear Sir,

The article about the Balliett music store brought back many memories of the gathering

places around town. Specifically several old notes that I had seen last year when looking for

something else. These emphasized the fact that the store existed years earlier than the date of

- the photo and it was a popular spot in the community. At this point the start of the store is
- confirmed to be earlier than 1888, possibly the 1872 date mentioned in the Boone County

Journal.

In the Belvidere Standard Dec. 5, 1888. The music store was displaying a mastodon tooth,

about 8 pounds, which has been discovered in the area,. Another article, in the Belvidere Daily Republican April 11, 1905. The music store was displaying another mastodon tooth, about 9 pounds, with details of the discovery.

Further old information may be discovered on this and other subjects at the Ida Public Library

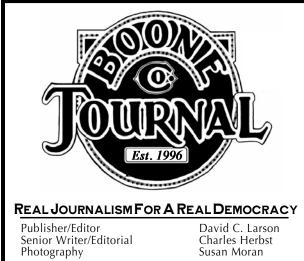
by using their computers and NEWSPAPER. COM. Research may reveal the early years of

other places and events in Belvidere. Thanks for the historical information,

**Dwight Ruston** 



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# **OP-ED**

## **Books**

**By Scott Reeder** 

I like to read things that I disagree with.

Doing so not only gives me greater empathy for those with whom I differ, but every once in a while it changes my own viewpoint.

A movement is afoot to censor what books libraries and schools can offer.

Such efforts are pernicious malignancies that metastasize from community to community, from state to state.

Dr. Sarah Bonner, who until last month taught in Heyworth school district, learned about this evil firsthand.

The English teacher in the rural McLean County, Illinois, school district became the subject of a school board meeting because of one of the books offered in her class.

The tome in question is titled "This Book Is Gay." It explores topics teenagers encounter as they navigate through adolescence: dating, sex and safe sex practices.

And, no, it wasn't required reading. It was one of more than 100 books that students in her class could choose from.

According to the reporting of my friend Edith Brady-Lunny the debate went viral after a pupil published images of certain pages on social media.

More than 80 people attended the next school board meeting. They didn't come bearing pitchforks and torches, but they certainly wanted Bonner's head. And before the meeting was over, she was forced to quit.

"Our kids deserve learning experiences that prepare them for our world and not just our town," she told the school board.

Ironically, Bonner quit the same week Illinois legislators voted to withhold funding from public schools and libraries that ban books. The bill has passed the House and is pending in the Senate.

Unfortunately, pressure to censor comes from both the left and the right.

Last year, my own daughter's class was reading "To Kill a Mockingbird" in a Springfield school when a parent complained about a racial epitaph used in the book. A school administrator ordered the class to discontinue studying the classic. Some of the youngsters never learned how the anti-racist tome ended.

Increasingly, our society is losing any sense of nuance.

In the book the lawyer Atticus Finch tells his young daughter, "Don't say n-----er, Scout. That's common." She responds that everyone at "Slaughterhouse-Five," by Kurt Vonnegut "A Separate Peace," by John Knowles "The Lord of the Flies," by William Golding

The Illinois legislation would prohibit libraries from banning books or other material because of partisan or doctrinal pressure.

House Bill 2789 is being pushed by Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, whose office oversees the Illinois State Library and administers grants for public and school libraries.

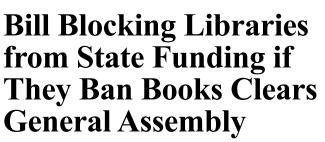
It's a measure whose time has come.

Most of the opposition to the bill came from Republican lawmakers who said it takes control away from local library and school boards.

But my prediction is that in coming years if this bill becomes law, folks on the left as well as the right will be frustrated because they won't be able to remove books they don't agree with from library shelves.

It is commendable that parents are monitoring what their children are reading. But it's deplorable that some adults believe they can use government to keep other people's children from reading something they disagree with.

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Pritzker has voiced support for measure backed by secretary of state

#### By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

A bill that would block libraries from receiving state grants if they ban books cleared the Illinois Senate Wednesday and will soon be sent to Gov. JB Pritzker, who is expected to sign it.

House Bill 2789 is an initiative of Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, whose office oversees the Illinois State Library and administers several grant programs for public and school libraries.

It would require that as a condition of qualifying for those grants, libraries adopt either a written policy prohibiting the practice of banning books or the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, which includes a statement that "(m)aterials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval."

"This right-to-read legislation will help remove the pressure that librarians have had to en-

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school says it. He retorts, "From now on it'll be everybody less one."

In the context of the book, a life lesson is being taught – that even though a particular slur is common, it shouldn't be said.

Isn't that the lesson we want our youngsters to learn, in this age where that racial vulgarity increasingly finds its way into music and popular culture?

According to the American Library Association these are some of the most banned books:

"To Kill a Mockingbird," by Harper Lee "The Catcher in the Rye," by JD Salinger "The Grapes of Wrath," by John Steinbeck "The Color Purple," by Alice Walker "1984," by George Orwell "Brave New World," by Aldous Huxley "Native Son," by Richard Wright

dure from extremist groups like the Proud Boys who have targeted some of our libraries and their staff," Giannoulias said during a news conference after the Senate vote. "This first-of-its-kind leg-

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## Libraries

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islation is important because the concept of banning books contradicts the very essence of what our country stands for."

In June 2022, the Community High School District 99 school board came under pressure to remove the book "Gender Queer" from its library shelves. According to a Chicago Sun-Times article, that pressure came from a group of conservative parents as well as members of the far-right Proud Boys. The book, written and illustrated as a graphic novel, is a memoir about a nonbinary person grappling with issues of gender identity and sexuality as a teenager and young adult.

According to the American Library Association, "Gender Queer" was the most frequently challenged book in 2022, drawing 151 requests for its removal because of its focus on LGBTQ issues and allegedly explicit sexual content. All told in 2022, the ALA said it documented 1,269 demands for books and other resources to be removed from libraries, the largest number of attempted book bans since the organization began collecting data more than 20 years ago.

Senate Republicans, however, argued that the bill would put too much power in the hands of the ALA and that putting the group's Library Bill of Rights into law would force local libraries to enact extreme policies.

For example, Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, cited a provision that said libraries that also provide exhibit spaces and meeting rooms to the public "should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use."

"I think what I heard is, regarding the Bill of Rights here, that if a library does not make its public space available for anyone who wants to use it, including, say, a drag show, because of what the local officials of that library feel is not appropriate for the library, that library can now potentially lose their state funding," she said.

Likewise, Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, said that prohibiting libraries from banning books for any reason would mean they could not reject the donation of books from the public, including books that are purely hate speech or books offering directions on how to build a bomb.

"Anybody who thinks that makes sense, vote yes," he said. "But if you have common sense, and if you want to stick up for our local communities to keep everyone safe, at the very least, this is an easy no vote."

At his news conference, Giannoulias described those arguments as "ludicrous" and said the legislation does not deal with drag shows or dictate

to librarians what materials they have to mainbraries have established policies governing what materials they put in their collections.

"We do not just get them because somebody dropped off a bunch of books. That's not how we get books," she said. "Our collection policy is, in fact, on our website so everyone can go look. It is confined by our budget. It's confined by what is necessary and good for our community."

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## After-School Programs At Risk of Closure After State Board Says it Miscalculated Federal Funding

Programs serve thousands of students in low-performing and high-poverty schools

#### By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Thousands of elementary and high school students throughout Illinois could lose access to after-school and summer programs in the upcoming fiscal year but advocates are hoping that either the General Assembly or the federal government can keep that from happening.

The programs, known as 21st Century Community Learning Centers, are a federally funded through program administered by the



Illinois State Board of Education that targets students in low-performing and high-poverty schools.

Many of the programs offer academic enrichment activities to help students meet state and local academic standards. They also offer literacy and other educational services to the families of students enrolled in the programs.

"Many of these students have child care responsibilities for younger siblings, mental health concerns, and are victims of domestic violence, just to name a few," said Kimberly David, associate director for Project Success of Vermilion County. "The relationships that our staff build with these students to help ensure that they stay the course and finish high school are very important. Several of our students have utilized our program time to apply for college and jobs with the encouragement of our staff."

David was among several people who turned out Wednesday for ISBE's monthly board meeting in Springfield urging the board to ask the General Assembly to cover a funding gap that is estimated at \$15 million by ISBE.

ISBE spokeswoman Jackie Matthews said the funding gap is the result of a miscalculation the agency made when it tried to estimate how much federal money would be available next year.

Each year, she said, ISBE awards grants to school districts and other community-based organizations that provide after-school, beforeschool and summer programming. The grants typically run for five years and at the end of that period, they can either be renewed or the recipient can apply again through a competitive selection process.

Under federal rules, recipients generally are not allowed to carry over unspent funds from one year to the next. But those rules were relaxed during the COVID-19 pandemic when schools were forced to close and no services were being provided.

Matthews said agency officials were unable to accurately estimate the impact that rule change

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# **Executive Director**

The Boone County Conservation District is searching for a new Executive Director.

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tain.

"We're not telling you what books to buy or not buy," he said. "What we're saying is, if a book is in circulation as determined by the libraries and the librarians, that book cannot be banned because a group of individuals don't like or want that book in their library. That's what the legislation is all about."

Summer Griffith, director of Springfield's public library, also spoke at the news conference and said that li-



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Committee, which eventually lead to the 1966 National Register of Historic Places. This Register was set up to Preserve, Rehabilitate, Restore, and Reconstruct historic places. They acknowledged the importance of protecting our nation's heritage from rampant development.

Did you know that, of the 51 National Historic registered places in Illinois, Belvidere has four of them? The Post Office, The Pettit Chapel, the Belvidere High School on Pearl Street, and the Lampert House. We have two National Historic Districts; North and South State Street, which shall be used to help with repair from the recent tornado. There is rumor that there are three more buildings in town that want to apply for National status. Pettit Chapel, Belvidere, Illinois

Preserving historic sites is the result of people continually working to keep these buildings in place. Take for example the Pettit Chapel, which is on the National Register, built in 1906 by Frank Lloyd Wright, here in Belvidere. It was originally designed to keep the mourners sheltered and comfortable for viewing of the deceased. It also kept bodies in the basement during the winter until the ground thawed in the spring. The Pettit Chapel was used for funerals until the 1920's when the rise of funeral parlors took over. The Pettit Chapel became obsolete. The chapel began to deteriorate. In 1977, The Belvidere Woman's Club raised \$60,000 to renovate the structure. The next renovation came in 2003, when a new roof, and other exterior repairs were needed at a cost of \$30,000. This building will need repairs again in the future and it will be decided then if there is still a group of people willing to put in the work, time, and money to keep this building in place.

#### **Local Historic Preservation:**

The start of Belvidere's historic preservation began with the "Daughters of the American Revolution" (DAR) in 1964. The Historic Preservation Commission was formally put in place in 1982. A chapter in the municipal code was set up to lay out the regulations for the Historic Preservation Commission. They were given a budget of \$500 a year. This group landmarked over 14 buildings in Belvidere during the 90's.

The very first house to be locally landmarked was the Lampert House on Lincoln Avenue. It was built in 1837, just 2 years after Belvidere was settled. It is the oldest framed house in Belvidere. The house was put on the National Register along with its garden. The garden dates back to 1890. The home was in the Lampert family from 1891 until the Simons bought it in 1988. The current owner, Gary Simon, has found many diaries and letters dating back to the Lampert family. One

# **Businesses Lobby** Governor, Statehouse Leaders in Springfield



Lampert House, Belvidere, Illinois

can imagine Native Americans passing by the house back when it was built.

There are currently 32 homes that have local landmark status. The current Belvidere Historic Commission is made up of 7 volunteers. We host various fundraising events to assist home owners with their exterior renovations. We also have an annual awards ceremony to acknowledge work or upkeep of any historically significant houses. Since 2013, the Commission has raised over \$18,000.

#### National versus Local Landmark:

When you get National Landmark Status, you can do anything (including removal) to your building until you request money from federal and state agencies. Then, the State Historic Preservation Office will get involved in everything you do with your home, both inside and out, for the next five years while the tax credits are being received. After that, you can do anything again. Advantages to getting National Landmarking are tax breaks, financial support, design assistance, status, and national visibility. Local Landmarking has more restrictions on changes you can make to the exterior of your building, especially anything involved with changing of the structure itself. However, Belvidere's guidelines are not as stringent as many found within the Chicago Suburbs. The advantages of getting local landmarking are that each year, you can apply to get money for

troduced in the General Assembly this year, the second most ever introduced in the first year of a session.

"Quite frankly, much of the legislation pres-

work on the exterior of your building, and, if you want to save your home from being torn down, it can be difficult (not impossible) to level your building if it has a local landmark status. Each of these groups share in the desire to preserve our heritage.

#### What can I do?

The first is to know that there are groups out there who want to keep the historical significance of our town alive. We want you to have pride in it as well. The next is to follow us on social media, and come have fun with us at our many fundraising events like the stained-glass tour or the scavenger hunt. If you have a house that you want to have locally landmarked or nationally registered, see Gina Delrose at City Hall. She can help answer your questions.

A community with historic buildings reminds us of our stories and how the people who lived here impacted this area. We see society as it used to be, and how these houses were constructed. These buildings can be used as an educational tool to learn about notable residents or show craftmanship in the architectural details. These buildings give one a desire to move into an area, and give a town's real estate stability and economic vitality. If we don't preserve these buildings, we will lose our character and identity. Our cities will then become homogonous, sharing the same chain businesses and subdivisions of tract housing. That thought gives me shivers.

skilled work."

As recently as March, Pritzker suggested that if state revenues continue to improve, some form of tax cuts could be on the table this year. But the

Manufacturers, retailers hold joint convention as lawmakers enter final stretch

#### By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Business leaders from throughout Illinois gathered Wednesday in Springfield to share their concerns about the state's business climate and to discuss pending legislative issues with Gov. JB Pritzker and top legislative leaders.

The annual joint convention of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and the Illinois Retail Merchants Association drew hundreds of attendees from businesses big and small to the capital city just as the General Assembly is going into its final stretch before its scheduled May 19 adjournment.

IRMA board chairman Art Potash, CEO of Potash Markets, a chain of specialty grocery stores in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood, noted that more than 6,600 bills have been in-

ents additional challenges to the business community," he said during a luncheon speech. "Thankfully, the respective teams at IRMA and IMA have done a great job of containing most of the harm, at least as we sit here today."

During his keynote address, Pritzker touted investments the state has made in workforce training and apprenticeships, as well as his proposed budget that calls for increased funding for community colleges, universities and student financial aid.

"Yes, of course, people are talking to Mississippi about low-wage workers that they can get if they put a low-wage manufacturing facility in that state," he said. "But what they talk to Illinois about is skilled labor and skilled workers, because we provide those and we have the third largest community college system in the entire nation. And we're utilizing that to make sure that we're at the top of the heap when it comes to

most recent monthly reports have suggested that revenue growth has begun to slow down and that lawmakers should be more conservative in their planning for the upcoming fiscal year.

Speaking with reporters after his speech, Pritzker was asked about a Republican priority of repealing the estate tax.

"My priority is balancing the budget and making sure that we are continuing our march to credit upgrades and making sure we've set the real foundation for fiscal stability in our state," he said.

The luncheon also featured a pair of panel discussions with lawmakers moderated by Chicago Tribune reporter Rick Pearson. During one of those discussions, House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, drew applause when he responded with an emphatic "no" when asked if he plans to try again for passage of a constitu-**Continued on Page 5** 

## Lobbying

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tional amendment to allow for a graduated state income tax.

"You know, one of the things I've learned is you learn a lot in losses. And, you know, we got our butts kicked on that issue," he said. "We have to find a different way to govern, and we've been doing that. And that different way of governing has led to eight credit upgrades and several balanced budgets and surpluses, where we have a rainy-day fund and Illinois is on the right track."

Another issue that was the focus of much attention during the convention was the state's Biometric Information Privacy Act, or BIPA, and the Illinois Supreme Court's recent decision holding that a company can be held liable for each individual time they scan a fingerprint for an employee to clock in at work.

"Too many employers, nearly 2,000, are facing lawsuits from the trial bar today because they simply use time clocks or face scans for security," IMA president and CEO Mark Denzler said earlier in the event. "Billions of dollars have already been paid out without any finding of harm. And the recent White Castle decision could cost them \$17 billion. That's a lot of hamburgers, folks."

Asked about that during the panel discussion, Welch said it was possible the issue could be addressed in the final weeks of the session, but he offered no assurances.

"That's a really complex issue," he said. "And, you know, I think if we're gonna get anything done, it's gonna take all of us getting around the table and talking. We haven't done that yet. But a month is a long time to go."

House Minority Leader Tony McCombie, R-Savanna, said she believed BIPA is an issue that lawmakers "definitely" need to resolve this year.

"One of the things that we do in Springfield a lot is, we have good intent to make positive change, but the result of the legislation goes too far," she said. "It isn't, I don't think, anybody's intention to destroy business and have litigation pay out so much that you can no longer function in the state of Illinois, so I definitely think it's open for discussion for sure."

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**Emissions** from page 1 internal-combustion engine manufacturing, Regan said they instead "create a conversation" around alternative fuel technologies and give the auto industry "options to choose from."

"We're not prescribing mandates, and we're not driving any particular technology out of business, so to speak," Regan said.

That perspective largely contrasts with liquid fuel advocates, who said the proposed rules ignore advancements made in lowering the carbon emissions of renewable fuels, like biodiesel or gasoline blended with ethanol.

"As this administration's own research shows, high-octane, low-carbon renewable fuels like ethanol can immediately deliver dramatic improvements in fuel efficiency and carbon performance when paired with the right engine technologies," Renewable Fuels Association President and CEO Geoff Cooper said in a statement.

"But today's EPA proposal unfortunately ignores the ethanol opportunity and instead declares EVs as the winner, despite mounting evidence that a headlong rush into electrification could lead to a host of unintended environmental and economic consequences," Cooper said.

EPA is also facing doubts that its proposals are over-projecting the number of sales of electric vehicles and zero-emission vehicles expected by 2032.

The agency in its proposal for light- and medium-duty vehicles said it estimates at least 60% of new passenger vehicles sold in America would be electric by 2030 and up to 67% by 2032. Sales of new electric medium-duty trucks, the agency projects, would reach 46% by 2032.

In 2022, sales of electric vehicles made up only 5.8% of total new vehicle sales in the U.S., although they did account for 7.2% of sales in the first quarter of 2023.

EPA further expects the proposed rules for light-duty vehicles to result in a 56% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions compared to model year 2026, and for medium-duty vehicles to result in a 44% reduction.

Those proposals, combined with the proposals for heavy-duty vehicles, would together avoid the release of 10 billion tons of carbon dioxide emissions through 2055 and reduce U.S. usage of oil imports by 20 billion barrels, according to the agency.



unearthed a yearslong pattern of patient abuse and cover-up culture that existed to hide horrific abuse and neglect at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in southern Illinois.

"Our domestic print winners pierced a veil of secrecy surrounding a state-run facility in Illinois," Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nicholas Kristof said during a virtual award ceremony Wednesday. "The journalists faced numerous obstacles while chasing the story. But once the secrets began to unravel, they found their award-winning entry."

State officials cited the investigative findings in their announcement of a plan to relocate about half of the facility's residents.

On Wednesday, the news outlets were announced as winners of the RFK Human Rights Award in the domestic print category. The outlets' reporters – Beth Hundsdorfer of Capitol News Illinois and Molly Parker of Lee Enterprises and ProPublica – have published 11 stories on the topic thus far and they continue to report on the topic.

The nationwide award includes submissions from the country's most prominent news outlets. Previous winners include outlets such as the New York Times, Associated Press and Washington Post.

It's an award given annually to news stories that provide insights into the "causes, conditions, and remedies of human rights violations and injustice, and critical analysis of relevant policies, programs, individual actions, and private endeavors that foster positive change."

In 2007 while at the Belleville News Democrat, Hundsdorfer and her former reporting partner, George Pawlaczyk, received the award for an investigative series into the deaths of 53 children who were under the care of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

She and Parker began investigating Choate in 2022, eventually teaming up to pool the news-rooms' resources. The investigation involved dozens of Freedom of Information Act requests, thousands of pages of documents, extensive interviews with sources, database building and other reporting efforts.

It continues as the state executes its plan of repurposing the facility and relocating about half of its residents to other settings.

Capitol News Illinois is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization that distributes coverage of state government to hundreds of newspapers and broadcast outlets daily. It launched in January 2019 and Hundsdorfer joined the reporting team in fall 2021.

"It's an honor to have our outlet's name associated with such a prestigious award, but it's sobering to think what Beth and Molly have unearthed had gone on for so long," Capitol News Illinois Bureau Chief Jerry Nowicki said. "Today, we're grateful for their hard work on this topic and their continuing efforts to shed light on what's gone on at Choate." Lee Enterprises is one of the nation's largest newspaper chains and ProPublica is a nonprofit newsroom that partners with local reporting outlets to fund investigative and longform journalism projects. Capitol News Illinois is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news service covering state government. It is distributed to hundreds of print and broadcast outlets statewide. It is funded primarily by the Illinois Press Foundation and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, along with major contributions from the Illinois Broadcasters Foundation and Southern Illinois Editorial Association.

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#### **Belvidere Community Unit School District #100** is requesting bids for Copy Paper

All bids are due by 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 26, 2023 at the Business Office, Administration Building, 1201 Fifth Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois 61008. Bids are to be F.O.B. 1034 7th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008. Bids are to be submitted on the form provided and signed by an authorized representative of the company.

Specifications may be obtained at the Administration Building, 1201 Fifth Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 or by phoning 815/544-0301

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Jorge Herrera, Secretary

Board of Education

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2021-2, PLAINTIFF VS. Case No.: 2023FC27 TIM MILLER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR KEVIN L.

MASON A/K/A KEVIN MASON A/K/A KEVIN LEE MASON MATTHEW MASON, SAMUEL MASON, UW MED FOUNDATION, INC, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KEVIN L. MASON A/K/A KEVIN MASON A/K/A KEVIN LEE MASON; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS DEFENDANTS

Property Address 108 Edson Ct

Poplar Grove, IL 61065

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to: Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kevin L. Mason a/k/a Kevin Mason a/k/a Kevin Lee Mason and Unknown Owners, and Non Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-entitled action, that a Complaint for Foreclosure and Other Relief has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, by said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of certain mortgages conveying the premises legally described as follows:

described as follows: SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS: LOT 8 AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT NO. 2 OF ROLLING MEADOWS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 3RD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND A RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOT 5 AND ENCODE ON DAY AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF POUL NIC AND EDSON ROAD AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF ROLLING MEADOWS, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDERS OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN PLAT INDEX FILE PI.N.: 03-24-426-022 COMMON ADDRESS: 108 Edson Ct, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

And which mortgages were made by Kevin L. Mason a/k/a Kevin Mason a/k/a Kevin Lee Mason, as Mortgagor(s); and given to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Mortgage; to wit: that certain "Mortgage" dated (a) 06/26/2006, and recorded as Document No.2009R08765, that Summons was duly issued out of said court against you as provided by law, and that the said Complaint is now pending for foreclosure of said mortgages and for other relief.

Now, therefore, unless you Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kevin L. Mason a/k/a Kevin Mason a/k/a Kevin Lee Mason and Unknown Owners, and Non Record Claimants, file your Appearance and Answer to the Complaint in said action in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Boone County, Chancery Division, on or before JUNE 12, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer for relief in said Complaint. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

- Kluever Law Group, LLC 225 West Washington Street Suite 1550 Chicago, IL 60606

Atty. No. 6275308

6088-932597

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

BANKUNITED N.A.Plaintiff,

2022 FC 63 TERRY MOSES, JR., JOSALUND MOSES, CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 28, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 30, 2023, 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 SEVENTY-TWO (72) IN CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 3 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-123 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, IL-LINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF **ILLINOIS** 

Commonly known as 111 SPINNACRE PL. NE, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

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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. Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq
- Lender Legal PLLC
- 2807 Edgewater Drive Orlando FL, 32804
- 407-730-4644
- E-Mail: mjdiaz@lenderlegal.com Attorney ARDC No. 6340688

Case Number: 2022 FC 63 TJSC#: 43-853 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 # 2022 FC 63

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To: Matthew Noble, Shirley Strader, Sheven Strader, Illinois Department of Revenue, c/o Illinois Attorney General, Illinois Department of Revenue, c/o Illinois Attorney General, Illinois Department of Revenue, c/o Director of Revenue, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Unknown Occupants of 20944 Poplar Grove Rd., Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 20944

- Poplar Grove Rd., Poplar Grove, IL 61065 TAX DEED NO.: 2023TX8 FILED: 3/30/2023
- TAX DEED NO.: TAKE NOTICE
- County of Boone Date Premises Sold:10/29/2020 Certificate No. 2019-00004 Sold for General Taxes of: 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality):

And Special Assessment Number: Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 20944 Poplar Grove Rd., Poplar Grove, IL 61065 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 01-24-200-008 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 9/27/2023.

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 9/27/2023.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 9:15 A.M. on 11/14/2023.

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 9/27/2023 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: April 11, 2023

6088-931981

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To: Donald Parisi, Stephanie Parisi, Deborah Mahon, Thomas Gardin, Peter A Patterson, as Trustee for Trust Deed, U.S. Department of Treasury, c/o IRS District Director, Northern District, U.S. Internal Revenue Service, c/o U.S. Attorney, Northern District, U.S. Department of Treasury, c/o Director of IRS, U.S. Internal Revenue Service, c/o U.S. Attorney General, THERESA BALK as RA for Candlewick Lake Association Inc., Lyubomir Alexandrov, C T CORPORATION SYSTEM as RA for Aqua Illinois, Inc formerly Consumers Illinois Water Company, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Unknown Occupants of 121 Galleon Run Dr. SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 121 Galleon Run Dr. SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 TAX DEED NO.: 2023TX9 FILED: 3/30/2023

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone Date Premises Sold:10/29/2020 Certificate No. 2019-00264

- Sold for General Taxes of: 2019
- Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality):
- 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: 121 Galleon Run Dr. SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 03-26-102-008 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 9/27/2023

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 9/27/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601

et, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 9:15 A.M

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 9/27/2023.

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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 9/27/2023.

- This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 9:15 A.M. on 11/14/2023.
- 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.

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For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS:

N/A

N/A

redeeming.

11/14/2023

YOU

N/A

LOSS OF PROPERTY.

1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103 Belvidere, IL 61008

Poplar Grove, IL 61065 TAX DEED NO.: 2023TX11 FILED: 4/10/2023

Certificate No. 2019-90014

Sold for General Taxes of: 2020

ADDRESS:

TELEPHÓNE:

- 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103
- Belvidere, IL 61008 TELEPHONE: (815) 544-3103

Auction Z-2, Inc., Purchaser or Assignee Dated: April 11, 2023 6088-931982

Published in The Boone County Journal Apr 27; May 4, 11, 2023

To: Sarah Molina, Marcelino Molina, Julie Bliss, County Clerk of Kankakee 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 12962 Park Way, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 12962 Park Way, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 TAX DEED NO.: 2023TX12

FILED: 4/10/2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Boone Date Premises Sold:10/29/2020 Certificate No. 2019-90015 Sold for General Taxes of: 2020 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A And Special Assessment Number: Warrant No. N/A N/A N/A Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 12962 Park Way, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 Mobile Home Vehicle Identification No. (or other unique description)

90-26-300-120

Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk.

(815) 544-3103 Auction Z-2, Inc., Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 4/12/2023 6088-932034

TAKE NOTICE County of Boone Date Premises Sold:10/29/2020

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): And Special Assessment Number:

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To: Tracy Nofsinger, Ashley Mauchley, Julie Bliss, County Clerk of

Kankakee 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 13031 Park Way, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 13031 Park Way,

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 9/6/2023. 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

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 9/6/2023

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 9:15 A.M. on

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

Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/6/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, at the Office of the County

ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT

Property Index No. 03-22-477-005

The real estate is improved with a single family residence The judgment amount was \$177,670.42.

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

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

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Con-dominium 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 FORECLO-SURE 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 Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq, Lender Le-gal PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2807 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL, 32804

11/14/2023

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Redemption can be made at any time on or before 9/27/2023 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

(815) 544-3103 TELEPHONE:

Auction Z-1, Inc., Purchaser or Assignee Dated: April 11, 2023

6088-931980

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To: Kathleen Harris, Russell Harris, Jamie Harris, Nicholas Harris, Muriel Sealy, Wylladene Smith, ABD Federal Credit Union, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Unknown Occupants of 519 E. Perry St., Belvidere, IL 61008, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 519 E. Perry St., Belvidere, IL 61008 TAX DEED NO.: 2023TX10 FILED: 3/30/2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Boone Date Premises Sold:10/29/2020 Certificate No. 2019-00662 Sold for General Taxes of: 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/AAnd Special Assessment Number: N/A INST. NUMBER: Warrant No. N/A N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 519 E. Perry St., Belvidere, IL 61008 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 05-26-285-002

This notice is to advise you that the above mobile home has been sold ia that the period of redemption expire on 9/6/2023.

Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Mobile Home Vehicle Identification No. (or other unique description) :

Property located at: 13031 Park Way, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

N/A

N/A

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 assignce 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 9/6/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601

N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 9:15 A.M. on 11/14/2023.

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 9/6/2023 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:

90-26-300-107

1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103

Belvidere, IL 61008 TELEPHONE: (815) 544-3103

ESTLE, INC., Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 4/12/2023

6088-932033

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To: Steven Turner, Daniel Johnson, Cynthia Johnson, Julie Bliss, County Clerk of Kankakee 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 13011 Oak Lawn Ln., Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 13011 Oak Lawn Ln., Poplar Grove, IL 61065

TAX DEED NO.: 2023TX13	
FILED: 4/10/2023	
TAKE NOTICE	
County of Boone	
Date Premises Sold:10/29/2020	
Certificate No. 2019-90017	
Sold for General Taxes of: 2020	
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: 13011 Oak Lawn Ln., Poplar Grove, IL 61065	

Mobile Home Vehicle Identification No. (or other unique description) : 90-26-300-207

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 9/6/2023.

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 9/6/2023

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County 601 N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 9:15 A.M. on 11/14/2023.

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 9/6/2023 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:

212 Logan Ave, Suite 103

TELEPHONE: (815) 544-3103 AUCTION Z, INC., Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 4/12/2023

6088-932036

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

BOONE COUNTY DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT): BRITTANY KATHRYN BOTTCHER

Case No. 2023-MR-18 There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: BRITTANY KATHRYN BOTTCHER to the new name of BRITTANY KATHRYN NUCKLES. The court date will be held on 05/23/2023 at 9:45a.m. at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 in Courtroom #3

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

IN RE THE:

JOSE LUIS RODOLFO ROJAS, Plaintiff, Case No. 2023CH2 and TARIQ MANSOOR,

GEORGE NEDIYAKALAYIL, and

CHICAGO TITLE LAND TR

#### PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavits for Publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, GEORGE NEDIYAKALAYIL, Defendant, in the above-entitled action, that a Petition for Quiet Title of 719 W. Madison St., Belvedere, Illinois has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, against you GEORGE NEDIYAKALAYIL by the Plaintiff, JOSE LUIS RODOLFO ROJAS, praying for an order declaring that he is the exclusive titleholder of the above described real property and for other relief.

NOW THEREFORE, you are further notified that unless you, GEORGE NEDIYAKALAYIL, the said Defendant, file your Answer to the Petition for Quiet Title in said suit, or otherwise make your Appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois, on or before May 19. 2023 at 9:45 a.m., default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a Judgement entered therein.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Belvidere, Illinois, this 12 day of April, 2023

PAMELA CADUTO Clerk of the Circuit Court 17th Judicial Circuit Boone County, Illinois Prepared by: SHARON R. JACKSACK (6225917) BOTTO GILBERT LANCASTER, PC 970 McHenry Avenue

PAMELA CADUTO Clerk of the Circuit Court 17th Judicial Circuit Boone County, Illinois Prepared by: SHARON R. JACKSACK (6225917) BOTTO GILBERT LANCASTER, PC 970 McHenry Avenue Crystal Lake, IL 60014 (815) 338-3838 sjacksack@bgllaw.net Published in The Boone County Journal Apr 27; May 4, 11, 2023

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

In the Matter of Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Sr., DECEASED. Case No. 2023-PR-19

#### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given in the death of Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Sr. of Belvidere, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on April 26, 2023, to Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Jr., 624 Douglas Avenue #1, Elgin, IL 60120, whose attorney is Charles Herbst, 345 Bienterra Trail, Suite 3, Rockford, IL 61107

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 9, 2023, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Jr., Representative Charles Herbst, Esq., Attorney

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#### **Public Hearing Notice**

The County of Boone, City of Belvidere, Village of Capron and Village of Poplar Grove will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boone County Administration Building in the County Boardroom located at 1212 Logan Ave., Belvidere, IL 61008. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the expansion of property tax abatement schedules of the current Belvidere/Boone County Enterprise Zone. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Becky Tobin

Belvidere-Boone County Enterprise Zone Administrator

Published in the Boone County Journal on May 4, 2023.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

601 NORTH MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF Larry Ohlendorf, DECEASED. 23 PR 1

23 PR 10 Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Nance Ohlendorf, 422 Pembroke Road SW, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Terrence E. Davey, Malman Law, 205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any

time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the clerk or with the repre-sentative, or both, on or before November 4, 2023, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff,

2022 FC 67

-v.- 2022 FC 67 DEREK S. SWANSON et al, Defendant NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 15, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 16, 2023, 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 THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR (334) AS DESIGNATED

UPON THE PLAT OF CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 4, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 27 AND 28, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-415 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS;

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 FORECLO-SURE LAW.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION No. DBA4145 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a LANDSCAPING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SUPER BEE LANDSCAPING that its location is or will be at 7635 Huber Road 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: 815-323-8019

Robert W. Edwards, 7635 Huber Road, Belvidere, IL 61008

I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: Phursday, April 20, 2023, Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder Published in Boone County Journal 4/27, 5/04, 5/11 - P

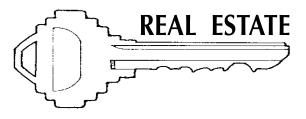
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION No. DBA4143 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a FARMING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of WONDERMORE GARDENS that its location is or will be at 12630 Russellville Road in Capron 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 nost office address or address conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 779-713-3493

Nicole Kristine Geishert, 12630 Russellville Road, Capron, IL 61012 Samuel James Geishert, 12630 Russellville Road, Capron, IL 61012

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

BANKUNITED N.A.Plaintiff, 2022 FC 63

TERRY MOSES, JR., JOSALUND MOSES, CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

#### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 28, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 30, 2023, 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

Crystal Lake, IL 60014 (815) 338-3838 sjacksack@bgllaw.net Published in The Boone County Journal Apr 27; May 4, 11, 2023

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

IN RE THE:

#### JOSE LUIS RODOLFO ROJAS, Plaintiff, and Case No. 2023CH2 TARIO MANSOOR, GEORGE NEDIYAKALAYIL, and CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, Defendants. **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

The requisite Affidavits for Publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, TARIO MANSOOR, Defendant, in the above-entitled action, that a Petition for Quiet Title of 719 W. Madison St., Belvedere, Illinois has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois, against you TARIQ MAN-SOOR by the Plaintiff, JOSE LUIS RODOLFO ROJAS, praying for an order declaring that he is the exclusive titleholder of the above described real property and for other relief.

NOW THEREFORE, you are further notified that unless you, TARIQ MANSOOR, the said Defendant, file your Answer to the Petition for Quiet Title in said suit, or otherwise make your Appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois, on or before May 19. 2023 at 9:45 a.m., default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a Judgement entered therein.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Belvidere, Illinois, this 12 day of April, 2023

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS Commonly known as 128 BENEDICT DR SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 03-28-427-003

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

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

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be

no right of redemption. 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 Con-dominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE

below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 111 SPINNACRE PL. NE, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 03-22-477-005

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$177,670.42.

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a coalition of after-school service providers, estimates that 12,000 students will lose access to programs as a result while roughly 550 afterschool staff members will lose their jobs.

Teresa Dothard-Campbell, who runs a program for middle school students in East Moline School District 37, said her program will not be directly affected this year but she has heard from colleagues at other sites who are being affected.

"And I can tell you that it was very disheartening last week to sit around a table and to hear about the impact that not being able to be funded was going to have on the students in our community," she said. "In my program alone, we serve 475 students out of a student population of 1,100 students. We offer over 22 after-school clubs or before-school clubs. And we are enriched with bringing in community partners as well to be able to provide those experiences."

Advocates urged ISBE to seek additional funding through the General Assembly to prevent the programs whose grants are expiring from closing. But Matthews said the agency currently does not intend to do that. Instead, it is asking the federal government for permission to use pandemic relief funds to cover the amount that was over-allocated for next year.

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## **Could Brazil Surpass** U.S. as World's Top **Corn Exporter?**

#### **By Daniel Grant FarmWeek**

Competition in world markets is expected to intensify as Brazil is projected to produce record corn and soybean crops for 2022-23.

Joana Colussi, postdoctoral research associate at the University of Illinois who serves on the farmdoc team there, reported crop production in her home country of Brazil could increase to record levels of 5.6 billion bushels of beans and 4.9 billion bushels of corn.

If realized, Brazilian corn output for 2022-23 would be up 12% from the previous year, with a portion of the additional bushels likely headed to the export market.

"The weather situation so far has been favorable conditions for most regions," Colussi said at the Illinois Farm Economics Summit in Peoria. "There's been moderate to severe drought in the billion for fiscal year 2023, down \$3.5 billion from its August estimate.

Grain and feed exports are projected to decrease by \$300 million to \$46.2 billion in 2023. And USDA reduced its estimate of U.S. corn exports by 150 million bushels to 1.92 billion as of Jan. 12, reflecting the slowest pace of sales since 2019-20.

Meanwhile, U.S. ag imports are projected to grow to \$199 billion this year, driven by higher imports of horticultural products, sugar, tropical products and grain and feed.

"A strong dollar, while a headwind to the export forecast, is partially responsible for the higher import demand," USDA noted.

However, there could be an opening for the U.S. to export more corn in the months ahead before Brazil harvests its second-crop corn, safrinha. That's not the case with soybeans, though, as Brazilian soybeans should start hitting the market next month.

USDA lowered its soybean export forecast for the U.S. by 55 million bushels as of Jan. 12 to 2 billion bushels.

"The U.S. should have an opportunity to sell more corn before Brazil's safrinha harvest in July," Colussi said.

Double- and triple-cropping adds about 66 million acres worth of crop production in Brazil each year.

Elsewhere, the crop outlook in Argentina isn't as rosy. With 85% of corn and 90% of soybeans planted as of Jan. 5, the majority of beans (70%) went into the ground outside of the period to maximize yields due to weather-related planting delays.

"Drought conditions made it difficult to plant early," Colussi said. "It's a third consecutive La Niña year, which usually creates a hotter and drier summer in Argentina."

And the August-through-December timeframe the past three years there has been the driest in more than 30 years.

Crop output subsequently is projected to decline by 45% for wheat and 15% for corn in Argentina for 2022-23.

USDA's latest estimates released Jan. 12 pegged the Argentine soy crop at 45.5 mmt, down 4 million from the previous estimate, while the Brazilian soy crop increased a million to 153 mmt.

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would have and, as a result, it made commitments to distribute more funds in the upcoming fiscal year than will actually be available.

ISBE only discovered the error recently and, on April 10, it notified organizations whose grants expire at the end of this fiscal year that their grants will not be renewed and there will not be a new grant competition for them to enter.

"We recognize the late timing of this communication and ISBE's error in not appropriately forecasting grant funding," the agency said in the notification letter. "We are committed to providing earlier notice going forward, so that grantees have ample time to plan and prepare for the conclusion of the grant cycle."

The advocacy group ACT Now Illinois,

south, but expectations so far are for good yields."

In 2022, Brazil exported a record amount of corn, 44 million metric tons (mmt) or 1.73 billion bushels. And those sales could swell to 50 mmt (or 1.96 billion bushels) this year.

"China signed an agreement with Brazil to import corn. Those shipments started in November," Colussi said.

If the pace of corn production and exports continues to grow in Brazil, could it surpass the U.S. as the world's top exporter? Colussi believes

it's possible.

"Brazil could surpass the U.S. in corn exports sometime between 2024 and 2026," she said. "We'll see. There are many factors at play."

USDA's November forecast pegged all U.S. ag exports at \$190

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