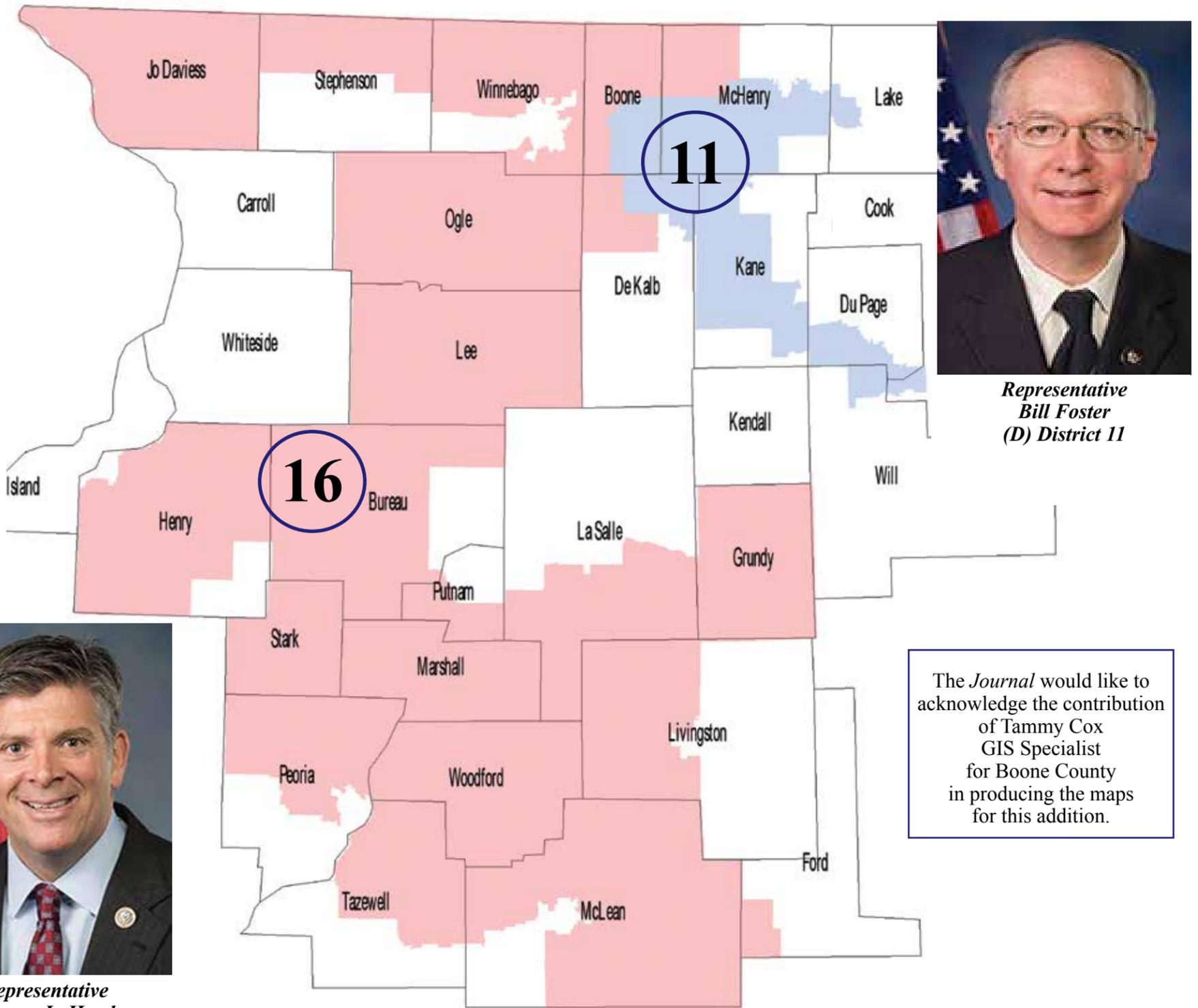


# New 10 Year Congressional Map



*Representative  
Bill Foster  
(D) District 11*



*Representative  
Darren LaHood  
(R) District 18  
Candidate for District 16*

The *Journal* would like to acknowledge the contribution of Tammy Cox GIS Specialist for Boone County in producing the maps for this addition.

## Redistricting Transforms Boone County Politics

By Charles Herbst

Every ten years, because of population shifts, the US Constitution requires adjusting boundaries of Congressional and other legislative districts to assure that every American has more-or-less equal representation in the US House of Representatives and state legislatures. This latest redistricting has brought major changes to Boone County's civic affairs and especially Belvidere.

We hope that today's paper will serve as a convenient guide to identifying your elected officials over the next decade.

Because small states are given the same number of senators (two) as the largest states, any pretention of American democracy has always been a farce. Currently, California has two senators for 39,238,000 people, whereas Wyoming has two senators for 579,000 people. In Illinois, it is two senators for 12,813,000 people. This arrangement was made to coax tiny states--

specifically Delaware--to join the Republic. Given the disproportionate deal that it was given, it's little wonder Delaware was the first state to join! This disparity also affects the makeup of the Electoral College, making it possible for a minority of those who vote to choose the President. Nearly a quarter-millennium later, this inequity persists. Aberrations like these have only been exaggerated in the Twenty-First Century.

Gerrymandering (the process of contorting election districts into illogical territories for the purpose of concentrating the voting strength of a disfavored political party into as few districts as possible) is not new. But with the help of high-tech mapping software, it has been refined to a new level. It's become the political version of *Moneyball*, in which technology is harnessed to win at any cost. Achieving political control of

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## Election Precincts Change in Response to Illinois Redistricting

By Boone County Clerk, Julie Bliss

As a result of the 2021 Redistricting of maps for Congressional, State Legislative and County Board Districts, the Boone County Board passed new precinct maps presented to them January 6, 2022, by Julie A. Bliss, Boone County Clerk and Recorder. Election precinct maps are redrawn after redistricting takes place immediately following the census every 10 years.

Most voters in Boone County have new districts they will be voting for in the General Primary and General Election of 2022. Each precinct may only represent a single Congressional, State Legislative, Township, County Board and Municipal Ward as practicable.

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## Roger A. Clark

Roger A. Clark, 83 of Poplar Grove, IL, passed away at his home, Monday, January 10, 2022. Roger was born November 3, 1938 the son of George and Margaret (Jordan) Clark. Roger married the love of his life Sharon Van Fleet on August 23, 1958 in Belvidere IL. Roger was a graduate of Lancaster High school, he worked in construction and in the maintenance department for the Belvedere Company. Roger was a former member of the Eagle's Club in Belvidere. Roger was an avid Green Bay Packers and Cubbies fan. Roger loved going fishing with his grandchildren and hunting. He will be missed by all.

Roger is loved and missed by his wife, Sharon; children, Gregory Clark, Debra Clark, James (Victoria) Clark; grandchildren, Tess (Tyler), Wyatt, Crystal (Aaron), Joseph (Lauren), Phillip, Andrew, Brandelyn (JR.) Shelby (Josh), 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Elinor Rasmussen; sister-in-law, Dixie (Howard) Chambers, Audrey Clark; brother-in-law; Paul Felton as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, grandson, Ian; siblings, William Clark, Beverly Driscoll; brother and sister in laws, Dwight (Dorothy) Van Fleet, Larry (Donna) Van Fleet, Delores Felton and Avis (Tell) Hooverson.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials to the family to establish later.

## Next Phase of Construction Along I-80 To Begin

*State to invest \$32 million into I-80 road improvements*

*By Grace Kinnicutt Capitol News Illinois*

Gov. JB Pritzker on Thursday announced the beginning of the next phase of construction along the Interstate 80 corridor that will modernize Houbolt Road in Joliet.

The state investment in the public-private partnership is \$32 million, according to the governor, who continues to highlight the ongoing benefits of one of his major first-year legislative accomplishments, the Rebuild Illinois capital infrastructure plan. The infrastructure plan passed with bipartisan support in 2019.

The state's investment will widen the road and reconfigure the I-80 interchange into a diverging, diamond design.

"This project will go a long way to alleviate congestion and improve safety," Omer Osman, Illinois Department of Transportation director, said. "The work that will be taking place here over the next several years is transformational."

Improvements are expected to minimize emissions caused by traffic, cut down a long commute, make the daily drive safer and provide more business to the surrounding communities.

"These improvements are making it safer and more efficient for truck drivers [and] tens of thousands of commuters and families who drive this interstate as they navigate their daily lives," Pritzker said.

CenterPoint Properties, an inland port where goods are transferred between freight trains, is investing up to \$170 million that will go towards building a new toll bridge on Houbolt Road over the Des Plaines River. The toll bridge will provide I-80 access to CenterPoint's intermodal facilities in Joliet and Elwood that will bring more opportunities to workers, logistic companies and industries that rely on the infrastructure of the region.

"I'm happy to see the progress being made on the construction of the Houbolt Road Bridge. We know, moving forward, the critical role this will play as development continues around the two intermodal ports in our region," Joliet Mayor Bob O'Dekirk said.

A portion of I-80 to U.S. Route 6 is expected to be completed this October with a portion of I-80 and the interchange to be completed by the summer of 2023.

Work is expected to begin on Houbolt Road with relocating utilities this winter followed by construction in the spring. Houbolt Road construction is part of Rebuild Illinois' vision to rebuild 16 miles of I-80 over the next six years. Construction along I-80 began this past summer that replaced more than 50-year-old infrastructure.

"It's going to make the highway safer

for our residents, better for transportation [and] it's going to help us advance as an economic center here in Will County," Sen. John Connor, D-Lockport, said.

The project is part of Rebuild Illinois that is expected to invest \$33.2 billion into the state's aging transportation system, create jobs and promote economic growth. It is the largest program in state history to improve all modes of transportation across the state.

The city of Joliet will oversee the \$33.5 million Houbolt Road project.

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## Clerk

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In a bipartisan effort, Clerk Bliss met with the Boone County Democratic Party Chair, Wendy LaFauce and Boone County Republican Chair, Owen Costanza to discuss and make recommendations for the new maps. Both party chairs agreed with the recommendations for the County Board. The Boone County GIS department then mapped the precincts with Clerk Bliss.

Boone County Registered Voters will receive an updated voter registration card in February. The new voter registration cards will tell the voter their new voting districts and precinct. Most polling locations will remain the same, however, some may be different. The new election precinct interactive map will be available on the Boone County website by late February. The pdf version of the new map is available to view on the Boone County Clerk & Recorder page of the Boone County website.



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## Redistricting

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the US Congress and Government has effectively superseded representing rank and file Americans.

In Illinois, the Democrats were in control of the redistricting process. They outdid themselves in creating a map full of convoluted districts that make absolutely no sense, except to favor the election of Democratic candidates. The Republicans, however, have done the same thing in many states where they control the redistricting process, including Texas. In both cases, the loser is, of course, the individual voter.

We want to make it clear that these reapportionment changes for Congress and other offices officially do not take place until the next term, after the November 2022 election. Politically, however, they are already part of the calculus.

## Changes in Boone County

**US Congressional Representative.** Currently, Boone County and a portion of Winnebago County are in the 16th Congressional District, represented by Republican Adam Kinzinger. All of McHenry County is part of the 14th Congressional District, represented by Democrat Lauren Underwood.

The local map has changed considerably, effective with this year's election.

Belvidere and Boone County points southeast of Belvidere will now be part of the 11th Congressional District, which is currently represented by Democrat Bill Foster. The rest of Boone County remains in the 16th District, currently represented by Adam Kinzinger.

Both incumbent Congressmen Adam Kinzinger and current 18th District Congressman Darrin LaHood reside in the new 16th District. The 18th District has been eliminated due to reapportionment among the states. Kinzinger has announced that he will not run for reelection. This makes Darrin LaHood the favorite to win in the 16th District.

Four Members of Congress will represent various sections of McHenry County. Lauren Underwood's 14th District has been pushed much farther south, and no longer includes McHenry County at all. Harvard will now be part of the 16th District, along with Northern Boone County.

Marengo, Woodstock, Huntley, and McHenry—like Belvidere—will be part of the 11th District. Eleventh District incumbent Bill Foster is favored to win reelection. The new 11th District contains both McHenry and Lemont, yet a straight line between the two cities crosses five other Congressional districts.

Generally, Rockford will be in the 17th Congressional District, a C-shaped district that includes the Quad Cities, Peoria and Bloomington, but little of the rural area in between. Incumbent Democrat Cheri Bustos has said she will not run for reelection, and a number of candidates have declared their intentions to run. The 17th District is expected to be competitive, but ultimately favor a Democrat.

**State Representative.** Boone County is currently split into two Illinois house districts.

The 69th District includes most of Boone County as well as parts of Winnebago County. This includes a small, gerrymandered beak into the east side of the city, so as to include the Rockford home of the incumbent, Republican Joe Sosnowski. A second protruding beak in this House district accommodates the home of Republican State Senator Dave Syverson.

A small part of Belvidere and the southeastern portion of Boone County are in the current 70th District and represented by Republican Jeff Keicher, an insurance agent who lives in Sycamore. Currently, the 70th District includes DeKalb and Sycamore and much of rural Kane and DeKalb Counties.

Like the Congressional map, there are radical changes to this map as well. Boone County, with a population of only 55,000 people, will be divided into four different Illinois house districts:

Belvidere will be added to the 68th District, a sideways-V-shaped district that also includes part of Loves Park, much of East Rockford and will stretch to include Belvidere. The 68th District is

represented by Democrat Dave Vella, a lawyer from Loves Park.

The revised 69th District that used to include Belvidere and most of Boone County will also exclude Manchester Township and parts of Caledonia Township. In Boone County, it will not extend south of Garden Prairie. The 69th District will now include Harvard, Marengo, and parts of Richmond and Huntley.

It is hard to conceive what commonality Richmond has with an East Rockford neighborhood.

Manchester Township will be part of the 90th District, which includes Machesney Park, Roscoe and Freeport. The current representative for the 90th District is Republican Tom Demmer, who lives in Dixon, outside of the new district. Demmer is a candidate for Illinois State Treasurer.

South of Belvidere, Southern Boone County will be part of the 89th District, which includes Byron and Galena and stretches west to the Mississippi River!

The new 70th District, currently represented by Jeff Keicher, will no longer come into Boone County. It will include Sycamore, but not DeKalb, and is generally being shifted southeastward. The District will include Pingree Grove and Somonauk.

**State Senator.** In Illinois, each state senate district is paired with two house districts. For example, currently in Boone County, there are two House Districts, the 69th and the 70th. Republican Dave Syverson is the Senator from the 35th Senate District, which covers the same geographic area as the 69th and 70th House Districts. Thus, Syverson currently represents all of Boone County.

Given the dramatic changes in House districts, the change in senate districts is equally dramatic.

Boone County will now be divided into three different senate districts.

Belvidere, which will be in the 68th House District, shares the 34th Senate District with the 67th House District. The 67th House District is represented by Democrat Maurice West and includes the West Side of Rockford, New Milford, Cherry Valley and part of Loves Park. Currently, the 34th Senate District is represented by Democrat Steve Stadelman. As a former Rockford television news presenter, Stadelman is already a familiar face in Boone County.

Those parts of Northern Boone County still in the 69th District, as well as the rest of the 69th and 70th House Districts, will remain part of the 35th Senate District, currently represented by Republican Dave Syverson. Syverson's district will include such disparate communities as the East Side of Rockford, Richmond, Huntley, and Somonauk.

At opposite ends of Boone County, Manchester Township (in the 90th House District) as well as Spring and Flora Townships (in the 89th House District) will both be in the 45th Senate District, which is currently represented by Republican Brian Stewart of Freeport. Beyond the territory in Boone County, this district will stretch from Genoa to East Dubuque and include Rockford's North Suburbs and Freeport.

Many of the politicians are wasting no time adjusting to the new maps and making themselves known to their new constituents. Darrin LaHood has attended receptions in the area, introducing himself to voters of the 16th Congressional District. Sen. Steve Stadelman rented a booth and spent many hours last summer at the Boone County Fair, introducing himself to Belvidere.

Stadelman, along with Representative Dave Vella, successfully sponsored the REV act in the Illinois General Assembly, which is aimed at providing incentives to Stellantis to build electric vehicles in Belvidere. Stellantis' Belvidere Assembly Plant is currently located in Rep. Joe Sosnowski and Sen. Dave Syverson's districts, but will become part of the districts now served by Vella and Stadelman.

## Local Boone County Changes.

The Boone County Board districts have been realigned to balance the population. Fortunately, these changes are very minor. No changes needed to be made to the aldermanic districts in Belvidere.

**Illinois Appellate Court Districts.** As Illinois has become more urbanized, more of the population is in the northeastern part of the state. The General Assembly has realigned the Illinois Appellate Court districts to better balance the size of the districts. Democrats believe that this might result in an extra Democratic Supreme Court Justice being elected. Boone and Winnebago Counties, formerly in the Second District, will now be part of the Fourth Appellate District, which is headquartered in Springfield. McHenry County will remain in the Second Appellate District, which meets in Elgin. This is the first realignment of the court since the 1960s.

**Rock Valley College.** In an unusual change, The Rock Valley College Board of Trustees will now be elected by districts instead of at large. This change was promoted by interests in Winnebago County who wanted to dilute the interests of Boone County in the college's executive decision making. These Winnebago County interests sought and were successful in having a special law passed by the Illinois General Assembly. This state law will only affect the Rock Valley College District.

Several politically-connected individuals in Rockford were furious that the new Rock Valley College Advanced Technology Center is located in Belvidere instead of Downtown Rockford or Rockford's West Side. Although the college serves both Boone and Winnebago counties, Rock Valley College has five campuses other than the Advanced Technology Center, all of which are in Winnebago County. These individuals believe that all of Rock Valley College's facilities should be located in Winnebago County, with none in Boone.

## This reapportionment will have consequences

Apart from seeing some new faces in town, there are some pretty profound political changes, particularly in Belvidere.

**The Democrats arrive.** Belvidere and Boone County have largely been known as a Republican Community. In the 2020 election, Donald Trump outpolled Joe Biden in Belvidere by 52 to 48 percent. This compares to 56 percent for Trump and 42 percent for Biden countywide. Mr. Biden won nationally, and, Belvidere, like the rest of the United States, now has a Democratic President.

A few months after the inauguration of a Democratic President, Belvidere elected independent candidate Clint Morris over two-term incumbent Republican Mayor Mike Chamberlain. Republicans had controlled Belvidere City Hall for about sixty years.

A few months later, reapportionment replaced two Republican state representatives in Belvidere, Sosnowski and Keicher, with a Democrat, Dave Vella.

At the same time, Republican Dave Syverson's district was moved, and Senate Democrat Steve Stadelman was suddenly the Illinois State Senator from Belvidere.

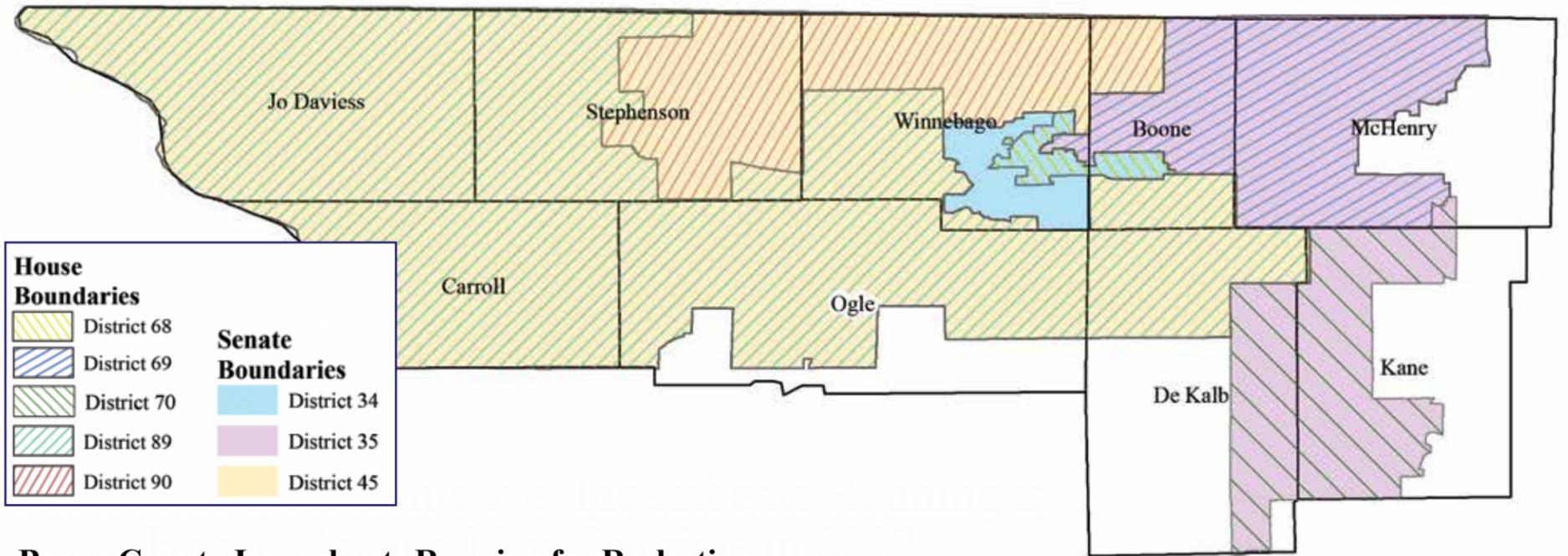
Finally, after the Congressional reapportionment was finished, Belvidere ended up in Democratic Congressman Bill Foster's district!

Incumbency is a significant advantage, and the overall makeup of both Vella and Foster's districts favor the election of a Democrat.

Remember, too, that only half the Illinois Senate is facing elections this year. Sen. Steve Stadelman's term doesn't expire until 2024. Senators Dave Syverson and Brian Stewart will face an election this November.

Clearly, the Democrats now have an opportunity to prove themselves to the voters of Belvidere and Boone County. Assuming the Democrats do a good job of governing and offer the voters qualified candidates, will Belvidere reward them with reelection, or will many Boone Countians stick to their long-standing habit of electing Republicans? Time will tell.

# Illinois Senate and Representative District Changes for 2022



## Boone County Incumbents Running for Reelection



**Senator Dave Syverson (R) District 35**



**Senator Steve Stadelman (D) District 34**



**Senator Brian W. Stewart (D) District 45**



**Representative Joe Sosnowski (R) District 69**



**Representative Dave Vella (D) District 68**



**Representative Andrew S. Chesney (R) District 89 Candidate for 90**

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### Who will speak for Boone County at large?

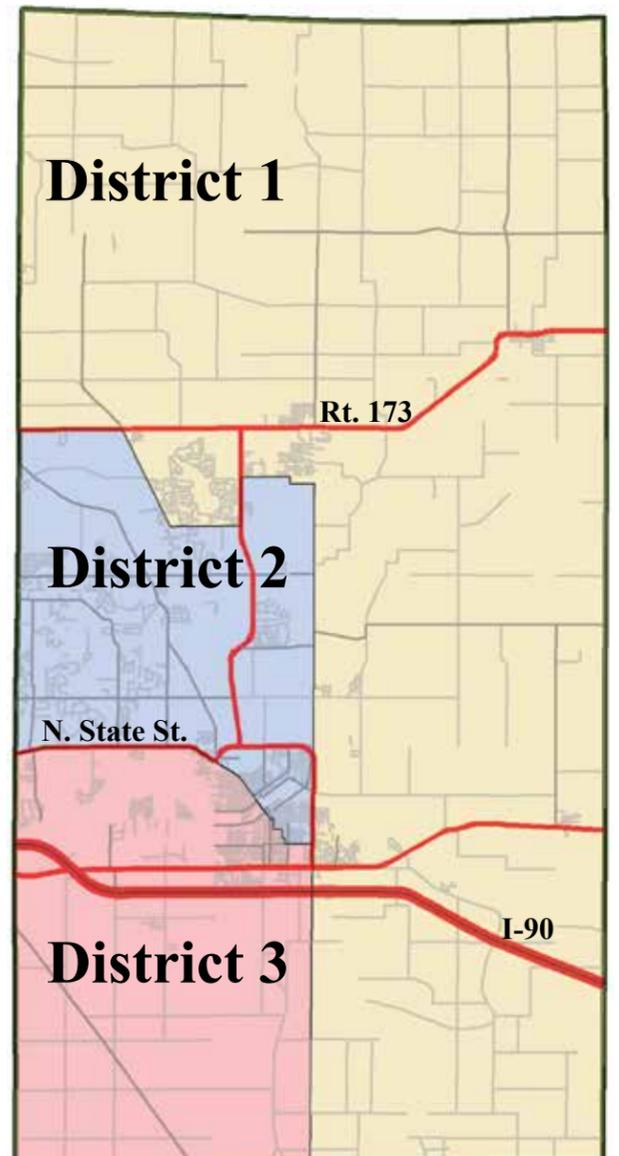
Boone County has been split up. The urban, central portion of the county has been split off from the rural portions of the county. The silk-stocking neighborhoods of rural Belvidere Township have generally been included with the more agrarian precincts.

An important aspect of the redistricting is the diversity of the new districts. How does even the most conscientious Congressman of either party represent both Belvidere and Lemont, which is in Southwest Cook County? Similarly, how does a state representative balance the issues found in Galena and Southern Boone County?

Finally, how can a principled state senator represent both Downtown Rockford and Belvidere? Rockford insists on treating Belvidere and Boone County as its suburb. In this one-sided arrangement, Boone County is expected to obediently support Rockford's "growth," but receive only crumbs or headaches in return.

Regardless of whether they may buy groceries in Rockford, many of those residing in Belvidere want to maintain a unique identity and destiny. Many Boone Countians are loathe to tie their future prosperity to Rockford, a community that is consistently identified as one of America's worst. If Belvidereans wanted to be part of Rockford, they would have moved to Winnebago County a long time ago.

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### Politics for Grownups

## Ridiculous

We do not endorse gerrymandering by either party. These maps are absurd.

Ordinarily we would be aghast at seeing Boone County's voice diluted among two Congressmen, four Illinois House members, and three state senators.

But we are trying to look on the bright side. Can any good come out of this situation?

Perhaps one of those nine individuals who will be representing Boone County might actually look out for Boone County!

It is no secret that we have been disgusted with the performance of Boone County's representatives at both the state and federal level. As we have noted several times, Boone County receives the lowest financial return on Illinois taxes paid of any county outside of the Chicago area. Not only was Belvidere's need for storm sewers bypassed in the recent state capital improvement program, it continues to be ignored!

While allegedly representing us, our state senator, Dave Syverson, arranged for a casino a few

hundred feet from the Boone County line. Yet Boone County gets no local share.

Boone County's principal state representative, Joe Sosnowski, is obsessed with Chicago and wastes everyone's time trying to kick Chicago out of Illinois, other political sideshows, and high jinks. Yet, many even affluent homes in his Boone County district lack high speed Internet service.

The incumbent Congressmen, Adam Kinzinger, voted to end health insurance for thousands of Boone County's most vulnerable citizens. All the while, Kinzinger speaks of being a "health care champion," his Christian faith, and his "servant leadership." Mr. Kinzinger, we don't care what your new-found opinion is of Donald J. Trump. When it actually counted, you were his reliable acolyte.

The list goes on and on, but it is clear that Boone County hasn't been getting its fair share. We've been taken for granted, and had terrible representation. Maybe a change will help.

# OP-ED

## Better Politics, Smarter Government: Illuminating Illinois’ Triumphs And Travails Through Literature

By John T. Shaw

Several years ago, the staff of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute was preparing for our Renewing Illinois Summit for university and college students, and we wanted to provide them with suggested reading about Illinois.

I checked my shelves at the institute and jotted down the titles of various books on state history and politics. I then called several colleagues and asked them if they had any recommendations, phrasing my request this way: “If you were teaching an Illinois 101 course to highly motivated undergraduates, what five books would you assign them to read? They can be histories, biographies, novels or essays. In sum, they would provide a wide-ranging and nuanced understanding of Illinois.”

I decided to extend this question to some respected leaders and analysts in Illinois, including U.S. Sen. Richard Durbin, former Gov. Jim Edgar, Illinois House Speaker Chris Welch, former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood and former Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon. They submitted recommendations that are both

inspiring and humbling – inspiring in the sense that the many compelling books underscore the richness and diversity of our state and humbling in that they remind me about how many important books I still should read!

The recommendations included biographies of Illinois political leaders such as Paul Douglas, Everett Dirksen, Richard Ogilvie, Carol Moseley Braun, Robert Michel and Adlai Stevenson. They also revealed a deep fascination with Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley and one of his successors, Harold Washington.

Respondents touted two general state histories: “Illinois: A History of the Land and Its People” by Roger Biles and “Illinois: A History of the Prairie State” by Robert Howard. Two chronicles of Chicago were frequently recommended: “Nature’s Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West” by William Cronon and “City of the Century: The Epic of Chicago and the Making of America” by Donald Miller. There was also clear interest in regional histories about central and southern Illinois and about two fabled communities, Cahokia and Kaskaskia.

Respondents lauded works by revered Illinois literary luminaries Carl Sandburg, Gwendolyn Brooks and Theodore Dreiser as well as Illinois’ celebrated writer-presidents, Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama.

As the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, I was gratified to see several of Paul Simon’s books recommended: “Lincoln’s Preparation for Greatness,” “Our Culture of Pandering” and “Freedom’s Champion: Elijah Lovejoy.”

The institute assembled the recommendations into a booklet called “Illinois 101,” which we sent to libraries, civic groups and public officials across the state. If you would like a copy, email us at paulsimoninstitute@siu.edu and we’ll be glad to mail you one.

Inspired by this interest in Illinois literature, the institute launched an Illinois Authors program in which we host conversations with writers about the state. So far, we have had conversations with Robert Hartley, a journalist and historian, about his biographies of Paul Simon and Paul Powell; Kristin Hoganson, a history professor at the University of Illinois, about her book “The Heartland: An American History;” and Margo Jefferson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning arts critic, about her book “Negroland: A Memoir.”

Our conversations with these impressive authors have been wide-ranging and stimulating. They have been on Zoom, but after COVID-19 eases we are eager to host Illinois Author discussions in person throughout the state.

We invite everyone to send us the titles of their favorite books about Illinois and recommend authors that we should consider inviting for future discussions. Email your suggestions to paulsimoninstitute@siu.edu.

I hope you will join me this year in reading fascinating and valuable books about our state. You might even consider creating an Illinois book club or focusing your current book club’s reading on Illinois-related titles. Such reading adds nuance, color and perspective to our vision

of Illinois and fosters a greater appreciation for the legacy of those who came before us. I hope this reading and the discussion it inspires will guide all of us to do more to renew and revitalize the Prairie State.

John T. Shaw is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University. Shaw’s monthly column explores how Illinois can work toward better politics and smarter government.

## Pritzker Vetoes Paid COVID Leave for School, University Employees

Negotiates new bill to provide leave  
to only those fully vaccinated

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker on Monday vetoed a bill that would have provided paid administrative leave for public school and university employees who miss work due to COVID-19-related issues and instead negotiated “compromise” legislation that would provide such leave to only those who are fully vaccinated.

“Vaccines are a vital tool in preventing the deadly effects of COVID-19, and those who take the steps to be fully vaccinated against this virus are doing their part to keep everyone safe,” Pritzker said in his veto message. “They deserve to be able to take the time they need to respond to the ongoing devastating impacts the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have on them and their families.”

House Bill 2778 passed the General Assembly during the fall veto session with wide bipartisan majorities, 53-1 in the Senate and 92-23 in the House.

It would have provided paid leave for any employee, including support staff and contractors, who missed work because they or someone in their household contracted COVID-19, if they or a family member was forced to stay home because they’d been in close contact with someone who had tested positive, or if they could not work because the school building was closed due to COVID-19.

To be eligible, however, the bill provided that the employee must either have been vaccinated or participated in the COVID-19 testing program provided by the district.

In September, Pritzker issued an executive order requiring school personnel to be vaccinated or undergo weekly testing. But his veto action Monday means that those who choose not to be vaccinated will not be eligible for paid administrative leave.

Since that bill passed, however, Pritzker said he has been negotiating with teachers unions and other groups to negotiate a different package with a stronger vaccine requirement.

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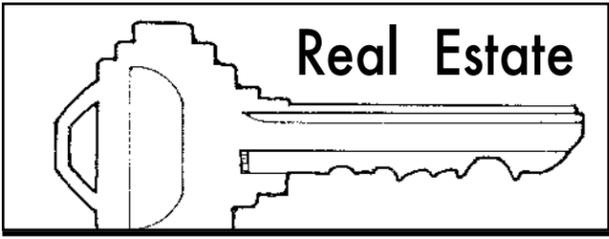
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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff, -v- 20 CH 59

ROBERT A CHIDESTER, ROBERT A. CHIDESTER, CO-TRUSTEE OF THE ROBERT A. CHIDESTER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 02/02/1999, ROBERT A. CHIDESTER, CO-TRUSTEE OF THE NORLITA A. CHIDESTER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 02/02/1999, ROBERT CHIDESTER AS TRUSTEE OF THE ROBERT A. CHIDESTER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 02/02/1999, UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE NORLITA A. CHIDESTER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 02/02/1999, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE ROBERT A. CHIDESTER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 02/02/1999, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE NORLITA A. CHIDESTER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 02/02/1999, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendant

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THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE RUNNING EAST ON THE QUARTER SECTION LINE 10 RODS; THENCE NORTH AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID QUARTER SECTION LINE 10 RODS; THENCE WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH SAID QUARTER SECTION LINE 10 RODS TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH ON SAID WEST LINE 10 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; BEING THE SAME MORE OR LESS; ALSO COMMENCING AT A POINT 165 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; CONTINUING THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE EASTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 28, A DISTANCE OF 315 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHERLY PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 28 A DISTANCE OF 225 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHERLY PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 165 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WESTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 165 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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Complaint for An Order of Abandonment Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1, Against

315 HANCOCK, Belvidere, Illinois 61008

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, the City of Belvidere, v. Charlotte Fields, as Trustee under the provisions of a land trust agreement dated March 14, 2013 and known as Fields Land Trust No. 2013, et al., Case No. 2021MR141. PUBLICATION NOTICE: The requisite affidavit having been duly filed herein, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO Charlotte Fields, as Trustee under the provisions of a land trust agreement dated March 14, 2013 and known as Fields Land Trust No. 2013, Granite Lien Group LLC, and Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants that said action has been commenced in said Court by the Plaintiff, naming you as Defendant(s) therein and requesting an order declaring abandoned the property commonly known as 315 Hancock, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 PIN: 05-25-155-002, and legally described as: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF HANCOCK STREET, 8 RODS DISTANT NORTHWESTERLY FROM THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF BLOCK 6 IN S.S. WHITMAN'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF HANCOCK STREET, 4 RODS; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH MADISON STREET, 7 RODS, 12 FEET,

6 INCHES; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES SOUTHEASTERLY PARALLEL WITH HANCOCK STREET, 4 RODS; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES SOUTHWESTERLY, 7 RODS, 12 FEET, 6 INCHES TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Now, therefore, unless you file your answer or otherwise make your appearance in said action in this Court by filing the same in the office of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court - Boone County of 601 North Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008, by February 14, 2022, AN ORDER OF DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AND JUDGMENT ENTERED FOR PLAINTIFF. Circuit Court of Boone County Clerk. Published in the Boone County Journal January 13, 20, 27, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, 601 NORTH MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF Ruth Stogsdill, DECEASED. 21 P 78

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Mary Gaziano, Public Administrator, 1 Court Place, Suite 200, Rockford, Illinois, 61101, as Independent Administrator, 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 representative, or both, on or before July 20, 2022, 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.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF BOONE  
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

JAQUELINE GARCIA, Petitioner,  
vs. Case No.: 2021-D-47  
JOSE LUIS HERNANDEZ, Respondent.  
NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN YOU, JOSE LUIS HERNANDEZ, Respondent in the above-entitled action, that Petitioner, JAQUELINE GARCIA, has commenced a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in the Circuit Court of Boone County against you, praying for a Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage and other relief. Proper procedures according to law have been taken and said suit is still pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, JOSE LUIS HERNANDEZ, file your Response to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein in the said Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois held in the courthouse in the City of Belvidere, County of Boone, State of Illinois, on or before March 2, 2022, default may be entered against you after that date and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

Prepared by: Jason D. Augsburger, #6304592  
PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES, INC.  
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303 North Main Street, Ste. 600  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Javier Martinez, minor No. 19-JA-26  
LOGAN WENTZ, CRISTINA MOLINA / To whom it may concern/All unknown natural Fathers  
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on November 18, 2019, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty. Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Javier Martinez, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 3/03/2022; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THE PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amend petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

Dated: January 10, 2022 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk  
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## ASSUMED NAMES

### ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend... to conduct and transact a ROOFING business in said County and State under the name of L & J PRO ROOFING CO. at the following post office addresses: 3198 Be Ver Kreek Lane, Belvidere, IL, 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Silvina L. Hernandez, 3198 Be Ver Kreek Lane, Belvidere, IL, 61008. Signed: Silvina L. Hernandez, 01/07/22  
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 7th. day of January, 2022, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk, by Sherry L. Blauert, Deputy  
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### ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend... to conduct and transact a Snow Plowing & Maintenance business in said County and State under the name of H & D Maintenance at the following post office addresses: 1529 James Ct., Belvidere, IL, 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Stacey Quinley, 1529 James Ct., Belvidere, IL, 61008. Signed: Stacey Quinley, 01/05/22  
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 5th. day of January, 2022, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk, by Giselle Lenover, Deputy  
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### ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a Federal firearms licenses business in said County and State under the name of R and C ARMS at the following post office address: 1443 South State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: James Joseph Rocuskie, Jr., 105 Galahad Court SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065; phone # (779) 771-3298.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 13th day of January, A.D. 2022  
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk  
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## Veto

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“Numerous organizations are impacted by this legislation, and my administration has listened closely to all of them, including lawmakers and our partners at the Illinois Education Association and the Illinois Federation of Teachers, parents, school districts, community colleges and universities,” he said in his veto message. “Through a collaborative, cooperative process, we have negotiated an initiative that will provide paid administrative leave for teachers who, despite doing all they can to keep themselves and their communities safe, continue to have their lives and livelihoods disrupted by COVID-19.”

Under that initiative, which still needs legislative approval, public school and university employees would receive paid administrative leave if they are fully vaccinated and they or their child is required to be excluded from school because of a positive COVID-19 test or have been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19.

It also maintains the wage protections in HB2778 for all hourly school employees – including custodians, bus drivers, food service workers, classroom assistants and administrative staff – who miss work because the school building they’re assigned to is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak. That protection would be retroactive for the entire 2021-2022 academic year.

“Keeping schools open and those inside them – and their families – safe has been our number one

priority from the start of the pandemic,” IEA President Kathi Griffin said in a news release. “We want people to stay home when they’re sick, to be able to care for their children when their children need them the most, and to be paid when the circumstances that close their buildings are completely beyond their control.”

“The pandemic has been physically, emotionally, and economically challenging for us all, and certainly no less so for educators, school staff, and their

families,” said IFT President Dan Montgomery. “This legislation provides important relief and ensures that education personnel can afford to take time off if they or they families become ill with COVID.”

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## Illinois DOC to Pause Intake Of Inmates Due to COVID-19 Surge

*County sheriffs say it increases strain on local jails*

*By Beth Hundsdorfer Capitol News Illinois*

The Illinois Department of Corrections announced Tuesday that it would pause intake of inmates from county jails amid the COVID-19 surge.

As of Friday, IDOC reported 1,042 staff members and 1,684 inmates were positive for COVID-19.

Sheriffs who are charged with operating county jails around the state say IDOC’s decision puts more stain on county resources and personnel.

“Unfortunately, IDOC did not provide any communication or collaboration with the Illinois Sheriffs’ Association or any Sheriff regarding this suspension of intake although we have repeatedly offered a willingness to discuss issues with the Department,” Jim Kaitschuk, executive director of the Illinois Sheriffs’ Association, said in a written statement. “As people are aware, crime is continuing to occur and arrests continue to be made by law enforcement as we work to combat crime in our communities.”

In March 2020, the Sheriffs’ Association filed suit against IDOC. An appellate court found in August 2020 that that the governor has authority to “control... the movement of persons” within a disaster area as designated through the governor’s disaster proclamation. It also noted the sheriffs did not argue against Pritzker’s authority to extend a disaster proclamation multiple times.

Gov. JB Pritzker issued a new executive order resuming the transfer of inmates to DOC in August 2020, but stated, “the scheduling of the arrival of individuals from county jails and the intake process to ensure the health and safety of the transferring individuals, as well as all individuals and staff at IDOC, shall be within the sole discretion of the Director of IDOC.”

IDOC resumed county jail intakes on Aug. 3, 2020, with aggressive guidelines in place to protect the health and safety of staff, the incarcerated population, and the

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surrounding community, said IDOC spokesperson Lindsey Hess. Since that date, IDOC has processed 14,890 new admissions and 2,263 turnarounds for a total of 17,153 intakes.

“The Department’s reception centers are at capacity with no space for new admissions,” Hess said. “The classification process is continuing. When the individuals at our reception centers are no longer in quarantine or isolation, they will immediately be transferred to their facility which will open space for intakes.”

St. Clair County Sheriff Rick Watson said Wednesday that there were currently about 15 inmates ready for transfer to IDOC. The jail capacity is currently 418. There are currently 467 in custody. Before the pause, Watson said inmates transferring into IDOC needed to have a negative COVID test and be quarantined for 14 days.

“We are fighting an invisible enemy here,” Watson said. “We have plenty of PPE, cleaning supplies and testing for now, but how long will this go on?”

Watson and other sheriffs said they offer the vaccines and booster shots to county jail inmates.

IDOC reported that from June 29, 2021, to the present, only 44 percent of individuals transported to the Northern Reception Center from Cook County Jail were vaccinated. Since Aug. 3, 2020, county jails have transported approximately 225 individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 upon their arrival to IDOC.

Madison County Chief Deputy Jeff Connor said he met with all the police chiefs in the county and apprised them of the situation. The Madison County Jail currently houses 290 inmates. The jail’s capacity is 306. The jail is currently holding 28 people who were scheduled to be transferred to DOC.

“This really puts us behind the eight ball. It puts a strain on our staff and local police departments,” Connor said.

Until they are transferred to DOC, counties will have to pick up the tab for food, utilities and medical costs.

“Housing inmates who have been ordered to be transferred to IDOC creates a significant financial burden,” said Lake County Deputy Chief Chris Covelli, who has 20 inmates awaiting transfer to DOC. “Not only do our day-to-day costs increase, it creates additional overtime for staff, and it creates significant liability should an inmate become ill, or suffer a serious medical event.”

IDOC has been working with county jails for four months to distribute \$25 million in appropriated CARES Act funds to the county jails as reimbursement for expenses incurred because of the COVID pandemic, according to Hess.

Connor and Watson both commented that IDOC has the luxury of putting constraints around the inmates who go into their facilities, but county jails must accept prisoners who are held over until their criminal cases are decided, creating a bottleneck in county facilities.

Watson said he’s been in communication with the judiciary. St. Clair County Circuit Judge John O’Gara said there are 37 factors in the statute that a judge can consider when setting bond, but

overcrowding in the county jail isn’t one of them. “But obviously, this is concerning for us. I look at the totals every day,” O’Gara said.

Kaitschuk pointed to IDOC capacity six years ago when the numbers were 40,000 inmates to current levels around 19,000. There are spaces, he said, but DOC must be willing to adjust to rising COVID-19 levels just as counties do.

“This decision by DOC will only further exacerbate the challenges at the local level. I don’t believe that they recognize or care about the hardships they are creating for the jails because if they did they would be working with us to address the issues,” Kaitschuk said.

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## Illinois Supreme Court Weighing Officials’ Use of Campaign Funds for Legal Defense

*Case forces two justices to recuse themselves*

*By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois*

The Illinois Supreme Court is being asked to decide whether public officials who are under investigation or charged with crimes may use their campaign funds to pay for their legal defense.

The court heard oral arguments last week in a case involving a former Chicago city alderman, Daniel Solis, then chairman of the City Council’s Zoning Committee, who was being investigated by the FBI for allegedly taking campaign donations from developers in exchange for official action.

Solis did not run for re-election in 2019 and was succeeded by Byron Sigcho-Lopez, who filed a complaint over the matter with the Illinois State Board of Elections.

On May 21, 2019, the day after Sigcho-Lopez was sworn into office, the 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization, which Solis chaired, used \$220,000 to pay the law firm Foley & Lardner, LLP, for defending him. The purpose of the payment was first reported by local media.

Solis was not prosecuted in the case. Instead, he entered a deferred prosecution agreement with the Justice Department in exchange for agreeing to wear a wire and aid in the investigation of another Chicago city alderman, Ed Burke, who is the husband of Supreme Court Chief Justice Anne Burke.

Anne Burke has recused herself from the case, as has Justice Mary Jane Theis. Neither gave an official reason for their recusal.

That leaves only five justices left to decide the case, but the Illinois Constitution still requires four justices to agree on a decision.

ISBE dismissed the complaint, saying the

Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act prohibits the use of campaign funds to satisfy personal debts, but it specifically permits the use of campaign funds “to defray the customary and reasonable expenses of an officeholder in connection with the performance of governmental and public service functions.”

The question before the court is whether the cost of a criminal defense lawyer is a personal expense or an expense directly related to Solis’ governmental or public service functions.

“Are we at that point in Illinois where we’re going to say that that’s an ordinary expense of holding public office?” Justice Michael Burke asked during oral arguments. Michael Burke is not related to Anne or Ed Burke.

The Illinois statute itself does not define the difference between personal and official expenses. But Adolfo Mondragon, the attorney for Sigcho-Lopez, argued that criminal defense costs cannot be considered part of an elected official’s governmental functions.

“The purpose of the campaign Disclosure Act of the Illinois election code is to deter and mitigate public corruption,” he said. “Consequently, any interpretation of the Campaign Disclosure Act that allows for the use of campaign funds to pay for public office holders’ criminal defense against investigations or charges of public corruption, the very evil the law was designed to combat, is antithetical to the legislative intent.”

But Michael Dorf, attorney for the 25th Ward committee, argued that public corruption investigations are, by definition, directly tied to an officeholder’s official duties, so attorney fees should be considered an allowable use.

“The expenditure was not for strictly personal use and would not have occurred if Alderman Solis we’re not a public official,” he said.

Most political campaigns routinely incur legal expenses, and payments to attorneys frequently appear on campaign finance statements without any specific explanation of the type of legal work being performed.

Modregon conceded that it was through only news reports that the public learned of the purpose of the 25th Ward committee’s payment to Foley & Lardner, but he said that assertion was uncontested at the administrative hearing before the State Board of Elections.

Dorf, meanwhile, argued that if lawmakers want to ban the use of campaign funds to pay for criminal defense attorneys, they could write that into the statute, and he noted there are two bills pending in the General Assembly to do just that.

One of those is House Bill 2929, by Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, R-Elmhurst, who called on Democrats to consider the bill in light of the Supreme Court case.

“This shouldn’t be a matter of ambiguity in Illinois state law,” she said in a news release Tuesday. “Regardless of how the court eventually interprets current campaign law, this shouldn’t remain a statutory loophole. Letting this continue sends the wrong message: that literally, corrupt and unethical public officials who abused their office don’t have to pay for their misdeeds, they can just continue to abuse their office to troll for campaign funds and keep the insider game going.”

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