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Why Put Your Name on a Building?

By David Larson

Who puts their name on a building? Persons of great wealth often will if the building is one for which they want to be remembered. President-elect Donald Trump has made a business of selling his name to decorate buildings he does not own. In Belvidere, the central business district has the surnames of many individuals who built buildings here between 1850 and 1920. One is G.F. Harding.

Harding's name appears in Belvidere newspapers over a 30-year period beginning around 1875, which give evidence of his enterprise as a businessman. Primarily he was a builder-developer. The photo here is one of his buildings. Harding chose to put his name on the cornice.

The cornice and brickwork in general show the pride he took in the building at 505 South State Street in Belvidere. The most memorable occupiers were Grady & Sullivan's and Behling's.

The cornice has two sets of three wreaths balanced on both sides of his name. The heavy stone accents arching the two bay windows of the second story facade give a sense of permanence, and reflect the builder's desire to make a statement to the community that the future is strong. It was Harding and his contemporaries who built Belvidere.

Sadly, many of these cultural elements have been lost to fire or neglect over the years. The few that remain have become something other than the original. Most likely a new building of would be nonconforming, should a builder want to build it today.

Harding often purchased the original wood buildings in Belvidere, none of which remain

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Lawmakers Return To Springfield As Projected Budget Deficit Looms

Key Senate Dem says no tax increases being discussed; GOP calls for seat at table

By Ben Szalinski Capitol News Illinois

Illinois lawmakers returned to Springfield Tuesday for the first time since May following news earlier this month that they're facing a projected \$3.2 billion budget deficit for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The news didn't surprise Republicans, who condemned "drunken spending" policies, but the Senate's top Democratic budget leader defended the state's spending priorities and cautioned next year's budget is still more than six months away from passage.

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As Budget Tightens, Report Finds Illinois Better Prepared for Recession than in Recent Past

Economic resilience measures have improved since Great Recession and pandemic

By Ben Szalinski Capitol News Illinois

State lawmakers will face a projected budget deficit and slowing revenue when they return to Springfield in January, but a new report shows fiscal decisions made in recent years have put Illinois in a better position to handle a recession

than any time in recent decades.

No state is immune from the negative effects of an economic downturn, but Illinois is more prepared today than it was for the Great Recession of 2007-2009 or the COVID-19 recession of 2020, according to a new report from the Illinois Economic Policy Institute and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's Project for Middle Class Renewal.

The report analyzed nine indicators of progress, such as fund balances and past due bills, that would help the state weather a future economic downturn.

"Illinois is better positioned to overcome challenges and withstand the forces that trigger recessions than at any other point in recent history," ILEPI economist Frank Manzo told Capitol News Illinois. *Continued on page 4*

State Watchdog Uncovers at Least \$7.2m In PPP Fraud By State Employees

Ongoing investigation has identified more than 275 cases of wrongdoing since 2022

By Amalia Huot-Marchand
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A state watchdog has identified at least \$7.2 million in fraudulent claims and more than 275 instances of misconduct by state employees accused of bilking a federal program designed to help businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2022, the Office of the Executive Inspector General has been investigating allegations that state employees fraudulently claimed Paycheck Protection Program loans for small businesses they didn't disclose or entirely fabricated. State workers may engage in secondary employment, but only if it's disclosed and permission is granted.

Employees from 13 different state agencies are involved in the fraud and have illegally taken these federal public funds, according to the OEIG, which is charged with investigating allegations of misconduct within state government. As of April, more than 60% of those implicated to date worked for the Illinois Department of Human Services, which operates mental health hospitals and developmental centers across the state.

The Paycheck Protection Program, (PPP), a \$953-billion business loan program established by the United States federal government during the Trump administration in 2020. The Small Business Administration oversaw the implementation of the PPP to provide forgivable loans to cover payroll costs or other expenses for small businesses struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic. By October 2022, the program gave out \$786 billion in loans and forgave 93% of them, according to the SBA.

Quickly, PPP loans led to "unprecedented fraud levels," according to the SBA inspector general. Applicants self-certified their small business status and income. The OEIG is investigating only public employees who received more than approximately \$20,000 from the program. To receive a \$20,000 loan, businesses investigated by the OEIG typically declared \$100,000 or more of net profit or gross income on the loan application.

The OEIG could not comment on whether this investigation was close to the end. Due to the sheer size of this fraud, investigations involve many different agencies. In May 2023, the Illinois legislature passed House Bill 3304, which allows criminal prosecutions for COVID-19 related fraud to start up to five years after authorities discover the fraud.

Rep. Fred Crespo, D-Hoffman Estates, who filed the bill, said most of the routine checks such as cross-referencing data on the loan forms with other agency databases were suspended for this program. A large issue was also the lack of personnel. According to Crespo, between April 2020 and April 2022, the fraud hotline of the SBA received millions of calls, of which a large number went unanswered.

"The vulnerabilities that led to the issues with PPP fraud weren't really attributable to things at the state level. I would say that the issues had far more to do with the unaccountable nature of the program itself," said State Rep. Mike Kelly, D-Chicago, who co-sponsored the bill.

IDHS employees have been heavily involved in the fraud. Since 2022, at least 43 employees have been discharged and 53 resigned before further action by management. In most cases on the OEIG website, the employees either lied about being self-employed or provided false information about their income.

Records show Deborah Reynolds-Jones was a human services caseworker who had been working for the IDHS since 2016. Reynolds-Jones told OEIG investigators that her barber recommended a company that could help her apply for the loan. She sent the company her personal information, including her Social Security number. The company filled out the form and simply asked her to sign. The information was inaccurate. Reynolds-Jones paid the company \$3,000 for their service after she fraudulently received a \$20,000 PPP loan.

In another case, Shanythia Anderson admitted to the OEIG that she allowed a third party to apply for a PPP loan on her behalf and that the information provided was inaccurate. She began working as a mental health technician at IDHS in 2020. Anderson met a woman on Facebook, and she sent her personal records. In exchange for this service, the woman was to receive half of her loan, \$10,000. Anderson worked at the Ludeman Development Center in Forest Park, where at least 36 other employees were accused of wrongdoing.

"It happens that in one particular location when you find out there are 37 people that have done this, they've obviously been talking to one another at work," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a news conference last year. "Maybe somebody committed this kind of fraud and then tried to

convince somebody else."

IDHS declined to comment on why so many of its employees were implicated. IDHS is the largest public agency in Illinois, which could be one explanation. Crespo said that his best guess was that public employees had early access to the loan forms, so it was easier for them to understand how to file them, fraudulently or not.

"While the vast majority of IDHS' roughly 14,000 State employees are hard-working people of strong character who work tirelessly to help the most vulnerable, it is deeply concerning any time an employee takes advantage of public programs," IDHS said in a statement.

Other state agencies where the OEIG found multiple cases of PPP fraud included the Department of Corrections (31 cases), the Department of Children and Family Services (27), Pace (10) and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (8).

The OEIG, through the Executive Ethics Commission, publishes reports of wrongdoings only if there is proof of employee misconduct. It can refer cases to the Attorney General if the fraud is significant enough. The Attorney General, specifically the Public Integrity Bureau, then conducts its own investigation in order to prosecute involved public employees.

Many cases mentioned third parties who applied for the PPP loan on behalf of an individual. The DOJ has gone after some of these third parties in Illinois, but it's unclear that these are the same third parties that helped public employees.

In June, the a federal jury in Chicago convicted Hadi Isbaih on charges of wire fraud. According to the DOJ, Isbaih used his company, Flash Tax Service Inc., to file fraudulent loan applications on behalf of his clients. Isbaih would ask for an upfront fee to file the loan form, and when the client received the loan, he would charge an additional fee. A sentencing date has not yet been announced for Isbaih.

In September 2023, two Illinois businessmen were indicted on federal charges for obtaining \$7.8 million in fraudulent business loans. According to the DOJ, they recruited self-employed individuals to provide personal information. With that, they would fill out loan forms with false data by inflating the individuals' income, for example. They would then charge the clients up to \$4,000 if the loan was successfully received. These two have not been convicted.

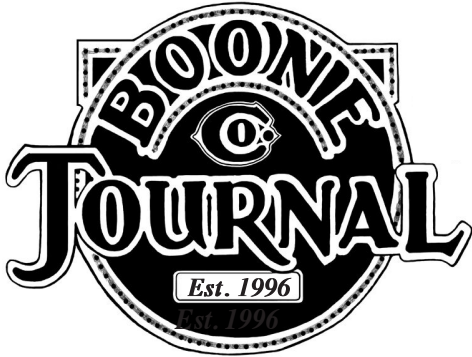
There are severe consequences for PPP fraud. Knowingly declaring false statements to a financial institution can result in up to 30 years in prison or a fine of up to \$1 million. Wire fraud, the use of the Internet or electronic communication to carry out fraud, is a federal crime that can be punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

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A float in the Christmas Walk Parade

G.F. Harding

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today. These were purchased for the land upon which they stood, and Harding removed them to build brick buildings in their place. How many he built this way is not known, but at least one instance of this on the north-side is memorialized in the Belvidere Standard: In 1896, a wood building next to Sharp Brothers Grocery Store was purchased to be demolished to build a new brick building.

In 1874, Harding purchased the location formerly occupied by John Plane's Hardware. Later, Plane had since built a grand building at the intersection of South State Street and Logan Avenue. When Harding purchased it, it was a fruit store operated by Bert Fuller. Fuller then relocated to a corner lot, choosing to remain in the business. Perhaps this is the location of the 505 South State Street building in the picture.

In 1902, an advertisement offered for rent a space next to the Peoples Bank on the east side of the 500 Block of South State. At the time, the space had been the site of the Hun Clothing Company.

The Harding family lived at 218 East Second Street, and in 1895, he and his son George traveled to Europe on a three-month vacation.

Perhaps Harding's trip to Europe inspired him to build something permanent and architecturally beautiful. Belvidere may have been small, but the time and location brought out the best in people and created the foundation of the city.

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Recession

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to the national rate of 4.9%, according to COGFA Chief Economist Benjamin Varner.

The Champaign-Urbana and Bloomington metropolitan areas are the only ones in Illinois to surpass the national job growth rate since the pandemic, logging growth numbers of 8.4% and 7.3% respectively, according to COGFA. The Champaign area, with the University of Illinois' main campus, benefited as a hub of government employment while Bloomington has seen new manufacturing growth.

The Chicago area saw 0.3% growth and made gains in the private education and health services sector, but lost hospitality jobs. The Kankakee metropolitan area saw the largest decline since 2019 with total employment down 5.2%.

Researchers with ILEPI and UIUC also noted Illinois has a new tool to mitigate job losses when the next recession hits. Illinois implemented a work-share program that allows employers to temporarily reduce employees' hours and receive partial unemployment benefits to help avoid layoffs. It was created in 2015, but the state didn't implement it until 2021. NPR Illinois previously reported it could have saved up to 124,000 jobs and reduced unemployment costs by \$1 billion during the 2020 recession.

Replenishing the state's unemployment insurance trust fund after the pandemic, increasing investments in public education, passing an infrastructure bill, climate resilience projects and embracing a Medicaid expansion under the federal Affordable Care Act all help create jobs and financial security for residents, which creates more stability in the state's economy, according to the report. Job creation establishes a "foundation for recovery," Manzo said.

But the report also suggested state lawmakers should review Illinois' tax structure. Researchers wrote the state's flat income tax structure and local reliance on property taxes is more resilient than other tax systems to a recession, but the lack of robust sales taxes on services creates more vulnerability.

The report suggests a flat tax reduces volatility in a recession, UIUC professor Robert Bruno said, but he added the report does not conclude that it is the best overall structure for a state's economy and budget.

"The more volatile the tax structure, the more, if you will, at risk the state is to negative impacts of a recession," Bruno told Capitol News Illinois.

What matters most is how states spend tax revenue, such as if it's spending on critical services and infrastructure or shoring up the "rainy day" fund and pensions, Manzo said.

Early fiscal year 2026 estimates from the governor's office, meanwhile, project a potential budget shortfall of \$3.2 billion if the state doesn't decrease spending or raise revenue.

Tax revenue for the state continues to lag this year, according to COGFA's November report. Corporate income taxes have dropped by 15.3% in

fiscal year 2025 through November compared to the first five months of fiscal year 2024. Personal income tax receipts have risen by 6.4%, but sales tax receipts have seen little growth and are down \$8 million this year compared to FY24. Analysts said they're hopeful holiday shopping will boost sales tax receipts.

The state's revenue total so far in FY25 also remains \$291 million behind this point in FY24, mostly thanks to \$633 million of one-time federal money the state received last year but is not receiving this year – an expected drop. State revenue is up \$342 million excluding the loss of those federal funds.

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Smell of Raw Cannabis Allows Police to Search A Vehicle, Illinois Supreme Court Rules

High court ruled earlier this year that smell of burnt cannabis was not probable cause

By Ben Szalinski Capitol News Illinois

The smell of raw cannabis in a vehicle gives police probable cause to search it, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled last week.

The ruling comes months after the court ruled the smell of burnt cannabis does not give police probable cause to search a vehicle, drawing a fine line for motorists and police to follow when evaluating legal possession of cannabis.

"The odor of burnt cannabis suggests prior or current cannabis use, and the odor of raw cannabis suggests that cannabis is currently possessed in the area where the odor is detected. Different laws are implicated based on those inferences," Justice P. Scott Neville, a Democrat, wrote in the majority opinion.

The 4-2 ruling by the court, with Republican Justice Lisa Holder White abstaining, found that an Illinois State Police trooper conducted a legal search of a car in which Vincent Molina was a passenger in December 2020, after the driver was pulled over for speeding on Interstate 88 in Whiteside County.

According to court documents, the trooper said he smelled raw cannabis in the vehicle and initiated a search. The trooper then found multiple joints in

a cardboard box in the car's center console and cannabis in a sealed plastic container in the glove box. Molina was charged with a misdemeanor for illegal possession of cannabis.

A circuit court initially ruled in Molina's favor, finding the search was unreasonable because Illinois law allows people over age 21 to possess recreational cannabis. But an appellate court and the Illinois Supreme Court disagreed with that ruling, citing the state's laws for how cannabis should legally be possessed in a vehicle.

Illinois law requires cannabis to be in a "sealed, odor-proof, child-resistant cannabis container" when in a car and for it to be "reasonably inaccessible while the vehicle is moving."

Neville wrote the trooper made a "reasonable inference" that the smell meant cannabis was illegally possessed.

"While cannabis is legal to possess generally, it is illegal to possess in a vehicle on an Illinois highway unless in an odor-proof container," Neville wrote. "The odor of raw cannabis strongly suggests that the cannabis is not being possessed within the parameters of Illinois law. And, unlike the odor of burnt cannabis, the odor of raw cannabis coming from a vehicle reliably points to when, where, and how the cannabis is possessed — namely, currently, in the vehicle, and not in an odor-proof container."

The Illinois Supreme Court unanimously ruled in September, with White abstaining, that the smell of burnt cannabis does not indicate a crime has been committed and does not give police probable cause to search a vehicle. Though a state trooper found a gram of cannabis in the car at the center of that case, the driver exhibited no signs of impairment, and the trooper should not have searched the vehicle, the court concluded in an opinion authored by Neville.

Justice Mary Kay O'Brien wrote a dissenting opinion in Molina's case, joined by Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis.

"It makes no sense to treat raw cannabis as more probative when the odor of burnt cannabis may suggest recent use, whereas the odor of raw cannabis does not suggest consumption," O'Brien wrote. "If the crime suggested by the odor of burnt cannabis is not sufficient for probable cause, then certainly the crime suggested by the odor of raw cannabis cannot be either."

O'Brien, a former state lawmaker, noted it is *Continued on page 8*

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NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
Plaintiff,

vs. **CASE NO. 2024FC46**

**MICHAEL BRENNAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES
OF PATRICIA BRENNAN; LAURA VANGORKUM
AKA LAURI VANGORKUM; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
LEGATEES OF JENNIFER AANERUD; RYAN STRAW AS
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR PATRICIA BRENNAN;
MICHAEL BRENNAN; KRISTEN AANERUD; WEST GROVE
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s).**

**Property Address: 5000 Trillium Trail Unit 5B Poplar Grove, IL
61065**

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PATRICIA BRENNAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JENNIFER AANERUD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

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November 25, 2024

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David Chesemore

Occupant

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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TAX DEED NO.: 2024TX26

FILED: 11/21/2024

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold: October 27, 2022

Certificate No.: 2021-00222

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2021

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: 6006-6008 Welty Drive, Cherry Valley, IL 61016

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 07-06-126-018

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 May 21, 2025.

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 May 21, 2025.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County in 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008, Room 3, on June 10, 2025 at 10:00 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 May 21, 2025 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

1212 Logan Ave.,

Suite 103

Belvidere, IL 61008

(815) 544-3103

Private Equity Group, LLC

Purchaser or Assignee

November 25, 2024

Harrolle Properties Inc.

Lisa A. Harrolle as President for Harrolle Properties, Inc.

Anthony Harrolle as R/A for Harrolle Properties Inc.

Lisa A. Harrolle as President for Harrolle Properties, Inc.

Occupant

First Mid Bank & Trust N.A., as Successor to First Bank, bc

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

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Plaintiff,

vs. **Case No. 22 FC 32**

**REBECAH M. ALLEN, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS
TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY
6, 2003 AND KNOWN AS THE REBECAH M. ALLEN TRUST
NO. 1 , COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS, UNKNOWN
OWNERS and NON-RECORD LIEN CLAIMANTS, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure heretofore entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, SCOTT YUNK, Sheriff of Boone County, Illinois will on the 8th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Main Entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash and all singular, the following described premises and real estate in said judgment mentioned, situated in the County and State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment to wit:

UNIT 19-4 IN COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS AS DELINEATED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: PART OF LOT 18, LOT 19, AND LOT 20 AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 2 OF COUNTRYSIDE MALL SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 2002R05940, IN ENVELOPE 267-B IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS; WHICH SURVEY IS RECORDED AS COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS ADD-ON EXHIBIT "A" ON JULY 12, 2005 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2005R07847 IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP RECORDED APRIL 26, 2004 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2004R04777 AND AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMONS ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN SAID DECLARATION, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 13569 HARVEST WAY, POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065

PROPERTY INDEX NUMBER: 03-26-406-012

Together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

This property is commonly known as 13569 Harvest Way, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Boone County, Illinois, and is residential property. This property will not be open for inspection. 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.

Terms of Sale: This real estate is being sold in an "As Is Condition" for cash and the successful bidder is required to deposit 10% of the bid amount at the time of the sale with the Boone County Sheriff and the balance to be paid within twenty-four hours of the sale.

FRANKS, GERKIN, PONITZ & GREELEY, P.C.

Attorney for Plaintiff

19333 E. Grant Highway

Marengo, Illinois 60152

(815) 923-2107

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
BOONE COUNTY

DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT):

Case No.2024-MR-28

OISIN SEAMUS SCHOFIELD

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: OISIN SEAMUS SCHOFIELD to the new name of JAMES RONALD STANIS. The court date will be held on 01/14/2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 in Courtroom #3

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Notice

The following amount must be received in CASH or MONEY ORDER at the office of H&H Mini Unit Storage LLC, at 4760 IL Rt. 173, Ste. 3, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Or the contents of the below listed units, located at 4760 IL Route 173, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 will be sold or otherwise disposed of on or after 12/27/2024.

Elizabeth A. Whalen, 938 N. Church St., Rockford, IL 61103 for Unit E10, \$1,275.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

AND

Elizabeth A. Whalen, 938 N. Church St., Rockford, IL 61103 for Unit C41, \$2,702.85 plus the cost of postage and advertising.

Total Due for both units is \$3,977.85

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Pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that the storage facility listed below will sell at public auction the personal property in the below listed occupants' leased spaces to satisfy the owner's lien. The personal property stored therein by the following occupants may include but is not limited to general household, office and personal items, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances. The unit will be sold at public auction through online auction services of https://www.storageauctions.com with bids opening at 10:00 AM on 12/09/2024 and closing at 10:00 AM on 12/19/2024. Strovo Management LLC d/b/a Belvidere Storage, 810 W. Locust Street, Belvidere, IL. 61008 Phone (815) 337-7398

Unit # 88 Sheila Hansen

Published in The Boone County Journal Dec 5, 12, 2024

CHANGE IN CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OF BUSINESS PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on DECEMBER 5, A.D. 2024, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, concerning the business known as WILCOX FRONTIER SPORTING GOODS, located at 704 S. STATE ST., BELVIDERE, IL 61008, which certificate sets forth the following changes in the operation thereof: The business is dissolved.

Dated this 05th day of December, A.D. 2024

Julie A. Bliss

Boone County Clerk

Published in the Boone County Journal 12/12,19,26 (P)

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

Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff,

-v.- 2023 FC 31

LINN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF GARY RANDLE DRAHEIM, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; SHARON GAHLBECK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOHN DRAHEIM Defendants.

1504 -1506 MARYLAND COURT, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

NOTICE OF SALE

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LOT THIRTY-ONE (31) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF APPLETON MEADOWS, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NO. 3920, SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1504 -1506 MARYLAND COURT, BELVIDERE, IL 61008

Property Index No. 05-26-102-001

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

The judgment amount was \$39,876.28

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

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

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 23-14720IL.

Auction.com LLC

100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606 – 872-225-4985

You can also visit www.auction.com.

Attorney File No. 23-14720IL

Case Number: 2023 FC 31

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

SERVBANK, SB Plaintiff,

-v.- 24 FC 26

EDGAR LINARES; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendants.

643 WHEATLAND DRIVE,

BELVIDERE, IL 61008

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Lot One Hundred Thirty (130) as designated upon Belvidere Prairie Place Final Plat No. 4, being a Subdivision of part of the East Half (1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 28, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded June 1, 2006 in Envelope 350-A as Document No. 2006R05886 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

Commonly known as 643 WHEATLAND DRIVE, BELVIDERE, IL

61008

Property Index No. 05-28-326-015

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

The judgment amount was \$205,360.25

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

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For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 21-08124IL.

Auction.com LLC

100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60606 – 872-225-4985

You can also visit www.auction.com.

Attorney File No. 21-08124IL

Case Number: 24 FC 26

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ASSUMED NAMES

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

No. DBA4214 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a LAWN CARE FERTILIZATION SERVICES business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of GREEN BLADE LAWN CARE that its location is or will be 2512 E. 6th St., in Belvidere, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 224-762-8110

Vincent E. Pacello, 2512 E. 6th St., Belvidere, IL 61008

Cheryl L Pacello 2512 E. 6th St., Belvidere, IL 61008

I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: November 25, 2024

Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder

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

No. DBA4215 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a BOOK PUBLISHING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of HARMONY FLAVORS that its location is or will be 640 Candlewick Drive NE, in Poplar Grove, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 773-614-3986

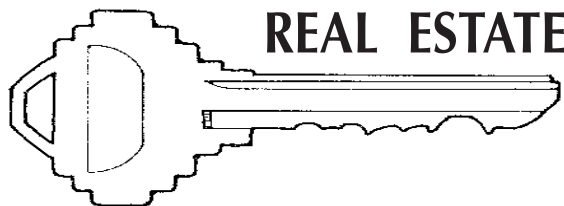
Lateasha Collins, 640 Candlewick Drive NE, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065

Harmony Brown, 640 Candlewick Drive NE, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065

I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: November 30, 2024

Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder

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

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. 22 FC 32

REBECAH M. ALLEN, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2003 AND KNOWN AS THE REBECAH M. ALLEN TRUST NO. 1, COUNTRYSIDE CONDOMINIUMS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD LIEN CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

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The property is residential property. This property will not be open

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SCOTT YUNK

Sheriff of Boone County

FRANKS, GERKIN, PONITZ & GREELEY, P.C.,

Attorney for Plaintiff

19333 E. Grant Highway Marengo, Illinois 60152

815-923-2107

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-v.- 24 FC 26

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BELVIDERE, IL 61008

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legal to possess certain amounts of cannabis in Illinois.

“The result, whether intentional or not, is to continue to stigmatize the use of cannabis despite the legislative efforts to legalize the use of cannabis,” she wrote.

Supreme courts in other states have also issued rulings placing limits on when the smell of cannabis gives probable cause to police to search a vehicle.

Illinois lawmakers have also sought to enshrine limitations on vehicle searches based on the smell of cannabis into state law. The Senate passed a bill in 2023 that would prohibit police from searching a vehicle based on the smell of burnt or raw cannabis, but it stalled in the House pending resolution of the court cases.

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Former Madigan Ally Ordered to Testify In Ex-Speaker’s Corruption Trial

Prosecution shifts focus to alleged AT&T bribery that led to exec’s hung jury

By Hannah Meisel Capitol News Illinois

Former state Rep. Eddie Acevedo never had to appear in a federal courtroom between 2021 and 2022 as he was arraigned on tax evasion charges, later pleaded guilty and was then sentenced to six months in prison all via videoconference due to COVID-19.

But on Tuesday, Acevedo was summoned to the Dirksen Federal Courthouse so the judge overseeing former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan’s corruption trial could evaluate whether he’s fit to testify. And on Wednesday, U.S. District Judge John Blakey ordered him to come back next week to appear on the witness stand under an immunity order.

“If you don’t show up, that would be a violation of my order,” Judge Blakey told Acevedo after arguments from attorneys and the government. “If you show up and don’t answer questions, that would be a violation of my order. Do you understand?”

Before the judge’s ruling, Acevedo attorney Gabrielle Sansonetti argued the 61-year-old’s dementia diagnosis caused her client to give misinformation during his interview Tuesday afternoon, saying she only had an interest in “not putting someone on the stand to just humiliate them.”

While defense lawyers argued Acevedo “clearly” displayed “a lack of recollection” on Tuesday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Amarjeet Bhachu claimed the former lawmaker was “wholly capable of testifying and it’s not even close.”

Fresh off two years of supervised release after his stint at a North Carolina federal prison ended in early December 2022, the former cop-turned-Democratic lawmaker sported a similar outfit both days, consisting of dark sweatpants and a charcoal fleece vest embroidered with a Chicago Police Department star, which matched his graying hair.

Acevedo is the star of the last episode that prosecutors are seeking to prove in Madigan’s bribery, racketeering and extortion trial, which is in its eighth week of testimony. The feds allege McClain, acting on Madigan’s orders, arranged a no-work contract for Acevedo with AT&T Illinois in exchange for helping the company achieve its legislative goals in 2017.

Though Acevedo has not been charged with wrongdoing in relation to those allegations, he and his two sons were caught up in the same sprawling federal corruption investigation that nabbed Madigan. Each ended up serving short sentences for tax evasion related to their lobbying activities.

Before trial adjourned on Tuesday, the jury saw an email central to prosecutors’ allegations that McClain facilitated Acevedo’s nine-month, \$25,000 contract with AT&T at Madigan’s behest.

Hours earlier, Barry was one of several company executives who had been copied on an email to AT&T Illinois president Paul La Schiazza informing him that Madigan had agreed to sit down with him about legislation the company had been working on for years.

AT&T had been pushing to end a 1930s-era regulation obligating it to provide copper landline service everywhere in Illinois, despite customers moving away from landlines in droves. Maintenance on the decades-old copper wire system was costing the company millions each year and by 2017, Illinois and California were the only two states that still had these “carrier of last resort,” or COLR, laws on their books.

While AT&T’s competitors were investing more into technologies like wireless networks and broadband internet, the telecom giant claimed it was hamstrung by its COLR obligations.

Perdiou was also copied on a Feb. 16, 2017, email from La Schiazza, telling AT&T Illinois’ executive team that he’d just spoken to McClain, who told him that Madigan had assigned him the COLR relief bill as a “special project.”

“Game on,” La Schiazza wrote in his update.

Prosecutors allege the timing of McClain’s request for a “small contract” for Acevedo and Madigan’s “special project” assignment – despite the fact that McClain was newly retired from lobbying and had never worked for AT&T – is evidence of a bribe.

But La Schiazza’s bribery trial in September ended in a hung jury. After declaring a mistrial in the case, the judge heard arguments for acquittal last month and is expected to rule next week on whether La Schiazza will face a new trial or see his charges dropped.

Perdiou’s testimony will continue Wednesday. But prosecutors won’t be calling retired AT&T Illinois lobbyist Steve Selcke, who testified in La Schiazza’s trial under an immunity letter.

Madigan and McClain’s attorneys argued unsuccessfully Tuesday that prosecutors should be barred from admitting certain evidence without Selcke on the witness stand to explain what he and his colleagues meant in emails subpoenaed by the feds.

Under questioning from both prosecutors and defense attorneys, Selcke denied multiple times that Acevedo’s contract was in any way related to AT&T’s efforts on COLR relief.

Instead, Selcke is now on the defense’s witness list. Collins indicated he and his colleagues issued a subpoena to Selcke as soon as prosecutors said they wouldn’t be calling him. Selcke’s attorneys attended trial all day Tuesday.

Defense attorneys are likely to begin their case next week after the prosecution rests. Closing arguments are likely to begin after New Year’s Day, the parties agreed Tuesday.

Chinatown redux

Earlier in the day, the jury heard from likely the final two government witnesses to testify about a yearlong effort to transfer state-owned land in Chicago’s Chinatown neighborhood to the city so it could be sold to real estate developers.

Chicago alderman-turned-FBI cooperator Danny Solis asked Madigan to help with the effort in July 2017 after he’d taken an unrelated pair of real estate developers to Madigan’s law office for an introduction.

At the time, Solis was a year into working as an undercover government mole. He and an FBI agent overseeing the investigation testified that until Madigan called the alderman out of the blue the

month before, the government’s investigation wasn’t focused on Madigan.

Solis’ secret video recordings and wiretapped phone calls helped topple his colleague, Chicago Ald. Ed Burke, who’s currently serving a two-year prison sentence for bribery. Solis’s cooperation also led to guilty pleas on bribery charges from a contractor close to the alderman and a Chicago Public Schools official.

Madigan assigned McClain to help Solis in Springfield. At their second meeting in December 2017, Solis implied to McClain that the Chinatown developers would hire Madigan’s law firm for their property tax appeals needs. Months later, Solis explicitly told Madigan that the developers would use his law firm after the land transfer deal was done.

Though the deal never materialized, prosecutors allege Madigan’s behind-the-scenes machinations were part of a conspiracy.

McClain recruited Republican lobbyist Nancy Kimme to work on the project in the fall of 2017. Jurors heard dozens of wiretapped calls about the effort while Solis was on the witness stand before Thanksgiving and while Kimme was testifying last week.

In one memorable call from May 16, 2018, Kimme and McClain were flummoxed by the roadblocks to what was supposed to be a simple land transfer bill. McClain noted that “there’s something fishy here, don’t you think?” after Kimme had a meeting with Democratic state Rep. Theresa Mah, who surprised her by voicing her opposition to the project.

Solis had told Kimme that Mah, who lived in and represented Chinatown in her near-South Side district, was on board. Instead, however, Mah told Kimme that the project was a “scam” and that her constituents didn’t trust Solis.

On Tuesday, the jury heard from Kimme’s lobbying associate, Ryan McCreery, who testified that the pair kept pushing for the land transfer even after Mah voiced her opposition because they believed she could be brought to an officially “neutral” stance.

McCreery contacted then-state Rep. Avery Bourne, a Republican from Christian County, south of Springfield. Bourne was the sponsor of a larger land transfer bill initiated by the Illinois Department of Transportation, and McCreery asked if she’d be willing to add the Chinatown land transfer language as an amendment to her larger bill.

But Bourne, who testified Tuesday, called IDOT and found out the agency wasn’t supportive of the land transfer. She also sought out Mah and learned she was opposed too. On the final day of legislative session in May 2018, McCreery texted Bourne to ask if she was going to run her bill, telling her Madigan would be supportive.

In that moment, Bourne said she believed her bill “would be dead without the amendment.” Later that day, Bourne filed the amendment but told the jury she never meant to attach it to her bill and was merely doing so as a matter of public record.

On the eve of lawmakers’ fall veto session in 2018, Republican Leader Jim Durkin texted Bourne to ask if she’d be willing to give up sponsorship of her bill to outgoing Democratic Rep. Dan Burke, D-Chicago. Though it never ended up happening, the exchange raised her suspicions, she testified.

“If (Democrats) were interested in transferring the bill, they were likely to add this amendment back in and I would not be supportive,” she said.

The jury has already heard wiretapped phone calls from November 2018 in which Madigan suggested to McClain that Burke sponsor the bill and McClain asking Burke if he’d be willing.

Bourne ended up passing the bill during veto session without the Chinatown language.

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