

William Grady Pool Closes; New Opportunities Open

By Mars Rinaldi

For generations of Belvidere residents, Summer didn't truly kick off until the William Grady Pool was open. Kids came to the pool in droves to beat the heat--or the boredom--and lifetimes of memories were made every season.

Families were preparing to splash into summer on the projected opening date of May 28th this year; but opening was delayed by an announcement made by the Park District on May 26th, citing mechanical issues that needed repair. A few days later, however, the Park District made the decision that the William Grady Pool had reached the end of its serviceable life. The announcement was made via Facebook and the Belvidere Park District's website, accompanied by a "press release" from Executive Director, Jen Jacky. The "press" (at least the Belvidere-based, *Boone County Journal*) did not receive a copy of the "press release."

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Residents of Belvidere Township Park District,

For over 80 years, the William Grady Pool has stood as a community flagship and a center piece for Belvidere Park. The iconic facility is a place of wonderful summer memories for generations of the area's residents and families. It is why today is a very difficult day for us, as we officially announce that we will be permanently closing the facility. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to the current William Grady Pool. We know that this decision comes with feelings of frustration and disappointment; we feel the same way. We wanted the pool to open just as much as you.

Please know that this decision by the board and staff has not come lightly or hastily. It comes after years of studies, surveys, feasibility reports and recommendations. In our role as stewards for the Township's taxpayers, it has become evident that continued operation of the William Grady Pool is neither fiscally responsible nor operationally feasible. This year, we tried to



A typical summer day at the Belvidere pool

photo provided by the Belvidere Park District

carry out one more season. Our whole team worked to get the pool ready, trains taff and plan a fun-filled summer in the water but we are faced with being unable to open the pool due to safety concerns stemming from extreme water seepage. Last year, nearly 2.5 million gallons of water were used to fill the pool throughout the summer; the pool only holds 500,000 gallons of water. The staff meticulously sealed the seams of the pool for this season, which was thought to be the root cause of the seepage. Unfortunately, it was not. In the first week of filling the pool, alarmingly, over 1.6 million gallons of water were used and the pool continues to fail to retain water, completely draining itself over the weekend. The issue is much larger than just the seams and instead lies in the plumbing underneath and around the diving well. With the water seepage issue, it is now causing air to be pulled from the main drain

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The Belvidere Pool: a WPA Project

By David Larson

The Belvidere Park Pool opened to swimmers only months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. It was, as many other large and small assets in Belvidere, a product of the Roosevelt New Deal.

The Community Planning Committee was an taxpayer watchdog organization, composed of representatives from virtually every important group or club in Belvidere. The group reasoned that with Federal WPA money and transferring the cost of running Marshall Beach, taxes would not go up. Based on that analysis, they fully supported the pool project, as did most people in Belvidere.

Before construction began, a site had to be chosen for the pool. Two were publicly discussed. One was the Gallagher site, which was approximately where the City Street Department yards at West Locust and Pleasant Street are today. The site overlooked Doty Flats, a marshy, swampy area, and would have been located very close to the street. The public was strongly against that location, and preferred the mill race site, where the pool stands today.

The cost of the pool project was \$70,000. The WPA grant covered \$50,000. Using today's dollars, \$70,000 would be approximately \$1.3 million. It took the WPA two full years to build the pool. In the summer of 1940.

The WPA (known officially as the Works Progress Administration, and later as the Work Projects Administration) had many projects in Boone County. It built roads and bridges, the Community Building in Belvidere, and the tennis courts and pool in Belvidere Park. The WPA employed many out-of-work, local people. It provided day care and festival events. The WPA was a culture of employment, sponsored and funded by the Federal Government. It was much maligned at the time as "Socialistic" by the Republican Party.



Swimming Pool Belvidere Park
Oct. 5, 1938 A stamp of approval for the swimming pool project. Wed., Aug. 2, 1939, Walls for the pool and bath house were 70 percent finished. Saturday June 14, 1941 Open House. Wednesday July 9, 1941 Formal opening and dedication of facilities. Photo May 1941

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plumbing which means that both pumps are unable to run simultaneously and in turn it is impossible to maintain the legal flow rate to provide a safe environment for patrons.

Between an ever-aging infrastructure, failing mechanical equipment, outdated features, environmental and financial impacts on the constant water seepage, the rising overhead operational costs, decreased attendance and the recent challenges in staffing, we feel that continuing operating the facility is not sustainable. Please know we understand that a pool is a community benefit but when we are consistently diverting a substantial amount of our funds from other recreational programming to subsidize the operation of the pool, it is not an effective use of the community's tax dollars.

We have been diligently discussing, monitoring and studying this topic for the past decade and are now faced with the reality that it is no longer practical to run the pool in its

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Do you remember the old Belvidere Pool built by the WPA?



- Burke, Eugene (Gene), 71, Capron, May 26
- Catron, Shirley, 86, Belvidere, June 5
- Clark, Dale, 71, Belvidere, May 27
- Funderburg, Jack Sr., 77, Belvidere, May 31
- Thrall, Dawn, 45, Caledonia, May 31
- Winkler, Karl, 80, Cherry Valley, June 5

* projected										
• Pool did not open due to COVID										
	2022*	2021	2020*	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Revenue	80,780	53,766	-566	91,906	96,675	116,169	112,085	113,908	104,928	95,993
Expenses	298,745	203,787	23,736	169,380	175,728	162,217	160,946	201,509	213,569	186,289
Difference	-218,965	-150,021	-27,302	-77,474	-80,053	-46,048	-48,860	-87,601	-108,641	-90,296

William Grady Pool Financials at a Glance

present condition. The amount of money to “band-aid” the issues with the current facility does not make sense due to its age, initially being constructed in 1939 and then updated nearly 40 years ago. Through our most recent aquatic study, the community agreed. An overwhelming number of respondents (86%) felt that the current pool should be decommissioned and recommended planning for updated aquatic features.

As difficult as it is when one era ends, we are excited by the opportunity for the community to come together to plan the future of the aquatics for Belvidere Township and the surrounding area. We ask for your thoughts, opinions and ideas on features and amenities you would like to see and be willing to support. The Belvidere Park District is committed to bringing quality recreational opportunities to the community. We look forward to planning, alongside you, the next chapter of aquatics.

Sincerely,
Jen Jacky - Executive Director

As one might expect, reactions to the announcement on social media were a mix of disappointment and anger, with a healthy dose of “what have you all been doing with my tax money” rage. The press release was published with a Frequently Asked Questions sheet, which included a QR code link to a document titled “Belvidere Community Aquatic Study;” a presentation of findings in a study by Perkins and Will Architects of Chicago. The Park District also released statistics showing the income generated by the pool versus the operational costs and revenue from taxes. (see chart above)

Between the press release itself and the FAQ, the Park District very clearly showed the financial loss created by continuing operations of the pool. According to the data published, the 2021 statistics for the William Grady Pool showed that the facility brought in an average of \$996 daily, while the daily cost to operate the pool was \$3,774. That creates a net daily loss of \$2,778. On top of the loss, the Park District highlighted that large amounts of their funds—including those from tax dollars—were being diverted from other programs to try and keep the pool operating.

Several months before the decision to close had been made, the Park District estimated that it would cost \$885,000 to keep the pool running until it was no longer usable.

With the laundry list of ongoing pool problems, there were signs that an ultimate closure was in the Park District's sight. The most recent major maintenance was done on the pool in 2016, listed in the Perkins and Will study as “main pool filter maintenance.”

The mechanical failure highlighted as responsible for the permanent closure of the pool was an issue of extreme water seepage and pump issues. In the Aquatics Study, the Park District listed “Many deferred maintenance

issues” among a list of ongoing challenges. No reasoning for the deferrals were given, though Executive Director Jen Jacky confirmed to the *Journal* that it was a lack of funding. The press release states that the Park District has “been diligently discussing, monitoring, and studying this topic for the past decade” yet, given the reactions from the community to the closure announcement, it seems that no one outside the Park District had any real idea just how desperate the situation was for the William Grady Pool.

In January of 2022, the Park District published a survey asking the community to help make the plans for the future of aquatics in Belvidere. Of thousands of possible responses, only 377 people participated in the survey. The Park District distributed the survey link through several channels, according to John Beachum, Marketing Supervisor for the Park District, including social media posts, a direct link on their website, and “various paid and owned advertising.” Again, no mention of the survey was communicated to the *Journal*, nor was an advertisement of the survey placed in the paper.

The nature of the questions in the survey did not directly imply any major mechanical issues with the existing pool, but one of the 15 questions did ask how respondents would see the land reused for public benefit. 71% of respondents made comments favoring keeping the pool or building a new pool, while 13% indicated an interest in an indoor facility, and 23% were miscellaneous comments about expanded outdoor facilities.

Overall, those who did respond to the survey seemed to be in favor of a new aquatic facility, possibly with indoor features. What, then, caused such a paltry rate of response from the public? Annual visits in 2021 show 8,756 guests. While that is significantly lower than previous years, one would imagine that there would be many more community members interested in the future of the pool facility. Apparently, the survey is still open to residents to complete.

With the fate of the William Grady Pool finally decided and decommissioning planned, the Park District states that it is eager to engage the community in plans moving forward. The Aquatics Study features a planning strategy that illustrates three possible options for the land currently occupied by the pool. The first option is to not replace the pool and substitute park amenities for

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an estimate of \$5 million. The second option, with a projected cost of \$12 million, would replace the existing pool with updated facilities and amenities. Option three would completely “reinvent the WGP into an indoor aquatic facility to create an all-seasons facility and provide opportunities for partnership.” This option is estimated to cost \$19.4 million. Each of the options have accompanying photos and renderings, and the report includes a market analysis to help gauge the viability of any facility in Belvidere.

The Aquatics Study and findings survey are available for viewing at www.belvidereimagined.com -- a new website adjacent to the existing Belvidere Park District website. A video attached to the survey page references desired partnerships with several local entities, such as the YMCA, Belvidere School District 100, and Swedish American Hospital. Such partnerships could provide new, beneficial opportunities to the community, and possibly help in fundraising efforts if the third option is pursued. It also recommends a market analysis to help gauge the viability of any new facility in Belvidere.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger on Sensible Gun Reform in America

Press Release – Following the recent Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, TX mass shootings, Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) reaffirmed his commitment to working on sensible gun reform by advocating, once again, to raise the gun purchase age to 21, implement universal background checks, and bolster red flag laws. He made those points clear in an op-ed shortly after the El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH shootings in 2019, which can be found in full here.

On Sunday, May 29, 2022, the Congressman joined ABC’s This Week and discussed these reforms as well as the importance for Congress to work together in a bipartisan, good faith manner to address the gun violence epidemic.

In his interview, which can be found in full below, Congressman Kinzinger suggested stricter regulations for the purchase of automatic rifles (AR), saying that it’s time to have this discussion and consider a special license for AR purchases or other measures to make sure they are not so readily available for bad actors.

This week, Congressman Kinzinger joined his House colleagues in cosponsoring H.R. 3015 - the Raise the Age Act and H.R. 1007 – the Hadiya Pendleton and Nyasia Pryear Yard Gun Trafficking and Crime Prevention Act. These bipartisan pieces of legislation would establish new requirements on the sale of firearms to adults under 21 and make trafficking in firearms a stand-alone criminal offense.

Congressman Kinzinger has previously reached across the aisle for common-sense gun reform, voting in favor of H.R. 8 – Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021 and H.R. 38 – Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, which establishes a more stringent federal framework for concealed carry permits and background checks.

In 2017, Congressman Kinzinger drafted a letter to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and Explosives (ATF) following the horrific tragedy in Las Vegas, NV urging a thorough but speedy re-evaluation of bump-stock devices with the goal of ultimately banning these attachments.

During his recent Sunday show interview, Congressman Kinzinger also stressed the importance of bringing both parties to the table in Congress to address gun violence in America more effectively: “My side is not coming forward with reasonable ways to defend an amendment that we think is very important. I’m looking at this going, ‘Fine, if people are going to put forward solutions about certifying maybe who can buy an assault weapon, I’m certainly open to that.’”

Flour Millers Anticipate Ample Supply of Wheat in Illinois

By Daniel Grant
FarmWeek

Flour millers should have an ample supply of quality wheat in the state this season, based on findings of the Southern Illinois Wheat Tour.

The annual tour, hosted by the Illinois Wheat Association (IWA), projected an average yield of 68.56 bushels per acre, but more importantly, generally low insect and disease pressure at this point.

“The yield is obviously important for the farmers,” said Mark Miller, plant manager of Mennel Milling in Mount Olive and IWA board member. “As a flour miller, we’re looking for quality, good test weights, milling yield, low vomitoxin and good falling numbers (which reflect the starch content).”

Miller started working in the industry in 1982 and recently reached a 40-year milestone. Mennel Milling, one of five wheat mills in the state, opened in 1876.

He anticipates an ample supply of wheat in Illinois this year.

“There’s a lot of competition in this market,” Miller said. “But there’s enough wheat grown that we can all get what we need. We’ve got a good draw.”

Soft red wheat processed at Mennel goes into everything from pancake flour, Aldi’s toaster pastries and French’s fried onions to Pillsbury biscuits and cookie dough.

“We’ve got a wide variety of products that we’re in,” Miller said. “That’s probably one of the things not well known about us is all the different products we’re in.”

Dave DeVore, grain merchandiser for Siemer Milling in Teutopolis, established in 1882, also looks for an adequate supply of wheat this harvest.

USDA projects Illinois farmers will harvest 50,000 more acres this year compared to 2021, with total production in the state pegged at 49.5 million bushels, up about 1.3 million from a year ago.

“I think (the tour) kind of went as expected from talking to farmers,” DeVore said. “Everybody thought wheat looked pretty good, and I’d agree with that.”

“I don’t know that it’s a record-breaker. But it’s a pretty good crop.”

The key between now and harvest hinges on the weather to avoid any type of major disease outbreak in the crop.

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First United Methodist Church Grief Share Classes:

the First United Methodist Church of Belvidere, 610 Bonus Ave., Belvidere. Day sessions starting at (10:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.) and evening sessions (6:30 P.M.- 8:30 P.M.). Contact the Church office to sign up at (815) 544-3479.

Heritage Day’s 5K Run:

The Belvidere Chamber of Commerce is excited to host this beautiful race along the Kishwaukee River Path. The race will start and finish in Doty Park downtown Belvidere. Dogs and strollers are welcome. Please be courteous to runners and stay to the side of the path.

The purpose of this Run/Walk is to provide healthy family fun to the festival weekend. Proceeds from this race will help keep the festival going for years to come.

There will also be a free kids race at 9:00 AM. It will stay within the park and will be approximately 400-500 meters on the circle path in Doty Park. For registration and all other information go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Belvidere/Heritage5K>.

Boone County Master Gardeners are Ready to Answer Your Call:

Boone County Master Gardeners offers a free service answering garden questions at their Horticulture Help Desk. The Help Desk is open 1-4 p.m., Monday thru Thursday throughout the growing season (April – Sept.) Master Gardeners are volunteers who have trained by University of Illinois Extension educators to provide research-based answers to your home horticulture questions. Topics include insects, trees, shrubs, plants, vegetables, fruits, gardens, lawns, and more. The Master Gardeners can be reached by calling 815-544-3710, emailing in your question to uiemg-boone@illinois.edu, or by stopping at the office at 205 Cadillac Court, Suite 3 in Belvidere during help desk hours.

Breakfast on the Farm:

The 23rd Annual Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation Farm Breakfast will be held June 11, 2022, at Friendly Franseen Acres, located at 22799 Hwy 76, Poplar Grove, IL. Breakfast consisting of all-you-can-eat pancakes, whole hog sausage, applesauce, ice cream, milk and coffee will be served from 6:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Activities include goat milking (approximately 6:30-8 a.m.) horse drawn wagon rides (weather permitting), children’s games, goats and other farm animals, robotics, 50/50 raffle, antique tractor display, the Matt Wundrow Band and more. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-10, and children five and under are free (cash only). All proceeds go to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation to support ag education. visit <https://www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org/foundation-events.html> or call the Farm Bureau office at (815) 962-0653 for more information.

Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing:

Monday, July 11, 2022. Registration and warm breakfast at 8:00 A.M. Shotgun start at 9:00 A.M. Lunch available from 11:30 – 1:00 P.M. call (815) 544-4357 for registration and for further information.

Community Health & Safety Fair Hosted by Kendel Sherman Foundation:

June 18, 2022, from 10:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M. Located at Loves Park City Hall. Various activities from over twenty-five different organizations.

Calling All Kiddos! (And Adult Chaperons!):

This year the Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum is participating in the Belvidere Heritage Days Parade, which will be held, on June 26 at 3PM. We will be towing a flatbed trailer that will have a Tessier biplane on it! We are looking for as many

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kiddos that would like to participate, by either sitting on the float with the airplane or walking alongside the float handing out flyers to the parade spectators along the route.

The only things that will be required are adults getting their children to and from the float, a signed waiver by a legal parent/guardian allowing for participation, and also some sort of aviation gear (like in the picture) to be wearing to fit the theme of “vintage”!

Please call 815-547-3115 or email info@wing-sandwheelsmuseum.org to sign your kid(s) up!

Celebrate Independence Day with the RSO:

The Rockford Symphony Orchestra (RSO) in conjunction with Rock Valley College’s Starlight Theatre will present the Star-Spangled Spectacular July 3 at 8 PM., conducted by the Rockford Symphony Youth Orchestra’s Music Director Linc Smelser and will include a variety of patriotic favorites along with the always popular tribute to our community’s Veterans. Also included will be music from the movies Star Trek, Superman and Apollo 13.

A highlight of this year’s concert will be Aaron Copland’s Lincoln Portrait featuring State Representative Maurice West who will be narrating this moving work filled with American folk tunes interwoven with narrated passages from Abraham Lincoln’s greatest speeches.

Food trucks will be available on-site beginning at 6 PM. Tickets are \$30 and youth 12 and under \$10. Lawn seats are also available for \$5 each. Purchase tickets online at rockfordsymphony.com or call the RSO box office at 815-965-0049. The annual Star Spangled Spectacular in the beautiful Starlight Theatre is the perfect way to celebrate Independence Day!

Pritzker Announces Progress in Processing Rape Case Evidence, Signs Highway Camera Expansion

Cases being processed within the 180-day timeframe under state law

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois State Police announced Friday that all sexual assault evidence is being processed within the 180-day timeframe outlined in state law – bringing to zero the number of legally “backlogged” cases that rose as high as 1,815 in March 2019.

It’s the first time all such evidence is being processed within 180 days as required by a 2010 law, according to the governor’s office.

“We have finally reached this mark that the General Assembly put down, this mark of 180 days, over a decade ago. Complying with that, and finally getting under 180 days, is just the first phase of that enterprise and we are going to be

holding ourselves accountable to reaching the 90-day mark in the next phase,” Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly said at a news conference.

Pritzker joined Kelly and local elected officials in Belleville, where ISP is establishing the Illinois State Police Forensic Science Institute to house a portion of the ISP forensic science training program.

The governor’s office said over the past two years, ISP reduced its total forensic backlog by 72 percent, while the backlog in drug chemistry evidence processing decreased by 90 percent from Feb. 2019 to the end of 2021.

Kelly said ISP has a goal of bringing a sense of closure to crime victims by processing the evidence that may lead to an arrest.

“That’s why I’m pleased to report in the forensic discipline of trace chemistry, 2021 ended with the lowest backlog in eight years,” Kelly said. “In biology, the lowest backlog in 11 years. In toxicology with the lowest backlog in 15 years. Firearms with the lowest backlog in 18 years. Footwear with the lowest backlog in 20 years. Chemistry with the lowest backlog in 28 years, and latent prints with the lowest backlog in 31 years.”

Carrie Ward, executive director of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, praised “significant progress” from ISP.

She said when ICASA first became part of a task force addressing the backlogs, “the horror stories of evidence collection backlogs were numerous.”

“Kits were found untested across the state. The wait time for results from kits that were tested stretched into years instead of months or weeks,” she said. “Today we can acknowledge substantial progress.”

“But our work here isn’t done,” she added. “We must continue to address the barriers both internal and external that prompt us to recognize six months, or 180 days, as cause for celebration, because six months is still a long time for survivors to wait. We cannot be complacent with our progress.”

The Rebuild Illinois capital infrastructure plan signed in 2019 included \$76.6 million for a new combined crime laboratory and administrative facility in Joliet. This year’s budget also included \$5.4 million for increased staffing and equipment at a new ISP forensic lab in Decatur.

Highway cameras

The governor also signed a pair of bills Friday that expand the state’s highway camera monitoring program.

House Bill 4481 expands a Cook County roadway camera pilot program to state highways and expressways in the counties of Boone, Bureau, Champaign, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Henry, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Macon, Madison, McHenry, Morgan, Peoria, Rock Island, Sangamon, St. Clair, Will and Winnebago.

Previously, ISP received a \$12.5 million grant to bring the number of cameras on Chicago expressways to 300, starting on the

Dan Ryan expressway.

While an added 6,300 miles of roadway – on top of about 230 miles in the pilot program – will be eligible for cameras under the expanded program, the new legislation contains no guidance for which roadways would receive them.

The budget contains \$20 million from the Road Fund for the expansion.

House Bill 260 allows police to use camera footage to also investigate hijacking and forcible felonies such as murder, criminal sexual assault, robbery, burglary, arson, kidnapping and aggravated battery.

Previous law only allowed the footage to be used to investigate firearm offenses and to monitor roadway conditions.

The expansion also gives the attorney general’s office authority to prosecute forcible felony, gunrunning and firearms offenses on camera-monitored expressways.

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Pritzker Willing to Call Out National Guard to Chicago, if Asked

Shootings of Chicago police officers prompt calls for crackdown, gun reform

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker indicated Monday he would be willing to deploy the National Guard to help deal with a violent crime spree in Chicago, but only if he’s asked to do so.

“Well, I think you know that I have called up the National Guard whenever local mayors that I’ve spoken to have wanted that done, have needed that done in their local communities,” Pritzker said at a Monday morning news conference. “And I’ll continue to make the National Guard available whenever it is necessary.”

His comments came when reporters asked him to respond to a statement from Republican gubernatorial candidate Jesse Sullivan, who called on the Democratic incumbent to issue a disaster declaration in Chicago and deploy the National Guard to help quell the city’s violence.

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David Wiltse County Board Candidate

David Wiltse is an incumbent Republican from Candlewick Lake in unincorporated Poplar Grove. Wiltse was first elected to the Boone County Board in November of 2020 and has announced his candidacy for re-election.

Wiltse is an attorney with 42 years of law experience having been sworn in to the Illinois Bar in 1980. Wiltse began his career as an Associate in the Des Plaines law firm of Samelson Knickerbocker and Schirott, a law firm which represented Hanover Park, Elk Grove Village, Schaumburg Township and Rosemont Park District gaining experience in representing government units from the beginning of his career. Leaving private practice, Wiltse worked for the Illinois Department of Labor for two and a half years and the IL Department of Revenue for three years. Wiltse then rejoined a law firm to practice general law and governmental law. Wiltse served for 10 years as a Special Assistant Attorney General for the Illinois Lottery under four Attorney Generals, two Republicans and two Democrats.



In 1993 Wiltse was appointed City Attorney for Des Plaines, a post he held for 19 years until 2012, when he retired from Des Plaines. In Des Plaines, he was the full time in-house attorney drafting hundreds of ordinances, litigating cases on behalf of Des Plaines including two major zoning case trials and a successful zoning case appeal to the Illinois Appellate Court. "My government background and especially my work in the City of Des Plaines with Personnel, Budgeting and Zoning issues have prepared me well to serve the citizens of Boone County as their elected representative from the 1st District", Wiltse said.

Wiltse has long been active in local community activities. In 1983 Wiltse was elected to the then largest High School District in Illinois, District 214, which at that time had eight high schools and approximately 15,000 students. Wiltse was re-elected to the District 214 Board twice serving until 1995. He was served as the Vice President and President of the 214 Board.

In 1991 the Illinois State Board of election awarded David Wiltse its highest award for a school board member, the "Excellence in Education" award at a ceremony in September of 1991 in Chicago. Upon his retirement from Des Plaines in 2012, the Illinois General Assembly passed H.R. 1127 which recognized his lifetime of Public Service in Illinois.

Wiltse, and his wife Joyce, purchased their home in Candlewick

Lake in 2015 and moved in to the community in May of 2016. His sister Judy, a disabled U. S. Army veteran, lives with them. "We love living in Boone County," Wiltse said. Since moving to Candlewick Lake, Wiltse has been elected and re-elected to the Candlewick Lake Association Board of Directors and has served as Vice President and President of the Board. He is also a member of the IOU Club of Belvidere and the Moose Lodge 295 in Belvidere.

"I believe that my experience in government law and zoning that I bring to the Boone County Board is helpful to the Board and Boone County," Wiltse said. I look forward to continue serving the residents of Boone County, if re-elected to the County Board as a member from the First District", Wiltse said.

"Due to the 2020 census and redistricting of County Board boundaries, all 12 County Board members are up for election, four from each District. In the First District, 6 candidates are running for four seats," Wiltse said.

Candidates for public office are invited, with space permitting and subject to editing for length, to provide one letter of candidacy for publication in The Boone County Journal

Hurting toward "home plate"

By Jim Nowlan

Sheltering in place during the pandemic offered old duffers like me, nearing 81, plenty of time, maybe too much, to reflect. I wonder if other "mature" readers have been reflecting:

Old friends around me are dropping like flies, and others are hobbled by physical and cognitive problems that lack good outcomes. I realize that I too am, in the middle of this baseball season, hurtling toward "home plate."

Looking back, on both Little League and the game of life, I recall hitting a few singles to center. But never the home run I was capable of. The vagaries of the ball, bat and my weak follow-through never connected just right. Alas.

Now, in the clubhouse locker room, you might say, I just can't bring myself to close for good the louvered door to my locker. I suit up and stretch out my aches as best I can.

I am no longer capable of the four-bagger; truth be told, maybe I never was, but, hey, two singles can often score a run.

I must finish the civic project in my town, and help a couple of former students win elections. And wrap up a primer/memoir on American politics. Not the stuff of biography maybe, yet chock full of valuable life's lessons learned, mostly enjoyed, though far fewer than I imagine will find my scribbles of any interest.

Out on the field, I look around. The stands are mostly empty. The day is, however, sunny. Its warmth makes me realize I must thank somebody, something out there, who knows, just for giving me the chance to play the game at all.

Nowlan is a retired professor, politician, and newspaperman in central Illinois.

ANALYSIS:

Poll Shows Illinoisans More Moderate than GA on Abortion

Poll, with caveats, shows Illinoisans support parental notification, other restrictions

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

A new survey released this week suggests Illinoisans are more moderate on the issue of abortion than the current Democratic-controlled General Assembly, but it is unclear whether that will cost Democrats votes in November.

The poll by the Chicago-based firm Ogden & Fry – which is owned by a Republican candidate for Cook County Board – found that 40 percent of those responding describe themselves as "pro-choice with some restrictions," including limits on late-term abortions, while nearly 25 percent describe themselves as "pro-life with exceptions" for things like rape, incest and protecting the life of the mother.

That puts nearly two-thirds of those surveyed somewhere in the middle of the spectrum, with only 21.5 percent describing themselves as 100-percent "pro-choice" and 14 percent identifying as 100-percent "pro-life."

Perhaps more importantly, 78 percent of those surveyed said they believe parents should be notified before their minor child receives an abortion, including 35 percent who supported a judicial bypass in situations where parental notification is not possible or not in the child's best interest.

Even among self-identified Democrats, 61.6 percent said they support some level of parental notification requirement.

That's important because the General Assembly passed a bill last year, which Gov. JB Pritzker signed into law, repealing the state's Parental Notice of Abortion law. That repeal took effect June 1.

The survey of 956 adults, 95 percent of whom said they were likely or very likely to vote in 2022, comes with all the usual polling caveats.

First, assuming the respondents were selected completely at random, the sample size would give the poll a margin of error of plus or minus 3.2 percent.

Second, the owner of Ogden & Fry, and the person who did the polling, is Matt Podgorski, who is also a Republican candidate for the Cook County Board. Podgorski's firm did not receive a commission to conduct the poll.

Retiring state Rep. Mark Batinick, R-Plainfield, who is supporting Podgorski's campaign, said in a

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

Julie A. Bliss
Boone County Clerk & Recorder
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE
PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of KENNETH G. VAN KEUREN, JR.,
CASE NO. 2022-PR-18
Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE

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

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before November 26, 2022, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

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

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

Dated: May 20, 2022
By: /s/George P. Hampilos, Esq.
George P. Hampilos, Esq.
George P. Hampilos — ARDC #6210622
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff,
vs.
21 CH 18
PETER J. HOWE AKA PETER HOWE; CANDLEWICK LAKE
ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON
RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Devana Velazquez, minor
No. 20-JA-4

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

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on March 16, 2022, a termination petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Deyana Velazquez, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 6/30/2022; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an arraignment will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended

petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

Dated: May 23, 2022
Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: McKenzie Elliott, minor
No. 20-JA-13

To whom it may concern

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on MAY 26, 2022, a termination petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of McKenzie Elliott, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 6/30/2022 and 8/18/2022; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an arraignment will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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Dated: May 27, 2022
Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: Malaki Elliott, minor
No. 20-JA-14

To whom it may concern

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Take notice that on MAY 26, 2022, a termination petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty, Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Malaki Elliott, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 6/30/2022 and 8/18/2022; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an arraignment will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHT TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

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

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

TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX10
FILED: 5/12/2022

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone
Date Premises Sold: 10/31/2019
Certificate No. 2018-90005
Sold for General Taxes of: 2018
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A
And Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No. N/A
INST. NUMBER: N/A

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

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

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

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

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For further information contact the County Clerk.

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

TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX12
FILED: 5/12/2022

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone
Date Premises Sold: 10/31/2019
Certificate No. 2018-90008
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Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A
And Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No. N/A
INST. NUMBER: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

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

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

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone
Date Premises Sold: 10/31/2019
Certificate No.: 2018-00175
Sold for General Taxes of: 2018
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A
And Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

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

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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, June 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008 upon the following petitions:

The applicant, Richard Kolec on behalf of Tracy Brito, 206 Candlewick Drive is requesting a variance pursuant to Section 3.5.4 (Lot Development Standards) of Section 3.5 (Single Family Residential District) of the Boone county Zoning Ordinance to allow a decrease in side setback at 206 Candlewick Drive, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, unincorporated Caledonia Township, Boone County, IL.

Tony Savino, Chair, Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals
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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 retail business in said County and State under the name of THE PASTEL HOUSE at the following post office address: 8787 Huber Road, Belvidere, IL 61008 that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with respective residence address of each, are as follows: Rachel Bock, 8787 Huber Road, Belvidere, IL 61008; phone # (815) 793-4150.

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

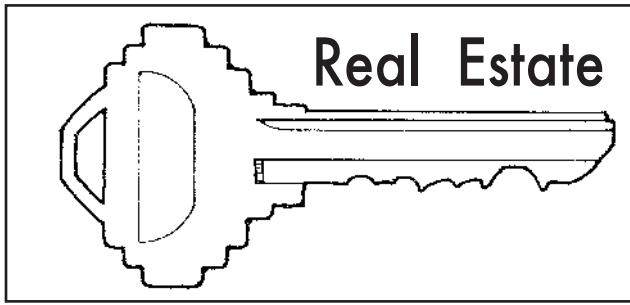
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend to conduct and transact a washing service business in said County and State under the name of CLEAN STREAM PRESSURE WASHING LLC at the following post office address: 526 Bounty Drive NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 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: Nathan Schouten, 526 Bounty Drive NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61008; phone # (815) 323-9527.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 7th day of June, A.D. 2022

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff,
vs.
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PETER J. HOWE AKA PETER HOWE; CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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

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

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

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Poll *from page 5*

phone interview that he suggested doing the poll and thought it would be good publicity for the firm.

The polling analysis website FiveThirtyEight gives the firm a grade of "B/C," based on its track record in the 2014 gubernatorial race, when it accurately predicted Republican Bruce Rauner's margin of victory within a single percentage point, and the 2020 Democratic presidential primary in Illinois, when it overestimated Joe Biden's margin of victory by 8.3 percentage points.

A final caveat comes from a political science professor that I used to quote regularly, Patrick Miller: "It's one poll." It usually takes multiple polls over an extended period of time before a clear picture begins to emerge.

That being said, the Ogden & Fry poll had some other interesting findings. For example, it showed President Biden with a 48.6 percent approval rating in Illinois – well above his national averages, but not necessarily surprising in a blue state like Illinois.

And Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker came in with a 49.4 percent approval rating, including 90 percent among self-identified Democrats; 4.6 percent among Republicans and 35.5 percent among independents.

It also found that nearly two-thirds of those surveyed, 65.5 percent, said a candidate's position on abortion was either "extremely" or "very" important in their voting decision. That number shoots up to nearly 78 percent among Democrats, many of whom may be motivated by the leaked draft U.S. Supreme Court decision suggesting the court may be poised to overturn its landmark 1973 decision in Roe vs. Wade that legalized abortion nationwide.

Meanwhile, 52 percent overall, including 22.8 percent of Democrats, said they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who supports unrestricted abortion while only 27.5 percent overall, and nearly half of Democrats surveyed, said they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports unrestricted abortion access.

That last statistic, however, requires some context, because in every case, the decision is also affected by who the alternative is. Voters can, and sometimes do, vote for someone who is further to the right or left of them on a particular issue if the alternative is someone they consider utterly unacceptable.

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National Guard *from page 4*

"Somehow, 28 months in (to the pandemic), JB Pritzker is still signing monthly COVID disaster proclamations, but he is unwilling or unable to act on an even more pressing crisis – the senseless violence ravaging the streets of Chicago," Sullivan, a venture capitalist from Petersburg, said in a statement. "If Pritzker says that COVID is still an emergency but police shootings aren't, he needs to open his eyes."

Sullivan's statement came after two Chicago police officers and a deputy U.S. marshal were shot and wounded in the city in less than a week.

According to the Chicago Tribune, the most recent shooting of an officer happened Sunday afternoon in the Englewood neighborhood on the city's south side where an officer was shot and wounded during a brief exchange of gunfire following a traffic stop.

On Wednesday, June 1, a female officer was shot and wounded in that same neighborhood while attempting to make a traffic stop. And on Thursday, a U.S. marshals officer and a police dog were shot and wounded while trying to make an arrest on the city's northwest side.

According to statistics from the Chicago Police Department, as of Monday there had been 232 murders in the city so far this year and 952 shooting incidents. And while those numbers are down from the same period last year, the overall rate of major crimes in the city is up 35 percent.

In a statement, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said the recent shootings highlight the need for stronger federal action on gun control.

"Let me say again, every single day, on every watch, our brave men and women of the Chicago Police Department risk their lives for our safety," she said. "But I must ask again, when is enough, enough? Are we not fed up with the catastrophic consequences of having too many illegal guns readily available to criminals, the mentally ill, and juveniles? How many times must I, and my fellow mayors across the country, plead with the Senate to take action and end the easy access to illegal guns?"

The crime rate in Illinois, and Chicago in particular, has become a major issue in this year's race for governor where Pritzker is campaigning for reelection against a field of Republicans who have been critical of his record on public safety. Republicans will choose their candidate in the June 28 primary.

Most notably, GOP candidates have criticized him for signing the 2021 criminal justice reform bill known as the Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today, or SAFE-T Act, which, among other things, ends the use of cash bail starting Jan. 1, 2023, expands the rights of people held in jail or detained by law enforcement, establishes new certification and decertification standards for officers, imposes new use-of-force standards and expands the use of police body cameras.

Even though many provisions of that law have not yet taken effect, Republicans have nevertheless tried to blame it for the rising crime rate and for a large number of resignations and early retirements of law enforcement officers throughout the state.

But speaking at another media event Monday in Chicago, Pritzker defended his record in supporting law enforcement.

"I want to remind you that we've made major investments in support of police, in particular in building back our Illinois State Police, which provides so many officers to back up Chicago Police Department, as well as police departments all over our state," he said.

Pritzker went on to say that he also has called out National Guard forces whenever he was asked to do so by local officials, including the city of Aurora after being asked to do so by its mayor, Richard Irvin, who is also a Republican candidate for governor.

"And I will tell you that I have never hesitated when asked by local law enforcement by local mayors to provide help from the National Guard," he said. "I've never, ever hesitated to do that. I've done that several times."

DCFS Timeline Shows Agency Visited Family One Day Before 8-Year-Old's Death

Visit followed 60-day period in which agency failed to contact the family

By Beth Hundsdorfer Capitol News Illinois

Amaria Osby's friends and family were to gather Tuesday, not to celebrate her eighth birthday, but to attend her funeral. Andrea Hagler, Amaria's mother, won't be there. She is charged with the first-degree murder of her daughter.

Amaria's death once again drew scrutiny of Illinois' child protection agency, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, for failing to protect the state's most vulnerable children.

A timeline provided by DCFS showed that a DCFS investigator failed to contact Amaria's parents for two months after receiving a hotline call that the girl was being neglected. Under state law, the department has 60 days to complete a child abuse and neglect investigation, although most child abuse and neglect investigations are completed within 30 days.

As a result, a DCFS worker and a supervisor have been removed from child protection duties, according to DCFS spokesman Bill McCaffrey.

DCFS has been involved with the family since Amaria was three, according to a DCFS timeline released last week. On Sept. 8, 2017, a report to the child abuse hotline came in alleging neglect after Hagler was arrested for driving under the influence and child endangerment.

An investigator visited the family the next day, but found no signs of physical abuse or neglect. DCFS provided a safety plan for Amaria. The agency found there was evidence Hagler neglected her daughter, stemming from the DUI arrest. DCFS initiated an intact family case to provide services to the family.

Hagler participated in substance abuse treatment and community services from Nov. 7, 2017, to March 21, 2018. The child protection worker noted that there were no concerns of abuse or neglect during the home visits and the case was closed.

For three years, DCFS had no involvement with the family.

But on March 23, 2022, the DCFS hotline received a call reporting that Amaria was being neglected. The call came after a domestic violence incident between Amaria's parents at a Chicago restaurant. Police were called but no arrests were made.

According to DCFS's timeline, an investigator tried to find the family the next day, but was unsuccessful. The timeline does not show any additional attempts by that investigator to check on Amaria. For the next 60 days, the agency did not have contact with the family.

On the 61st day, a second investigator visited Amaria and Hagler. They noted no concerns for physical abuse or neglect.

The day after that visit, on Wednesday, May 25, the child abuse hotline received another call regarding Amaria. She was dead.

A relative had found Hagler and Amaria in bed. Amaria had a plastic bag over her head. Another relative called 911. An autopsy found the second-grader suffered injuries during an assault and died as a result of asphyxiation.

The first investigator and a supervisor were subsequently relieved of their duties, McCaffrey said.

Amaria's death is the latest high-profile death of a child who died after DCFS had contact with their families since December 2021.

The other children who died recently while under DCFS care were:

• Damari Perry, 6, who was found dead in an alley in Gary, Indiana. DCFS took Damari into care in 2015, but returned him to his mother along with his siblings two years later. There were two more allegations of abuse reported to DCFS, but

he remained in his mother's care until Dec. 29, 2021, when he was beaten and thrown into a cold shower. His mother and two older siblings are charged with his death.

• Sophia Faye Davis, 1, of Dawson, died Feb. 8 during a visitation with her father. Her father's girlfriend Cierra Coker faces charges of aggravated battery of a child and first-degree murder. Sophia was taken to the hospital a month earlier after her mother found Sophia sustained facial injuries and a broken arm after a visit with her father and Coker. DCFS did not suspend visitations and found there was not enough evidence to conclude the injuries were the result of abuse.

• Zaraz Walker, 7 months, of Bloomington, was reported missing on Feb. 12. Kimberlee Burton, the baby's mother, told relatives the child died in her sleep and she left the body in a Bloomington cemetery. Zaraz's body has not been found. At the time Zaraz went missing, DCFS had an open case, but could not find the family.

• Tamsin Miracle Sauer, 3, of Nelson, died from a stroke brought on by malnutrition and dehydration and a mass of undigested hair in her stomach on March 26. Over the course of four years, Sauer's family had been visited by DCFS investigators more than two dozen times on abuse and neglect allegations. Six different investigators failed to substantiate those claims. Frank and Dana Sauer, Tamsin's parents, face charges of child endangerment.

• Navin Jones, 8, of Washington, died on March 29. Navin was involved with DCFS from birth after he tested positive for narcotics. DCFS investigated his parents for taking him from his legal guardian, as well as allegations the couple beat, berated and starved the boy. When he was found unresponsive in the home, he weighed 30 pounds.

In addition to the deaths, Cook County Judge Patrick Murphy has found DCFS Director Marc Smith in contempt of court 11 times. Four of those cases have been purged after the children were moved to their department recommended settings. Smith still faces seven contempt citations in Cook County for failing to abide by court order to move children in their care to appropriate placements.

Several contempt cases have been consolidated with arguments to be made to the First District Court of Appeals in Chicago. No dates have been set.

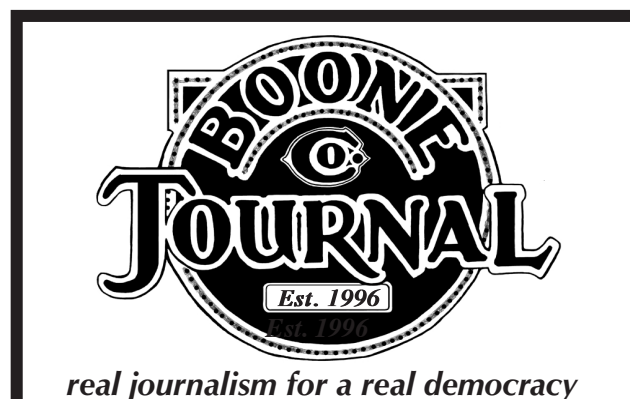
As of Tuesday, a 13-year-old girl in a Chicago hospital whose case was the subject of the 10th contempt citation filed against Smith, remains in that locked psychiatric ward.

Smith was found in contempt for failing to move her. Doctors discharged her on March 21, 2022. On April 14, 2022, the court ordered Smith to move her out of the psychiatric hospital. Smith was found in contempt on May 12.

Smith faces a \$1,000 daily fine for every day those 11 children remained in those settings. In Leah's case, those fines totaled \$26,000 as of Tuesday. Those fines have been stayed by an appellate court.

Smith has said there is a shortage of specialized placements for foster children and DCFS is trying to convince private agencies who provide services to families and children in state care to reinstate services that were folded during the budget crisis during the previous administration.

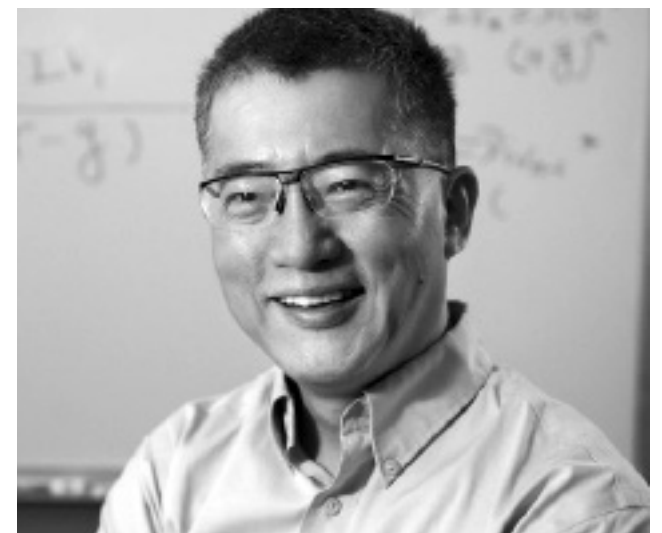
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NIU STEM Café Explores Inflation: Causes, Consequences and Mitigation

Inflation numbers are well above the Federal Reserve target at the highest rate in 39 years. What caused this inflation and what can consumers and investors do to mitigate its negative effects?

Find out from NIU Professor of Finance Lei Zhou at the next NIU STEM Café on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Fatty's Pub and Grille (1312 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb). The event is free and open to the public, with food and drink available for purchase from Fatty's. Registration is encouraged at go.niu.edu/stemcafe.



NIU Professor of Finance Lei Zhou

Dr. Lei Zhou is an endowed chair professor of finance at Northern Illinois University. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 2002. His research focuses on fixed income securities, credit ratings and mutual funds and has been published in premier finance journals, including Journal of Banking and Finance, Financial Management, and Journal of Corporate Finance. Dr. Zhou had also worked at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as an academic visiting scholar from 2017 to 2018.

Dr. Zhou will discuss what factors contributed to the recent run-up of inflation, what government policies may help to rein it in, and practical advice on how to live with high inflation.

"Everyone probably feels the effect of inflation at the gas pumps right now," Zhou says. "My talk will be all about money and how to get the biggest bang for your buck."

Learn more or register for this free event at go.niu.edu/stemcafe.

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O Holy St Jude!

Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, faithful intercessor for all who invoke you, special patron in time of need; to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart, and humbly beg you, to whom God has given such great power, to come to my assistance; help me now in my urgent need and grant my earnest petition. I will never forget thy graces and favors you obtain for me and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to you. Amen.

St. Jude, pray for us and all who honor thee and invoke thy aid.

(Say 3 Our Father's, 3 Hail Mary's, and 3 Glory Be's after this.)