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BIFF Returns for 20th Season

By Charles Herbst

The Beloit International Film Festival is back, and will run for 10 days, March 28-April 6. This is a couple weeks earlier than last year, but a little later than its traditional late February appearance.

Regardless of the calendar, BIFF is the perfect time for dinner and a movie, a delightful tradition that has been somewhat forgotten in the modern Internet era. A night out, watching a worthwhile film in a group setting on a large screen, and a tasty meal provides a great time. At BIFF, more often than not, the filmmaker will be there for a Q&A after the film.

Like last year, tickets are available online (www.beloitfilmfest.org) or at the box office, 439 East Grand Avenue, in Downtown Beloit. Tickets are not available at the door. Tickets for each film are \$12. New this year, for film junkies, is a season pass for \$220. With ample, free parking, this makes the festival affordable for anyone's budget. There are

many restaurants in the immediate area, and many offer after-theatre seating with live entertainment at BIFF after dark.

There are over 100 films on offer, and they are all listed on the website, www.beloitfilmfest.com. It's always difficult to choose, so we've included reviews of eight films that we think you might enjoy. BIFF is a Top 100 Film Festival, and all of the films are of high quality. As always, there's a good mix of comedy and drama, documentaries, and even a western!

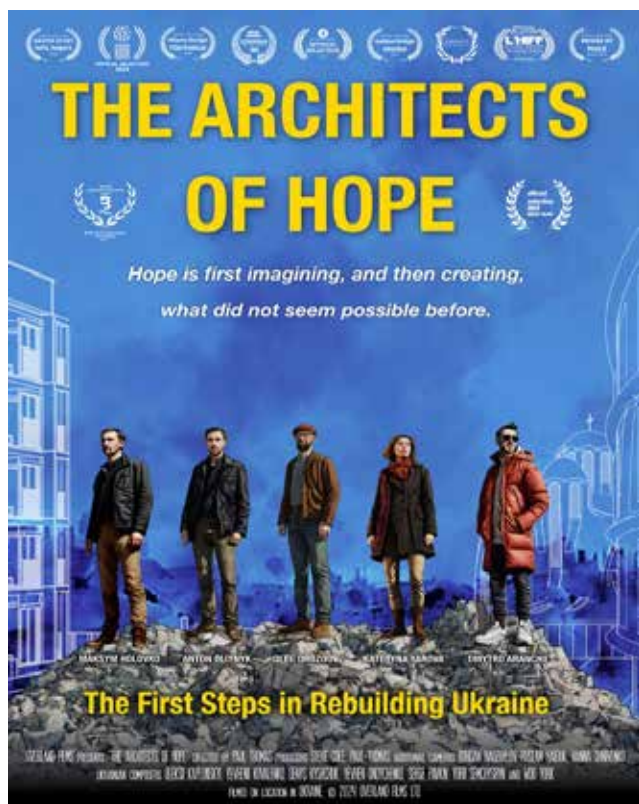
BIFF has established several traditions, which are returning to this year's festival: The Sing-A-Long film is *The Wizard of Oz*, Saturday, April 5, 7:30PM at Visit Beloit, Tickets \$15. The Classic Film is *The Princess Bride*, Sunday, April 6, 2:30PM at Visit Beloit, Tickets free.

Quint Studer and Beloit Sky Carp Baseball present *Rudy*, Thursday, April 3, 7:30PM at ABC Supply Stadium, Tickets \$15 or \$30 for a VIP ticket, including a buffet. The 1993 film is based on the story of Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger, who dreamed of playing football for Notre Dame. Rudy Ruettiger will be present at the screening for a Q&A following the film.

This year's honorary chairman is Diane Hendricks. No stranger to Beloit and an active promoter, businesswoman, and community leader, Ms. Hendricks has been supportive of BIFF from its start.

During the festival, a 6-day filmmaking challenge is taking place. Entitled *Beloit As Itself*, BIFF will see several teams of filmmakers around the community competing for a \$1000 prize. The results of their effort will be presented Saturday, April 5 at 12Noon, 5:00PM, and 7:30PM.

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David Ezekiel Duran, Nayeli Hernandez, Erick Inestrosa, Ritchie Gordon, R. Scott Purdy, Amy Radloff. **Written and Directed by Nathan Denning**
Produced by Adam Sunkist. **Production Designer** Maria Madrono-Miranda
Director of Photography Leo Purnan **Edited by** Patricio de la Haza
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BIFF Venues

All of the venues are in or near Downtown Beloit. Everything is in walking distance from each other. Free parking is everywhere.

Box Office: 439 E. Grand Ave. 608 466 9693

Website: www.beloitfilmfest.org

Bagels & More: 324 State St.

Downtown Beloit Association: 557 E. Grand Ave.

Hendricks Art Center: 409 Pleasant Street (Northeast corner of Grand Ave. – Enter on East side of building)

La Casa Grande: 618 Fourth St.

Powerhouse/Weissberg Auditorium: 850 Pleasant St.

Visit Beloit: 656 Pleasant St.

Reviews

The Architects of Hope

United Kingdom, filmed in Ukraine.

Rated PG. Directed by Paul Thomas and Produced by Steve Cole

What happens to Ukraine after the war? While British Architect Norman Foster visualized an international team of architects, Director Paul

Thomas, who originally trained as an architect, wanted to focus on the projects of Ukrainian architects. The film discusses the work of five leading local architects and follows students from the Kharkiv School of Architecture.

Thomas' education as an architect clearly helps him present a good overview of the restoration work being done and proposed. The tenor of the film is very upbeat and positive, despite the continuing Russian bombardment of the country. Ukraine is presented as a modern, sophisticated place, and one realizes it has been 35 years since independence from the Soviet Union. It is inspiring to watch these architects work, as they imagine building a bright Ukrainian future.

This film has won Best War Feature from the South Film and Arts Academy Festival and has been nominated for several other awards.

Architects of Hope screens with **Infraction**. **Infraction** is a PG-13-rated film based on the real-life story of Philadelphia native Terrance Lewis, who was imprisoned 21 years for a murder he did not commit.

Fri., Mar. 28, 7:30PM, Hendricks Arts Center

Tue., Apr. 1, 2:30PM, Hendricks Arts Center

The Compatriots

Directed by Spencer Cohen, Produced by Jennifer Potts, Sara Robin, Victoria Hersey, Alberto Sayan

Javi (Rafael Silva) was brought to the United States from Peru by his father at a very young age and is undocumented. Javi is a bright young man, who grew up in suburban America. The film begins with him pitching a no-hitter for his high school baseball team. His best friend, Hunter, (Denis Shepherd) catches the game. The film quickly shifts five years later. Employment issues arise as Javi is offered a job as a history teaching assistant.

An old childhood rival of Javi's contacts immigration authorities, attempting to have Javi deported and tries to secure a job with ICE as a quid-pro-quo. Hunter and his on-again-off-again girlfriend Tracy (Caroline Portu) try to help Javi resolve his problem. Javi is gay and Hunter, who is straight, offers to marry him.

The film convincingly presents Javi as a victim rather than a wrongdoer. It is well-produced, and the acting is good. The characters are relatable, even if the situations and plot seem at times to be a bit contrived.

This is a very timely coming-of age story, and is Spencer Cohen's first feature film. The film is loosely based on the personal experiences of Cohen and his best friend, an undocumented immigrant. For his role as Javi, Rafael Silva was awarded Best Actor in a Feature Film at the Chelsea Film Festival.

Sat., Mar. 29, 5:00PM, Beloit College Powerhouse

Wed., Apr. 2, 12:00 NOON, Hendricks Arts Center

February (Or: Si Nos Dejan)

Rated PG-13. Directed by Nathan Deming and Produced by Adam Stunkle

A recent immigrant, Miguel (David Ezekiel Duran), lives with his sister's family and struggles to fit into a small town in northern Wisconsin. He sees an ice fishing display in a store window. The proprietor rudely tells him to go learn about ice fishing at the public library, which he does.

His brother-in-law arranges for him to go ice fishing with a fisherman (Ritchie Gordon) who shows the novice how it's done. The two men occupy a fishing shack on the ice overnight. Gradually, with limited language ability between them, they begin to bond while having a few drinks together.

This is a reasonably-entertaining, feel-good movie that makes the point that as people, we are more alike than different. It's a matter of getting to know someone and finding commonality.

The film is envisioned by its director, Nathan Deming, as the second in a series of films about Wisconsin in the various months of the year. February won the Golden Beaver Award at the Wisconsin Film Festival.

February screens with **Visions of Her**. **Visions of Her** is a PG-rated film in which a man who has recently lost his wife travels to their favorite vacation spot. He mistakenly keeps seeing visions of her. This leads to unexpected friendships that help him through the grieving process.

Sat., Apr. 5, 2:30PM, Hendricks Art Center

Fire Department, Inc.

Rated PG. Directed by Colin C. Hughes and Produced by Caley Fox Shannon

Mayor Hubert Hermanek of North Riverside, Illinois decided that outsourcing the fire department to the same company that managed the ambulance service would save his village a lot of money. The community was heavily dependent on retail sales tax collections for its revenue, and the local mall was struggling. Naturally, there is also a political dimension to the story as well. The film points out that there was no mention of privatizing the police department.

This documentary tells of the multi-year, multi-million-dollar struggle from the perspective of the firemen and their union. Director Colin Hughes personalizes the story by introducing us to several of the firefighters and their leadership. Many film clips and interviews are professionally woven into the narrative. The documentary attempts to be fair by giving the mayor and others a chance to offer their views as well.

Ultimately, through hard work and perseverance, this small group of firefighters ultimately saved their jobs with help from their union and firefighters throughout Illinois. Ironically, in the end, the private ambulance service contract was terminated, and the ambulance service was folded into the fire department.

Director Colin Hughes is the son of a Chicago firefighter and has strong loyalties toward organized labor, noting the benefits of a workforce able to afford a middle-class life. Living in an adjacent suburb, he is knowledgeable and well-qualified to tell this story.

Fri., Mar. 28, 3:00PM, Bagels and More

Mon., Mar. 31, 7:30PM, Visit Beloit

Matilda and Matthys

South Africa. Afrikaans with subtitles.

Rated PG13. Directed by Bibi Slippers and Produced by Danie Bester

Matthys is developing an algorithm for a dating app that finds your perfect mate by asking only three questions. He stumbles onto Matilda,

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Film Reviews

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an aspiring author who works as a model. She lives with her mother, Mireille (Bertha Le Roux), a celebrated writer of romance novels. Mireille's own life is a mess.

Both Matilda and Matthys are afraid of falling in love or commitment. They dress up as costumed characters on their monthly dates. Predictably, they eventually fall for each other. In the meantime, Mireille falls in love with a journalist who interviewed her.

While this offbeat (and often silly) romantic comedy is a bit predictable, it's entertaining and has quite a few laughs. In the end, everyone is happy, including the audience.

Director Bibi Slippers is an award-winning poet, journalist and screenwriter. This is her first feature film.

Sun., Mar. 30, 5:00PM, Bagels and More

Thu., Apr. 3, 12:00NOON, Visit Beloit

Somnium

Rated R. Directed by Racheal Cain, Produced by Christopher Raby, Mike Hatton

Tired of waitressing at her parents' diner in Georgia, Gemma (Chloë Levine) has come to Los Angeles to be an actress. Wearing a dress and hairstyle reminiscent of Dorothy Gale in *The Wizard of Oz*, she goes about pursuing a gig as an actress. She sees a help wanted sign at Somnium, a sleep clinic that makes your dreams come true. Side effects at Somnium include hallucinations, confusion, paranoia, sleep paralysis, detachment from reality, lost sense of self, and permanent nightmares. Times being what they are, she accepts the job as night watchman.

Ultimately, she does land a legitimate role as an actress at the end of the film, so perhaps Somnium really did make her dream come true after all. In the interim, we are treated to a dark, science-fiction/horror film with some originality. The sleep clinic is an interesting vehicle for an unusual coming of age film in which Gemma faces her fears head on.

The film holds one's attention and has a tight, disciplined screenplay. *Somnium* earned First Place in the LA Screenplay Competition before winning the 2024 Audience Award at the Chattanooga Film Festival, the Silver Audience Award at Brooklyn Horror Film Festival, and Best Actress in a Feature at FilmQuest.

Fri., Mar. 28, 12:00 NOON, Hendricks Arts Center

Mon., Mar. 31, 12:00 NOON, Beloit College

Powerhouse

Tallywacker

Rated R. Directed by Brendan Boogie, Produced by Brendan Boogie, Jeremy Dubs, Chris Goodwin

Aleister (Jeremy Dubs) is an eager young guitar player who suffers from brittle bone disease and is wheelchair bound. He plays with drummer Emmett (Chris Goodwin) in a two-piece band called Tallywacker. Aleister has a quick, audacious personality that is genuinely funny. He lives with his mother, Bonnie (Laurie Mahoney) who has a serious addiction.

Tallywacker gets a chance to open for a ma-

ior performer, Carly Major (Rivera Reese). Carly asks him to take over as guitar for her band. Aleister immediately accepts, much to the chagrin of his bandmate, Emmett, who becomes demoted from bandmate to roadie. A bartender, Scarlett (Adwoa Duncan-Williams) who Aleister met while playing accompanies the entourage. The new arrangements cause tension, which is diffused by humor and the sheer grit of Aleister to make it work.

The sound and music in the film is good and contributes to a solid, charming film. All of the characters in this film are relatable, with Aleister being irresistible. Filmed in black and white, this film has comedy, drama, romance, music, and is inspiring to boot! Genuinely fun to watch.

Tallywacker has won a special jury prize at the Independent Film Festival of Boston and the Film Club's Lost Weekend Award for its soundtrack.

Sun., Mar. 30, 2:30PM, La Casa Grande

Thu., Apr. 3, 2:30PM, Visit Beloit

The War Between

Rated PG-13. Directed by Deborah Correa,

Boone County's Statement on Thornberry Arrest

Press Release

The County Board is aware of the recent charges against County Board Member Marion Thornberry. We take these allegations very seriously and will continue to follow the guidance of our State's Attorney. This is an ongoing investigation and therefore we cannot comment on it further.

However, we do stress that these charges are not related to Mr. Thornberry's role as a County Board member. Board members do not have access to any County funds and the County has worked hard over the years to implement policies that help ensure that County funds are protected.

The Boone County State's Attorney's office is the legal counsel for the County Board, and as such, prosecuting a County Board member would be a significant conflict of interest. Therefore, the State's Attorney's Office will be seeking a Special Prosecutor to handle this matter.

Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law, and we encourage everyone to withhold judgment until such time as the legal proceedings against Mr. Thornberry are concluded.

Karl Johnson
Boone County Board
Chairman

Produced by Lenny Mesi, Deborah Correa, Jennifer Pfalzgraff

A classic Western set in the Arizona Desert during the Civil War. It's the story of three men, Israel Terry, (Damian Conrad-Davis) separated from his Union regiment, Moses Jennings, (Sam Bullington), separated from his Confederate unit, and Great Seer (Wayne Charles Baker), an Apache, separated from his tribe. To survive, they must set their differences apart.

The cinematography is outstanding and a real treat. At times, the film seems to move slowly, but the pace enhances the loneliness of war and a desperate situation. From time to time, the men argue the political positions of their sides. The triviality of their politics is self-evident, as three men struggle to make it through a hostile desert in wartime. While the timeless message of the film comes through, it does not overshadow the action in the film.

Fri., Mar. 28, 5:00PM, Hendricks Arts Center

Mon., Mar. 31, 7:30PM, La Casa Grande

In Remarks to Teachers Union, Pritzker Lashes Out at Trump's Education Cuts

AG Raoul joins multistate lawsuit to prevent agency from being dismantled

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker on Thursday delivered more harsh criticism against President Donald Trump's administration over attempts to drastically downsize, and possibly eliminate, the U.S. Department of Education.

His remarks came just two days after the agency abruptly laid off 1,300 employees, or about half its

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<input type="radio"/> Randy Williams	INDEPENDENT
POPLAR GROVE TOWNSHIP	
FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> Brian Piskie	INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> Andrea Sowers	INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> Michael A. Wares	INDEPENDENT
FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)	
<input type="radio"/> Michael Oliver	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> James Morrison	INDEPENDENT
SPRING TOWNSHIP	
FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> Ryan Kufalk	INDEPENDENT

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR THREE)	
3 shall be elected from Belvidere Township 44N Range 03E BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP 44N RANGE 03E	
<input type="radio"/> Jermaine Pigeo	
<input type="radio"/> Barbi Yunk	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in	_____
<input type="radio"/> Write-in	_____
<input type="radio"/> Write-in	_____
(VOTE FOR ONE)	
1 board members shall be elected from the remaining congressional townships.	
THE REMAINING CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIPS	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in	_____

SCHOOLS	
HARVARD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50	
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.	
ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.	
NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 45N RANGE 6E (HARTLAND)	
NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 45N RANGE 5E (DUNHAM)	
NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 46N RANGE 5E (CHEMUNG)	
NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 46N RANGE 6E (ALDEN)	
NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 46N RANGE 4E (LEROY)	

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR)	
TOWNSHIP 46N RANGE 5E (CHEMUNG)	
<input type="radio"/> Rubi Vega	
<input type="radio"/> Renee Gonzalez	
<input type="radio"/> Diana Bird	
TOWNSHIP 45N RANGE 5E (DUNHAM)	
<input type="radio"/> Caren S. Mackenzie	
<input type="radio"/> William "Willie" Perez	

HIAWATHA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 426	
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is to consist of 4 members from the congressional township that has at least 75% but not more than 90% of the population, and 3 board members from the remaining congressional townships in the school district.	
ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.	

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
No Candidate	

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR THREE)	
2 shall be elected from Franklin township 42N range 3E FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP 42N RANGE 3E	
<input type="radio"/> Ralph Ziegler	
<input type="radio"/> Andrew Lyons	
<input type="radio"/> Norma Rutigliano	

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
1 board members shall be elected from the remaining congressional townships.	
THE REMAINING CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIPS	
<input type="radio"/> Timothy S Hall	

KINNIKINNICK COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 131	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR FOUR)	
<input type="radio"/> David L. Young	
<input type="radio"/> Joseph Tomilonus	
<input type="radio"/> Crystal Draffkorn	
<input type="radio"/> Heather Johnson	
<input type="radio"/> Lindsey Swanson	

NORTH BOONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 200	
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.	
ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.	
NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 46N RANGE 03E	
NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 45N RANGE 04E	
NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 45N RANGE 03E	
NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 46N RANGE 04E	

MANCHESTER 46N RANGE 03E	
<input type="radio"/> Sarah Meyer	
BOONE 45N RANGE 04E	
<input type="radio"/> Judith Babcock-Hutchinson	
<input type="radio"/> Nancy Grimme Schilling	
CALEDONIA 45N RANGE 03E	
<input type="radio"/> Russell O'Donnell	
LEROY 46N RANGE 04E	
<input type="radio"/> Tom Kinser	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in	_____
<input type="radio"/> Write-in	_____

ROCKFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205	
DISTRICT D FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> Nicole Bennett	
<input type="radio"/> Fort A. Zackary III	

HONONEGAH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207	
Instructions to voter: Thirty percent (30%) or more of the taxable property of this high school district is located in the unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at least two board members shall be residents of the unincorporated territory.	
ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED FROM ANY AREA OR AREAS.	

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR FOUR)	
<input type="radio"/> Josh Ballard	
<input type="radio"/> Eric Flohr	
<input type="radio"/> Bob Geddes	
<input type="radio"/> Gayle Haab	
<input type="radio"/> Anthony Jenkins	
<input type="radio"/> Darrell Polfliet	

COLLEGE	
KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 523	
FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> David Lilja	
<input type="radio"/> Catherine Hopkins	

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 33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150
 Chicago, IL 60602

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF BOONE, ss – IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BOONE COUNTY, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS-, GREENSPRING CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF RMH 2023-4 TRUST, Plaintiff, -vs- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LAWRENCE B. WIRTH (DECEASED); UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DIANE M. WIRTH (DECEASED); LORI A. PERRY (OWNER); UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s), Case No. 2025 FC 20. The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, defendants in the above-entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BOONE COUNTY, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot Two (2) in Block Twelve (12) as designated upon the Plat of Sheffield Green No. 3, being a Subdivision of part of the South (1/2) of Section 35, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded February 15, 1968 as Document No. 10982, in Boone County, Illinois, situated in Boone County, State of Illinois. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1721 9th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NO: 05-35-378-002, and which said Mortgage was made by LAWRENCE WIRTH and DIANE M. WIRTH to METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK, N.A., dated December 22, 2009, and recorded January 8, 2010, as 2010 R 00142 in the Boone County, Illinois Office of the Recorder of Deeds, and the present owner(s) of the property being LORI PERRY; and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF BOONE COUNTY, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS, BOONE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 601 N. MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 on or before APRIL 21, 2025, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Dated, Chicago, Illinois, March 17, 2025.
 Clerk of the BOONE County Circuit Court.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 6088-951540

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Boone County Board will receive bids marked BCG-2025-03 for the purpose of removing and reroofing the County Jail. The existing roof is a stone ballasted EPDM rubber membrane system on a sloped precast concrete deck. Rough estimate age of existing system is about 22 years old.

Bid documents will be available on or after March 12, 2025. Those interested may visit the Boone County Website at https://www.boone-countyil.gov/businesses/bids_rfp_s.php for further details. Copies of the Bid Documents will be available for viewing in the Boone County Clerk's Office located at 1212 Logan Avenue, Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008. Bids will be accepted at the Boone County Clerk's Office until Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. Bids will be opened at 11 A.M. the same day in the Boone County Board Room located at 1212 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

Boone County Government reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.

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ASSUMED NAMES

OFFICE of the MINNESOTA SECRETARY of STATE
 Certificate of Assumed Name

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customer to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: BRIAN PAUL KERN
 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: in care of : 274 nelson parkway, cherry valley illinois 00000 The United States of America
 APPLICANT(S): Name: brian paul, Authorized Representative
 Address: in care of: 274 nelson parkway
 cherry valley illinois 00000
 The United States of America

Signed by: brian paul, Authorized Representative
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
 ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4222 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a SALON business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of UPTOWN SALON that its location is or will be 126 W. LINCOLN AVENUE in BELVIDERE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-547-8881
 CLARISSA JEAN KLINFELTER 2822 MALTA RD
 KIRKLAND, ILLINOIS 60146

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: March 10, 2025
 Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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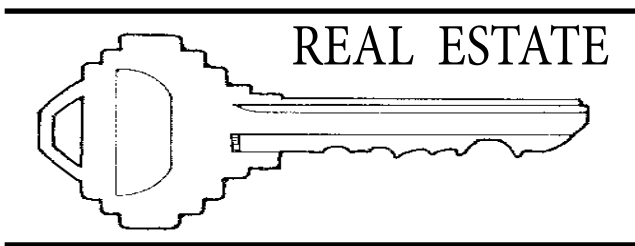
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
 ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4223- The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a CHRISTIAN LIFE COACHING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of PROFESSIONAL CHRISTIAN LIFE COACHING that its location is or will be 1105 7TH AVE., BELVIDERE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-323-8283
 Dola Bell Gregory, 3174 Spring Center RD., Belvidere, Illinois 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: March 18, 2025.

Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NEWREZ LLC, D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
 Plaintiff,
 -v- **23 FC 81**
BRANDON WALKER, CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
 Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 4, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 15, 2025, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 405 PEMBROKE ROAD SOUTH WEST, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 03-27-305-018
 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
 The judgment amount was \$71,680.77.

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

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

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

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

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 23-099985.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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 847-291-1717
 E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com
 Attorney File No. 23-099985
 Case Number: 23 FC 81
 TJSC#: 45-434

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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workforce, including an estimated 50 workers in its Chicago regional office, as well as persistent reports that the president is preparing to issue an executive order to dismantle the agency entirely, a move many say the president cannot make without congressional approval.

The remarks also came days after the U.S. Department of Agriculture terminated a \$26.3 million grant to the Illinois State Board of Education that helped Illinois schools and child care facilities buy locally grown fresh produce from Illinois farmers for use in meals and snacks.

In a campaign-style speech before a friendly audience of about 1,200 representatives of the Illinois Education Association, the state's largest labor union, Pritzker lashed out at the president and his supporters, whom he called "bootlickers" and "DOGE-bags," a reference to the Trump's unofficial Department of Government Efficiency, led by billionaire Elon Musk.

Pritzker, who is often mentioned as a potential presidential candidate in 2028, also leveled specific criticism at Trump's secretary of education, Linda McMahon, a former president and CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.

"Now wrestling can be entertaining. I'll admit, I don't watch much of it," Pritzker said. "But that's not

the kind of expertise that most Americans are looking for when it comes to carrying out good public policy for our families. Education is either the foundation of our nation's future success or, if we fail, it can be our nation's undoing."

In the nearly two months since Trump's inauguration for a second term, Pritzker and the state of Illinois have been engaged in a series of legal and political battles, many stemming from Trump's early executive orders to freeze large categories of federal spending or cut off funding for various programs.

In a related announcement Thursday, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said he had joined yet another multistate federal lawsuit against the Trump administration — one of several he has joined — this time as part of an effort to block Trump from dismantling the Department of Education.

That agency has existed in its present form only since 1980, when it was split off from the former Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The remainder became what is now the Department of Health and Human Services.

The agency administers several federal laws that deal with education, ranging from the Every Student Succeeds Act, which mandates the testing of students every year in reading, writing and math, to Title IX and other civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in educational settings.

It also distributes large amounts of federal funds to states and local schools, including Title I funds, which supplement the funding of schools in the nation's poorest communities.

In addition to the Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Agriculture also provides significant federal funding to schools, primarily through the National School Lunch Program.

It also administers federal programs for higher education, including student financial aid programs such as Pell grants and guaranteed student loans.

Although those federal funds are important for schools, they make up a relatively small percentage of overall spending on public education. Local property taxes and state funding make up the vast majority of public school budgets.

According to state figures, in Fiscal Year 2023 in Illinois, the most recent year for which figures are available, federal funds for schools totaled \$4.7 billion, or just 12% of all spending for public schools. Local revenues, at \$25 billion, accounted for 64% while the remaining 24%, or \$9.3 billion, came from state funds.

For the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1, the state expects to receive about \$4.5 billion in federal K-12 education funds.

In a statement Tuesday, McMahon said the mass layoffs were aimed at "ensuring that resources are directed where they matter most: to students, parents, and teachers," giving no indication they were a step toward eliminating the programs that the Department of Education administers.

But speaking to reporters after his remarks to the IEA gathering, Pritzker brushed aside suggestions that the Trump administration only wants to do away with the agency's bureaucracy, not the programs or funds that it administers.

"If you listen to members of Congress, they're fine with taking away the funding from the Department of Education," he said. "But if they don't, great. Send us the dollars. We'll make sure that our kids are receiving the kinds of programs that are necessary. But I think every child in the United States should have a standard by which we all live by."

"One of those standards is that every disabled child should be able to get an education, that every one of the kids who qualify should be able to go to college. And it looks to me like they're trying to at least diminish it by a significant amount if not do away with it altogether," he said.

**ROCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT NO. 511**

**FOR TRUSTEES OF THE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)**

- Paul Gorski
- Jerry Simmons
- Gloria Cardenas Cudia
- Richard Kennedy
- Jenna Goldsmith

**FOR TRUSTEES OF THE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)**

- Paul Gorski
- Jerry Simmons
- Gloria Cardenas Cudia
- Richard Kennedy
- Jenna Goldsmith

**McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE
DISTRICT NO. 528**

**FOR TRUSTEES OF THE
COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)**

- Linnea Kooistra
- Tess Reinhard
- Tom Allen

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE
REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
(DeKALB COUNTY)
(Not more than one may serve from the same
congressional township)
(Full six year term)**

(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)

No Candidate

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE
REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
(DeKALB COUNTY)
(For an unexpired four year term)**

(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)

No Candidate

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE
REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
(DeKALB COUNTY)
(For an unexpired two year term)**

(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)

No Candidate

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE
REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
(McHENRY COUNTY)
(Full six year term)**

(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)

No Candidate

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE
REGIONAL BOARD OF
SCHOOL TRUSTEES
(BOONE AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES)
(Full 6-year term)**

(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)

- Bob Walberg
Boone County

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE
REGIONAL BOARD OF
SCHOOL TRUSTEES
(BOONE AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES)
(For an unexpired 4-year term)**

(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)

- David Carlson
Winnebago County
- Tosca DeGennaro
Boone County

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE
REGIONAL BOARD OF
SCHOOL TRUSTEES
(BOONE AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES)
(For an unexpired 2-year term)**

(VOTE FOR ONE)

- Richard Beuth

FIRE

**BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 2**

**FOR TRUSTEE
(For a 6-year term)**

(VOTE FOR ONE)

- Brent A. Bryan
- Write-in

**FOR TRUSTEE
(NEW TRUSTEES)**

(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)

- Richard H. Nelson
- James P. Dooley

**FOR TRUSTEE
(For an unexpired 2-year term)**

(VOTE FOR ONE)

- Matthew Zickert
- Dennis Dovenmuehle

**NORTH BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 3**

**FOR TRUSTEE
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)**

- Glen Guthrie
- Susan Schmalen

**BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 4**

**FOR TRUSTEE
(For a 6-year term)**

(VOTE FOR ONE)

No Candidate

**FOR TRUSTEE
(For an unexpired 4-year term)**

(VOTE FOR ONE)

- Karen Kenney

**MANCHESTER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 5**

**FOR TRUSTEE
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)**

- Royce Harnish
- Michael Clarke
- Brian Jaenecke
- Gene Wagner
- Austin Schwarzbach



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