

A World at War Two Brothers

By David Larson

Imagine yourself coming in for a landing on a carrier deck at night after flying a Navy Hellcat on a sortie in the South Pacific during WWII. The pitch of the sea raising and lowering the deck of the carrier several feet in an irregular rhythm. The deck lights go on for your approach, but suddenly you are flagged off and have to come around again to make your landing.

As you circle the fleet to line up again, you decide to radio the ship you're passing over, a small "Tin Can" torpedo interceptor, to say hello to your brother, Dick.

Ben "Spike" Houden, a Hellcat* fighter pilot and his brother, Dick who served on the USS Colahan, were two Belvidere boys caught up in the tides of war in the early 1940's.

Ben "Spike" Houden was a fighter pilot in the Pacific, flying a Hellcat. His specialty was night missions in which he executed extremely dangerous landings on aircraft carriers, on the ocean, in the dark! His older brother, Dick Houden, was an ensign in the Navy onboard the USS Colahan (DD-658). When Spike would often fly over the Colahan, he would radio Dick (which was definitely not allowed in the Navy!) and say, "Dick, when I was in flight school, you told me they didn't use night pilots!"

As it turns out, the Navy had implemented night landings the day after Spike had graduated from flight school in Melbourne, Florida and Corpus Christi, Texas.

Of course, those calls stemmed from brotherly love, but big brother, Dick, did not hear the end of it!

On January 20, 2022, Spike Houden celebrated his 100th birthday.

"Spike" Houden, a lifelong golfer, shot a hole-in-one at age 95 and golfed until 97. He is a University of Wisconsin fan, reads World War II histories, and spends as much time as he can with his three daughters and grandchildren. Ben attributes his long life to his clean living and diet. Spike stays happy and is extremely active, but let's be honest here. Genes are a huge plus, according to his nephew, Richard Houden.

Spike grew up in a family of 10 children, and is the last surviving sibling. He was affectionately named Spike by his brothers and sisters. The nickname Spike also helped with his longevity, as he has never had an ounce of fat on him, his nephew said. Ben was popular in high school and was the class treasurer in 1940. In 1940, Belvidere High School had the largest graduating class to date with 122 students turning the tassel.

The Houden Family moved to Belvidere in 1910. Molly and Avalt Houden raised 10 Children at 220 Webster Street. Avalt was employed at the National Sewing Machine Company in the maintenance department.

After the war, Spike's brother, an ensign on the Colahan, Richard "Dick" Houden, toured the world with the U.S. Track Team, and set a world record at the time and was considered the fastest man on the planet after the war.

According to his son Richard, his father Dick was not a good student at first. Richard carries a photo of a report card his father try to destroy as a boy, which he says is an inspiration for his own life.

"It is a report card from the Junior High, or whatever it was then, telling my father he was being held back. This was after he was held back

in the 4th grade. Can you imagine the pain, humiliation and embarrassment for a kid that age? That night, in despair, he ripped the report card up and had a breakthrough, like nobody could imagine. His life changed; he knew if he turned himself around he would have a good life. He had to go to college, which was unheard of for a family of his economic status"

The postmaster in Belvidere took Dick under his wing and mentored him. He eventually went to Cornell on a track scholarship. Dick finished his degree at UW Madison with a degree in electrical engineering.

Richard Houden was inducted into both Cornell's and UW Madison's Halls of Fame, one of a handful of college athletes that are included in 2 Halls of Fame. His record times include 6.2 seconds in the 60-yard dash, 9.9 seconds in the 100-yard dash, and 21.8 seconds in the 220-yard dash.

In 1947, shortly after WWII, when Dick got back from touring the world with the US Track team, Belvidere held a "Dick Houden Day" with a parade and banquet. The banquet was held honoring Dick, his athletic achievement, and his parents. Dick's sister, Helen traveled home for the event from New York, where she received a master's degree from the Juilliard School.

When Dick passed away in 2012, he was living in his home on Lake Mendota, a few doors down from the Governor's mansion. Richard had 2 girls



Ben Houden with family upon his 100 birthday (below) Ben during WWII



and 5 boys, who have all led very successful lives.

* The Hellcat was the Navy's newest fighter powered by a 2000 hp motor to counter the Japanese Zero, which had been the superior fighter until the Hellcat. It was designed for carrier tactics. Its first major engagement was at Tarawa scoring a 30 to 1 victory. Then again in the Battle of the Philippine Sea claiming 75% of all Japanese aircraft in has been nicknames the Great Marianas Turkey Shoot. The Hellcat was faster than the Zero.



(left) Dick Houden as a young man (right) Dick Houden

(photos provided by Richard Houden)

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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For a full list of testing sites in Boone County and for further information, go to <https://dph.illinois.gov/Covid19/Testing.html>.

36th Annual Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition Results:

Linda K. White Spirit Award: Belvidere North High School "An Udder Cow-tastrophe"

Fred Gardner Award: Guilford High School "No Porpoise in Wearing Pants"

Artist's Choice: Rockford Christian High School "Navy Seals"

People's Choice: Rockford Christian High School "Navy Seals"

3rd Place: Rockford Lutheran High School "The Tree of Life"

2nd Place: Keith Country Day School "Spaced Out"

1st Place: Rockford Christian High School "Navy Seals"

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New Scholarship Opportunity for District 100 Postgraduates in College

The Boone County Community Foundation (BCCF) announces the addition of the JoAnne & Warren Emry Scholarship, a new scholarship opportunity for postgraduates of Belvidere and Belvidere North High Schools.

For a full list of eligibility criteria please visit the scholarship page on the Foundation's website at <https://boonecountycommunityfoundation.org/scholarships/> Students apply through the Foundation's website portal.

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But Ms. Bunn had something else going for her -- coffeemakers. Her Bunn forebears built a fortune on them and, with Duke hoping to woo her wealthy parents as donors, she was admitted.

Afterward, her parents promptly became co-chairmen of a Duke fund-raising effort aimed at other Duke parents. 'My child was given a gift, she got in, and now I'm giving back,' says Maude's mother, Cissy Bunn, who declines to say how much the (Lake Forrest) family has contributed to the university."

Later in the story, Cissy Bunn acknowledges her daughter didn't fit the academic profile of a Duke student saying, "She's bright, she had good grades, but she doesn't meet the superstar status."

She then added, "Did my normal child take the place of somebody who could really make a difference in the world? Sure, yes, to an extent. But there are so many things you can lose sleep over. I'm happy for me and my child."

When I first read that quote, I was outraged. It had never occurred to me that rich people received preferential treatment when applying to colleges.

The story made me think of Danny my roommate my junior year at Iowa State University. Danny was a bright, motivated student who dreamed of being an aerospace engineer. But he graduated from a failing high school in a poorer Chicago neighborhood.

My roommate, who happened to be African American, had many of the precursors associated with academic success: a loving, stable two-parent family that valued hard-work.

Perhaps the biggest drawback was the high school he attended. The institution didn't adequately prepare him for college. For example, it didn't offer the advanced math classes necessary for a budding engineering student to succeed.

While his college peers were taking calculus, he was enrolled in remedial math.

In many ways, the future academic performance of college students isn't determined just by effort or intellect but by their home zip code. Danny lasted a year on campus and never returned.

That's why I have long favored giving parents vouchers that they can use at either public, charter or private schools. It would give academic choices to families otherwise trapped.

The fact that youngsters in predominantly Black or Hispanic neighborhoods often are forced to attend schools that perform far below the national average is a form of systemic racism.

Another form of racism is interpersonal. For example, in her book "Becoming," Michelle Obama writes about the mother of one of her white roommates being so appalled that her daughter was assigned a Black roommate that she hectored university administrators until her daughter was moved to a different room.

Along those lines, I remember that my college roommate Danny and I were proud uncles. We both had pictures of our young nieces framed above our desks. My niece was about 3 and his was 1.

I can't count the number of times, a white person came into our room and saw the picture above his desk and said, "Oh my God, he's got a kid." Never once did anyone look at my desk and say, "Is that your daughter, Scott?"

A recent New Yorker article noted that Harvard has more students from families in the top 1% of wealth than in the bottom 60%. And yet this is the university fighting all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court for greater "diversity."

How about economic diversity? Why not admit more kids from the middle and working classes

and fewer from ultra-wealthy families? Strange, I haven't heard any groundswell among college administrators to do that.

To be honest, I don't have a ready opinion on how the Supreme Court should finesse the issue of racial preferences this year. It's a terribly divisive issue.

But something most Americans can agree upon is that a group not needing extra help getting into college is the children of the wealthiest 1 percent. It makes little sense to cut a break to someone because of the size of their parents' pocketbooks.

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Privilege, Merit and Equity

By Scott Reeder

Colleges should admit the most qualified applicant.

That's the way many of us were taught life is supposed to work. But we know it often doesn't.

The U.S. Supreme Court is taking up the issue of university admissions in its upcoming term. It will look at the admission formulas used by Harvard University and the University of North Carolina that give extra help to Black and Hispanic applicants who apply.

Some Asian and white applicants were turned away from these universities while Black and Hispanic candidates with lower test scores were admitted. And they say it isn't fair. But it also is unfair that many African American and Hispanic kids reside in neighborhoods with underperforming schools that fail to adequately prepare them.

There are strong arguments on both sides but something that is rarely discussed is a different set of preferences that are inherently wrong – but legal. I'm talking about "development admits," the children of wealthy donors.

Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Golden won a Pulitzer Prize looking at this phenomenon and went on to write the 2006 book, "The Price of Admission." It's one of my favorite works of investigative journalism.

I first became aware of the issue when I read a Wall Street Journal story in 2003 about a prominent family with roots deep in Illinois: the Bunnns.

Here is the first few paragraphs of the story:

"DURHAM, N.C. -- Despite her boarding-school education and a personal tutor, Maude Bunn's SAT scores weren't high enough for a typical student to earn admission to Duke University.

Pritzker To Propose Tax Relief in Budget Address

Relief plan would ease grocery, motor fuel, property taxes

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker will propose a roughly \$1 billion package of tax relief measures aimed at mitigating the impact of inflation on Illinois consumers when he gives his budget address Wednesday.

The “Illinois Family Relief Plan,” as it is being called, would suspend the 1 percent grocery tax for one year, suspend the automatic inflation-adjusted increase in the motor fuel tax and provide a 5 percent property tax rebate to qualifying property owners.

“At the same time of what has been record growth in the economy, and dramatically different revenue forecasts for the state, we’re experiencing a surge of inflation,” Deputy Gov. Andy Manar said in an interview with Capitol News Illinois. “And this decline in purchasing power has hit working families in the state and the governor recognizes that.”

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the 12-month inflation rate in the United States in December stood at 7 percent, the highest rate in nearly 40 years. That included a 29.3 percent increase in energy prices and a 6.3 percent increase in food prices.

Manar declined to provide many details of the forthcoming budget proposal except to say that it will follow the same pattern of his previous budget proposals.

“I’m not going to give any specifics today because those are the governor’s to propose on Wednesday,” he said. “But the governor is going to continue to take the state down the path that he’s established, which is controlled spending, paying off debt, getting caught up on our bills, and working with legislators and working with people to solve big problems.”

But Manar said Pritzker believes the state can afford to provide some tax relief due to its improved fiscal management and better-than-expected revenue growth.

In November, the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget revised its revenue forecast for the current fiscal year upward by \$1.7 billion based on strong growth in income and sales tax receipts.

“There has been collaborative work to restore fiscal stability to our state,” Manar said. “We now have balanced budgets, we have paid off debts, we’ve controlled our spending and we have caught up on our unpaid bills. And this is all occurring during the ongoing budgetary challenges of COVID-19.”

In Illinois, consumers do not pay the regular retail sales tax on groceries but instead pay a flat 1 percent “grocery tax,” which goes to local governments.

Pritzker’s proposal would suspend that 1 percent tax for a year while using state funds to reimburse local governments for the revenue they otherwise would have gotten at an estimated cost of \$360 million.

In 2019, the General Assembly passed a 10-year, \$45 billion capital improvements program known as “Rebuild Illinois.” It included an increase in the motor fuel tax along with a provision for automatic increases each year to adjust for inflation.

That tax is scheduled to increase on July 1 and Manar estimated it would have gone up about 2 cents per gallon. But he said the governor will propose holding off on that increase in the coming year, freezing the state tax for one year at its current 39.2 cents per gallon for gasoline and gasohol, and 46.7 cents per gallon for diesel.

That would cost an estimated \$135 million that the state otherwise would take in.

Manar said that would have no impact on the Department of Transportation’s plan for road improvements in the upcoming fiscal year and would not affect the financing of any bonds that are backed by fuel tax revenue.

Finally, Manar said, Pritzker will propose offering a 5 percent property tax rebate to property owners, which would be in addition to the 5 percent property tax deduction they can take on their Illinois income tax returns. The rebate would be available to only those who qualify for the property tax credit.

That is estimated to cost about \$475 million.

Pritzker is scheduled to deliver a combined budget and State of the State address at noon Wednesday, Feb. 2. It can be viewed live on the General Assembly’s audio-video page, <https://ilga.gov/houseaudvid.asp>.

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Lawmakers, Governor Returning to Capitol Next Week

In-person legislative sessions to resume; Pritzker to deliver budget, State of the State on Wednesday

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Illinois lawmakers will return to the Statehouse next week for their first in-person sessions since Jan. 4.

House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside, said Thursday that the recent decline in COVID-19 cases makes returning to the Capitol possible.

“Our goal is to be productive while also keeping everyone safe, so masking and social distancing policies will still be in place,” Welch said in a news release. “I want to encourage everyone to get their vaccine and booster, and take advantage of the SHIELD testing opportunity on the Capitol complex.”

A spokesman for Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, confirmed that the Senate will meet in-person next week as well.

Cases began surging in December with the spread of the omicron variant, reaching a one-day high of 44,089 cases on Jan. 6. But there has been a steady decline in new cases in the past two weeks, falling to fewer than 10,000 new cases on Jan. 25.

Hospitalizations and intensive care unit utilization have also been declining. On Monday, Jan. 24, there were just 377 new hospital admissions for COVID-19, the lowest daily total in a month.

Lawmakers are scheduled to meet Tuesday through Thursday next week, Feb. 1-3.

At a separate event in Chicago on Thursday, Gov. JB Pritzker said he plans to deliver his annual budget and State of the State address in person on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

“And I’m excited about that,” Pritzker told reporters at a news conference. “And I don’t want to give any previews. You’ll

certainly hear about it in the 24 hours or so before the speech and then, of course, a few surprises in the speech. But we want to make sure and keep that for next week.”

Pritzker will deliver the speech from the House chamber. For safety reasons, Welch’s office said capacity limits will be in place and the gallery above the House floor will remain closed to the public.

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Senate Republicans Call for ‘Common Sense’ Ethics Reforms

SB 3636 would build upon ethics legislation passed in 2021

By Grace Kinnicutt Capitol News Illinois

Demanding what they call “common sense ethics reform,” Senate Republicans plan to take action in addressing unethical behavior by elected public officials.

Upon introducing the ethics reforms package, Senate Republicans called for the legislative inspector general position to be filled through an independent search committee. Republicans said Democrats need to end the “political games” and hire a legislative watchdog.

“It is not OK to have the legislative inspector general’s seat empty, and it is not OK for the majority party to play political games with an issue as important as legislative ethics, and it is not OK for legislators to think they can police themselves,” Sen. Don DeWitte, R-St. Charles, said during a virtual news conference.

The position has been vacant since LIG Carol Pope left the position on Jan. 6. Since exiting, a 45-day countdown started to find an interim LIG but the commission is currently at an impasse. If the position is still vacant in six months, the Illinois auditor general will choose the next LIG.

Republicans also filed legislation to increase LIG’s power that would allow the person in that position the ability to subpoena lawmakers and make the Ethics Commission meetings open to the public.

To address the shortcomings Republicans felt were not properly addressed in the last reform bill, Sen. Jil Tracy, R-Quincy, introduced Senate

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Bill 3636, which takes “meaningful action” to address corruption within the state government. The legislation would build on SB 539, which was passed in 2021.

Sen. Sally Turner, R-Lincoln, says the bill addresses glaring omissions left out of last year’s bill.

“We’re continuing to push from last year for strong common sense reforms that will truly root out the corruption our state has become all too known for,” Turner said.

Senate Bill 3636 would prevent spouses and other close family living with a General Assembly member from engaging in lobbying if they accept compensation, and prevent legislators from negotiating for employment with lobbying entities while holding public office.

“It’s too easy for legislators to spend their time in Springfield advocating on behalf of special interests instead of their constituents,” Sen. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro said.

Under last year’s bill, a six-month revolving door provision banned legislators from lobbying until six months after leaving office. The new provision in SB 3636 would extend the ban to 12 months.

The bill would also allow the attorney general to expand the authority of a statewide grand jury to investigate, indict, and prosecute public corruption cases, and give state’s attorneys power to investigate corruption of public officials.

“We must bring an end to the known practices that lead to unethical behavior,” Tracy said. “Then and only then will we be able to take back our government for one that serves the people of the state of Illinois.”

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Illinois DOC Resumes Intake of Inmates After COVID-19 Variant Surge

Space used to quarantine COVID-19-exposed inmates will return to intake

By Beth Hundsdorfer Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois Department of Corrections resumed intake of inmates from county jails last week after a two-week pause due to a COVID-19 spike.

As COVID-19 cases at Illinois correctional facilities continue trending downward, space previously used to safely quarantine and isolate incarcerated individuals who had been exposed or tested positive for COVID-19 will now be available for county jail transfers, according to a statement released by IDOC.

IDOC paused intake of inmates on Jan. 11, citing high transmission rates due to the omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus. IDOC resumed intake into their facilities on Jan. 27. In that span, hospitalizations for COVID-19 in Illinois have decreased from more than 7,200 to 3,805 as of Monday.

Sheriffs around the state complained the move to pause transfers to IDOC put more strain on county jails that continued to house, feed, clothe and provide medical attention for offenders awaiting transfer to IDOC. Before a transfer to IDOC, inmates are held in isolation for 14 days as a quarantine measure to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

This is the second time IDOC halted intakes from county jails during the pandemic. The Illinois Sheriff’s Association filed suit against IDOC in March 2020. An appellate court sided with the agency and the Pritzker administration in August 2020, finding that the governor has the authority to control the movement of persons within a disaster area under the authority of a disaster proclamation.”

A new executive order resumed the transfer of inmates to IDOC, but stated the scheduling of inmates from county jails was under the sole discretion of the director of IDOC. The director must ensure the health and safety of the transferring individuals and the inmates and staff of the facilities receiving them.

IDOC resumed county jail intakes on Aug. 3, 2020.

Gov. JB Pritzker ordered all IDOC guards to be vaccinated in August, but the union took the case to arbitration. The arbitrator ultimately sided with the governor, but that was in late December. Guards were to have their first shot by the end of January.

The Better Government Association reported that in early December 2021, there were fewer than 160 COVID-19 cases throughout IDOC. Six weeks later, that number jumped to 3,300 inmates and 1,100 staff members.

On Monday, IDOC’s website reported 1,022 cases among the staff and 2,800 cases among offenders. The highest offender positivity rate was at Robinson Correctional Center with 409 cases. The eastern Illinois facility has a capacity of 1,200 inmates.

Although IDOC paused intakes to its facilities, they did continue accepting individuals from county jails who were scheduled to be released from custody the same day they are transferred.

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Illinois Will Launch Federally-Funded Mortgage Assistance Program This Spring

Up to \$30,000 available for pandemic-affected homeowners

By Grace Kinnicutt Capitol News Illinois

Beginning this spring, the Illinois Housing Development Authority will start accepting applications for homeowners experiencing financial hardship.

The Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund overseen by IHDA is a federally-funded program that is dedicated to assist Illinois homeowners that have struggled to pay their mortgage due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I know we’ve been waiting for these funds for a while and it’s really been a holdup from the U.S. Treasury (of) being able to get this money out the door,” House Housing Committee Chair Delia Ramirez, D-Chicago, said during a hearing Wednesday.

Funded through the American Rescue Plan Act that passed Congress in March 2021, \$387 million will be available through the emergency assistance fund for homeowners.

The ARPA funds provided assistance for rent and utilities, as well as \$387 million for the soon-to-launch mortgage assistance program.

Homeowners will be able to apply for a grant of up to \$30,000 that will eliminate or reduce arrearages associated with homeownership.

Funds can also be used to prevent mortgage delinquencies and defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services and displacement of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after Jan. 21, 2020.

Homeowners must contact their mortgage servicer or a housing counseling agency to ask for help and then, depending on the outcome, can apply for assistance through IHDA.

“These are requirements that the federal

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government and Treasury are imparting to us,” IHDA Executive Director Kristin Faust said. “The homeowner assistance fund is meant to be a fund of last resort.”

Faust said IHDA will begin a public relations and information campaign to start educating homeowners about how to reach out to housing counseling agencies or their mortgage provider to start preparing the necessary paperwork for when the application process opens.

“Our goal will be to get all the dollars out the door,” Faust said.

Homeowners are recommended to begin the process now to reach out to their service provider and housing counseling agencies so when the applications do open, they’ll be eligible for financial assistance.

Since the pandemic began, IHDA has distributed hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding for rental assistance programs. For the May to July 2021 application period, IHDA distributed more than \$593 million to fund nearly 65,000 applications, according to its website.

Faust said the agency expects to distribute about \$200 million this year based on the ongoing impact caused by the pandemic, plus an additional \$50 million for people who are behind on property taxes.

IHDA also allocated \$75 million in COVID-19 Affordable Housing Grant Program funds created by the American Rescue Plan. Chrissy Moran, IHDA managing director of multifamily financing, said the funds help developers overcome increased construction costs related to the pandemic.

Currently, IHDA has 5,325 units under construction across 22 counties. The grant will help fund an additional 1,800 affordable units for senior citizens, veterans and families.

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Illinois Agriculture Continues To Battle Nutrient Pollution

Report shows increase despite efforts

By Beth Hundsdorfer Capitol News Illinois

Nutrient loss is one of the most serious pollution threats faced in the U.S., causing a Rhode Island-sized dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico, poisoning local lakes and streams and causing serious health problems for people and domesticated animals.

This year, Illinois lawmakers are considering how to best direct state resources to help reduce nutrient runoff, particularly in the agriculture sector and suburban sewage runoff.

One goal is to incentivize farmers to adopt nutrient runoff reduction strategies through government incentives and other policy changes. It’s an effort to better fulfill a runoff reduction strategy that began in 1995 but hasn’t led to the results lawmakers had hoped for.

Illinois is one of 11 states in the Mississippi River basin that have pledged to develop strategies to reduce the nutrient loads leaving their borders. Illinois aimed to reduce nitrates and nitrogen by 15 percent and phosphorus by 25 percent by 2025, but the latest update showed that nutrient loss increased by 13 percent and phosphorus losses increased by 35 percent, compared with a baseline period from 1980 to 1996, according to the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Implementation Biennial Report.

The state is making headway on its goal to reduce nutrient discharge from wastewater treatment facilities. From 2019 to 2020, funding tripled for investment in water treatment, resulting in more than \$200 million in investment for improvements at wastewater plants. Clear guidance was in place to help wastewater operators understand what improvements needed to be made and how to get funding to make them, according to the report.

Agriculture has not seen the same reductions. Increased and more intense rains fueled by climate change complicated those nutrient loss efforts, experts say. While developing agricultural strategies to address nutrient loss, they are complicated by geography and financial considerations for the 72,000 farmers who farm 27 million acres across the state.

“Farm conservation is, by far, the most effective way to combat nutrient loss, but it can be costly for individual farmers to implement,” said Michael Woods, division manager of the Division of Natural Resources for the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Some of the key agricultural practices to combat nutrient loss and help reach the goal of a 45 percent reduction in nitrogen and phosphorus pollution are conservation tillage, testing the soil before applying phosphorus fertilizer, using the maximum return on nitrogen rate for nitrogen fertilizer, putting grass buffers on waterways, and using cover crops.

A state program offers a \$5-per-acre

discount on crop insurance, but demand for the program is far outpacing the availability even as its funding was doubled this year.

In 2019, the first year of the “Fall Cover for Spring Savings,” the program covered 50,000 acres. It took 12 days for the applications to be filled. IDOA estimated 70 percent of the applicants were new to planting cover crops. In 2022, the acreage limit was doubled to 100,000 acres. It took less than 12 hours to fill the first-come, first-served program.

“It shattered records,” Woods said. “This program is in high demand because it is not cheap to employ conservation methods. This program offsets some of those costs.”

Legislative efforts

State Sen. Ram Villivalam, D-Chicago, is the sponsor of a measure that has thus far stalled in the General Assembly that would have extended state runoff reduction efforts.

“Though this isn’t an issue that hits the front page, it is an important one and one that we should make sure we make a priority,” he said.

Villivalam filed Senate Bill 3471 earlier this month that would extend a program run through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Partners for Conservation Fund, through 2032 and allow it to receive private funds. It would also allow for fund transfers from other state funds to conservation efforts and give the Illinois Department of Revenue better grant-making guidance.

It also increases funding for runoff reduction efforts.

“We have made progress on this in appropriations,” Villivalam said. “We will continue to work to make funding available and to make sure that funding is used appropriately to combat this problem, as well as seeing what other gaps exist.”

The funding will rise over the next 10 years from \$10 million to more than \$25 million in 2027, extending through 2032.

The bill asks for agricultural management on state-owned and leased lands to support nutrient loss reduction efforts. It also directs much of the current allocation to the Illinois EPA toward implementation of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy and infrastructure projects for nutrient capture.

In 1995, the Illinois Legislature passed Conservation 2000, a comprehensive, six-year, \$100 million initiative designed to promote ecosystem-based management of privately

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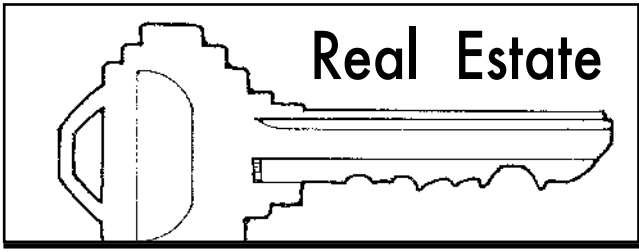
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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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TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX5 FILED: 1/24/2022

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone Date Premises Sold: October 31, 2019 Certificate No.: 2018-00133 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 926 Julien Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 05-25-408-013

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 July 20, 2022.

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

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 20, 2022.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County in 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008, Room 3, on August 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

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 July 20, 2022 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

1212 Logan Ave., Suite 103
Belvidere, IL 61008
(815) 544-3103
Firm Assets, LLC
Purchaser or Assignee, January 26, 2022
Travis B Hardy Sr., Travis B. Hardy Sr.

Occupant
Devin A. Gough, Elizabeth Vendermerwe, Trevor James Brewer, Joni Oglesby, Elizabeth Bruzan, Thomas Gough, Shawn Michael Roth
State of Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Child Support Enforcement, State of Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Child Support Enforcement, State of Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Child Support Enforcement, Attorney General for the State of Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Child Support Enforcement, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots"
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF JOHN E. LAMMERSFELD, Deceased
NO. 21 P 75

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of: JOHN LAMMERSFELD of Capron, IL
Letters of Office were issued on December 14, 2021

Representative Linda Lammersfeld
155 Rainbow Drive, Capron, IL 61012
Whose attorney is: Law Office of Paula Rieghns, Ltd.
P.O. Box 205
631 E. Grant Highway
Marengo, IL 60152

Claims against the Estate may be filed within six months from the date of first publication. Any claim not filed within six months from the date of first publication or claims not filed within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice of Creditor, whichever is later, shall be barred.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the representative or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to his or her attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

December 15, 2021 Kelly Boettger Pro Tempore
Clerk of the Court
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Equity One Investment Fund LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
January 26, 2022

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Occupant
Charles R. See, Lucas Yattone, Barb Lizer, Jake Yattone
Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots"
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ASSUMED NAMES

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
Published in Boone County Journal 1/20/22, 1/27/22, 2/3/22

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a Wood working business in said County and State under the name of OGAN WOODWORKS at the following post office address: 16610 Capron Rd., Capron, IL 61012 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: BRADLEY OGAN, 16610 Capron Rd., Capron, IL 61012; phone # (815) 303-7243.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 28th day of January, A.D. 2022

Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk
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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 III. 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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOONE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:

The applicant, Suhail Khan, 208 Minuet Circle, Volo, IL 60073, is seeking a rezoning from A-1, Agricultural Preservation District to a Commercial District in Belvidere Township, pursuant to section 2.10.2 Amending the Zoning Map. PIN: 05-11-300-018.

The applicant, Hal Galvin, Ameresco, 701 Xenia Avenue South Suite 240, Golden Valley, MN 55416, is seeking a special use permit in the A-1, Agricultural Preservation District for a solar energy development pursuant to section 2.7 (Special Use and Section 3.16.1 (Table of Permitted Uses) of Boone County Zoning Ordinance, in unincorporated Belvidere Township. PIN: 05-14-200-003, 05-14-200-006, and 05-14-100-015.

The applicant, Sun Vest Solar LLC, (SV CSG Garden Prairie 1, LLC) is seeking a special use permit in the A-1, Agricultural Preservation District for a solar energy development pursuant to section 2.7 (Special Use and Section 3.16.1 (Table of Permitted Uses) of Boone County Zoning Ordinance, in unincorporated Bonus Township. PIN: 06-34-200-014

The applicant, Sun Vest Solar LLC, (SV CSG Garden Prairie 2, LLC) is seeking a special use permit in the A-1, Agricultural Preservation District for a solar energy development pursuant to section 2.7 (Special Use and Section 3.16.1 (Table of Permitted Uses) of Boone County Zoning Ordinance, in unincorporated Bonus Township. PIN: 06-34-200-014

All persons interested may appear at the hearing and be heard at the stated time and place.

Brad Fidder, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals
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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 July 20, 2022.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County in 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008, Room 3, on August 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

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 July 20, 2022 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois.

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. Augsburg, #6304592
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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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Ag Pollution *Continued page 5*

held land in a public-private partnership and create partnerships between the Department of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Natural Resources. It became Partners for Conservation in 2008, but it was scheduled to expire in 2021 as legislation to extend it failed to pass.

The latest legislative effort will extend that program and provide additional guidance on setting goals and targets to advance conservation efforts, expand the eligible uses of the Partners for Conservation Fund, including funding for the Fall Covers for Spring Savings Program, and enhance reporting to the Legislature on progress through the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

The bill will not only help align state programs with the NLRs, but it creates a framework that will help agency staff direct state and federal conservation dollars toward nutrient loss programs.

"It creates partnerships that would measure data, track success and devise strategies that would allow for easier application to get those federal dollars," said Max Webster, Midwest policy manager for American Farmland Trust.

It would also stabilize state funding for the programs allowing for matching federal money, Webster said.

Villivalam filed the bill Jan. 19, and it had not received a committee assignment as of Wednesday.

Other obstacles

Participation in voluntary incentive programs, like the cover crop program, might not be enough to meet the goals in the NLRs, said Catie Gregg, agricultural program specialist for Prairie Rivers Network.

"If we continue to not see improvements, or things are getting worse, as seen in the 2021 NLRs report, we will need to look at a broader range of strategies that may include both voluntary programs and requiring certain best management practices," Gregg said.

Conservation tillage, maximum return rate for nitrogen, and testing the soil for phosphorus before applying fertilizer should be part of those strategies, Gregg said.

For Illinois to meet those nutrient loss reduction goals, agriculture programs should be scaled up, Gregg said. New agriculture programs are at the scale of millions of dollars, whereas wastewater treatment facilities have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in reducing nutrient pollution in their plants, often funded by the state revolving fund.

"It is not surprising that we are seeing nutrient pollution reductions in wastewater, but not from agriculture," Gregg said. "We will need that same level of funding if we are to see reductions in runoff at the same scale from agriculture."

Farmers want to protect their land and environment, but they have to consider the bottom line when starting a new regimen on their farms, such as planting cover crops or installing buffers, said Lauren Lurkins, director of natural and environmental resources for Illinois Farm Bureau. Financial incentives can offer inducement to try conservation measures.

"Each year, every farmer will have to look at their own situation to decide. This year, everything is higher; seeds, fertilizer, everything. They may decide that the program alone isn't enough to justify the additional costs," Lurkins said.

Rep. Charlie Meier, R-Okawville, who farms 1,600 acres in Washington County, echoed that sentiment.

Ten years ago, when cash crop prices were high and fertilizer prices were reasonable, Meier said, it made sense to try to maximize yield. This year, the fertilizer prices are high and supplies

are harder to source, making it a good time to push conservation efforts. But Meier points to inadequate state agriculture budgets and a lack of commitment to address the nutrient loss problem.

The soil diversity across the state also means that incentive programs must allow for flexibility so the farmer can be successful and continue to use conservation methods after the incentive period ends.

"Farmers compete. You look at your neighbors' fields and you want to do as well or better than they are," Meier said. "Farmers don't want mandates. Farms across the state are different. What works for a farmer in Champaign County may not work in Monroe County. Farmers want flexibility to do what works for them."

Meier participated in the federal Conservation Stewardship Program on his farm – money that came from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service. He created buffers along the waterways to absorb nutrients, targeted areas for fertilizing with testing and GPS, planted cover crops in the fall where he will plant cash crops in the spring and milkweed for pollinators in less productive areas.

But the federal program guidelines can be complicated and the paperwork and documentation can be daunting, especially for farmers who also work off of the farm, according to Rob Myers, director of the Center for Regenerative Agriculture at the University of Missouri.

And Meier said successful implementation of any cover crop program requires farmers to be continuously learning about technology and employing what works for their farm, being adaptable and embracing change.

Some Illinois farmers are making changes, not only to reduce runoff but to lower their costs and improve their soil quality and improve their yields and the quality of the yields while reducing their use of fertilizers.

Mark Litteken operates a hog and cattle farm on 120 acres in Clinton County. He also grows corn and soybeans. Litteken started planting cover crops in 2010.

Litteken chose not to use the state or federal programs so he could be more flexible in his choice of cover crops and how he used them. He grazes his cattle on the grass, clover and radishes he grows.

"This isn't really new. This is stuff my grandfather used to do," Litteken said. "There is science behind it, but you also have to know your goals and your ground."

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Water Survey to Analyze Flood Risks in Boone, DeKalb, Ogle, and Winnebago Counties, Illinois

Press Release

Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) hydrologic and hydraulic modeling in Boone, DeKalb, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois is underway as part of a study to help local communities identify areas of high flood risk for flood mitigation planning.

ISWS is working collaboratively on the project with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources-Office of Water Resources (IDNR-OWR) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The first phase of the project, data collection, is anticipated to begin in late January and to be completed in summer 2022. In this phase, surveyors will conduct detailed channel and bridge surveys of the river, including in or near the cities of Rockford (Winnebago County) and Belvidere (Boone County) and Villages of Cherry Valley (Boone and Winnebago counties), Davis Junction (Ogle County), and Kirkland (DeKalb County).

Field survey activities will primarily be focused on Bull Creek, Killbuck Creek, Kishwaukee Tributary A, Kishwaukee Tributary A Stormwater Diversion, Madigan Creek, Manning Creek, and South Branch Kishwaukee River.

Residents should be aware of the periodic presence of survey crews in the area. Surveys will be completed as stream conditions and weather allow.

Questions about the study can be directed to Aaron Thomas, P.E., CFM, at the Illinois State Water Survey (abthomas@illinois.edu) 217-333-7832.

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