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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 O&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.

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.

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





Ouint 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.

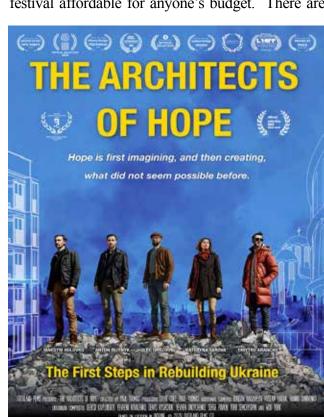
During the festival, a 6-day filmmaking challenge is taking place. Entitled Beloit As Itself, BIFF will see several teams of filmmakers around the community competing for a \$1000 prize. The results of their effort will be presented Saturday, April 5 at 12Noon, 5:00PM, and 7:30PM.

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

BIFF Venues

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





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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

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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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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.

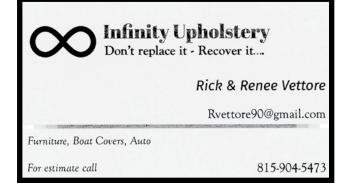
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Tallywacker

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-



jor 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,

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

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

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 Continued on page 8

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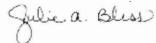
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SCHOOLS

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)

- Rubi Vega
- Renee Gonzalez
- Diana Bird

TOWNSHIP 45N RANGE 5E (DUNHAM)

- Caren S. Mackenzie
- 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

- Ralph Ziegler
- Andrew Lyons
- 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

Timothy S Hall

KINNIKINNICK COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 131

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR FOUR)

- David L. Young
- Joseph Tomilonus
- Crystal Draffkorn
- Heather Johnson
- 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.

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TOWNSHIP 46N RANGE 04E

MANCHESTER 46N RANGE 03E

Sarah Meyer

BOONE 45N RANGE 04E

- Judith Babcock-Hutchinson
- Nancy Grimme Schilling

CALEDONIA 45N RANGE 03E

Russell O'Donnell

LEROY 46N RANGE 04E

Tom Kinser Write-in

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)

Nicole Bennett

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)

Josh Ballard

Eric Flohr

Bob Geddeis

Gayle Haab

Anthony Jenkins

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)

David Lilja

Catherine Hopkins

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

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THE REMAINING CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIPS

LEGAL NOTICES

Early Voting Hours

Early Voting for the April 1, 2025, Consolidated Election, will begin on Friday, March 14, 2025, and end Monday, March 31, 2025. 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. The office will also be open on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

For more information about Early Voting, please contact the Boone County Clerk's Office at 815-544-3103.

Laura Bettis

Chief Deputy Clerk

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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, 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:

LOT 254 IN CANDLEWICK LAKE, UNIT NUMBER 4 ACCORDING

TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-415 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF

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).

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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.

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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7

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Bannockburn IL, 60015 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

Case # 23 FC 81

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To: Northern Illinois Gas Company Also known as Nicor Gas, ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY Northern Illinois Gas Company Also known as Nicor Gas, WENDELL DALLAS as president of Northern Illinois Gas Company Also known as Nicor Gas, MARCIA R. DEMAR, Northern Illinois Gas Company Also known as Nicor Gas, U.S. Bank Trust Company, N.A., Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 1-43-3 S 280' N 972' W 210' E 1/2 NE (EX S 20 0' W 150')

2025-TX-4 F TAKE NOTICE FILED: 2/13/2025 TAX DEED NO.:

County of Boone Date Premises Sold:10/27/2022 Certificate No. 2021-00216 Sold for General Taxes of: 2021 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A And Special Assessment Number: N/A N/A

INST. NUMBER: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1-43-3 S 280' N 972' W 210' E 1/2 NE (EX S 20 0'

W 150') Legal Description or Property Index No.: 07-01-276-003

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

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 8/12/2025.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 9:30 A.M. on 9/16/2025

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 8/12/2025 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.
ADDRESS: 1

212 Logan Ave, Suite 103 Belvidere, IL 61008 TELEPHONE: (

(815) 544-3103 Auction Z-2, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 2/18/2025

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To: Unknown Heirs and/or devisee Elodia Perez AKA Elodia V. Perez, Unknown Heirs and/or devisees of Hector Perez AKA Hector G. Perez, Imelda R. Gonzalez, Rebecca Garcia, Abelardo Ramirez, Jr., Armando Perez, Armida Jimenez, Bobby Lee Bullock, Lisa Gonalez, BMO Harris as successor in interest to Marengo State Bank, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Unknown Occupants of 321 W. Locust St., Belvidere, IL 61008, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 321 W. Locust St., Belvidere, IL 61008

TX-3 FILED: 2/13/2025 TAKE NOTICE **TAX DEED NO.:** 2025-TX-3

County of Boone Date Premises Sold:10/27/2022 Certificate No. 2021-00141 Sold for General Taxes of: 2021

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A And Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.

WALIAR INO.
INST. NUMBER: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at: 321 W. Locust St., Belvidere, IL 61008 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 05-26-478-009

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 8/12/2025.

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Purchaser or Assignee Published in The Boone County Journal March 6, 13, 20, and 27th, SW

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

CHANCERY DIVISION CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

Case No.: 2025FC18 JAMES L. STOTZ; GINA M. STOTZ; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants. **Property Address:**

620 W 7th St, Belvidere, IL 61008

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING,

UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT FIFTEEN (15) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF STRATFORD MEADOWS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 3RD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 93-1744 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY,

ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 620 W 7th St, Belvidere, IL 61008 Names of the titleholders of record: JAMES L. STOTZ and GINA M. STOTZ

Date of the Mortgage: December 23, 2006.

Name or names of the mortgagors: JAMES L. STOTZ and GINA M. STOTZ.

Name of the mortgagee: Mortgage Amenities Corp.. Date and place of recording: January 8, 2007; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Boone County, Illinois.

Identification of recording: Document No. 2007R00315. NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before April 12, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR

THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http:// efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.

org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application. PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Lender Legal PLLC 1800 Pembrook Drive, Suite 250 Orlando, Florida 32810 Tel: (407) 730-4644 Service Emails mjdiaz@lenderlegal.com EService@LenderLegal.com LLS14240-IL - STOTZ

s/ Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq._ Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq.

Counsel of Record for Plaintiff ARDC # 6340688

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR BOONE COUNTY. ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, Case No.: 2025FC18

JAMES L. STOTZ; GINA M. STOTZ; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

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Lender Legal PLLC 1800 Pembrook Drive, Suite 250 Orlando, Florida 32810 Tel: (407) 730-4644 Service Emails: mjdiaz@lenderlegal.com EService@LenderLegal.com LLS14240-IL - STOTZ s/ Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq.__ Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq. Counsel of Record for Plaintiff ARDC # 6340688 Published in The Boone County Joural March 13, 20, 27, 2025 PP

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

BOONE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF REYNA YARITZA

AMBRIZ ESTRADA By SENDY ESTRADA Case No. 2025-MR-9 NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given, that on April 22, 2025, at 9:00 am, in courtroom #3, I will present a Petition requesting that the Court change his/her present name of REYNA YARITZA AMBRIZ ESTRADA a minor, to the name of REYNA YARITZA CASAS ESTRADA . The hearing will take place at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008. Reyna Yaritza Ambriz Estrada, a minor, by, Sendy Estrada

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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BOONE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF REYNA YARITZA AMBRIZ ESTRADA

SENDY ESTRADA

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Published in the Boone County Journal 03/06,13,20 P.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, Belvidere City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 upon the following:

Application of Moscato's Pizzeria, Inc. 1409 Conlin Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008 on behalf of the property owners, Giuseppe and Rosalia Moscato at the same address for a special use to permit indoor commercial entertainment. The special use includes a bar and video gaming at 105 Buchanan Street, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C)(6)(B)(2) Indoor Commercial Entertainment and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures) in the CB, Central Business District on less than 1 acre. The subject property is legally described as:

Lot Two (2) and alley lying West of and adjacent to Lot Two (2), the West Half (1/2) of Lot Three (3) and all of Lots Twenty one (21) and Twenty-two (22) of the Assessor's Survey of Block Seven (7) in Aaron Whitney's Addition to Belvidere as platted and recorded in the Recorder's office of Boone County, Illinois, in Book 28 of Deeds, page 420; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois. PIN: 05-25-360-002.

All persons interested in the petitions may attend and be heard at the stated time and place.

Paul Engelman, Chairman,

Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission

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N&L No. 1889-475 NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD.

Attornevs

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.

> Chicago, Illinois, March 17, 2025. Dated.

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

Bid documents will be available on or after March 12, 2025. Those interested may visit the Boone County Website at https://www.boonecountyil.gov/businesses/bids___rfp_s.php for further details. Copies of the Bid Documents will be available for viewing in the Boone County Clerkís Office located at 1212 Logan Avenue, Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008. Bids will be accepted at the Boone County Clerkís 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 Published in The Boone County Journal March 20, 2025

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.

BRIAN PAUL KERN ASSUMED NAME: PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: in care of : 274 nelson parkway,

cherry valley illinois 00000 The United States of America

ÁPPLIĆANT(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 KLINEFELTER KIRKLAND, ILLINOIS 60146

2822 MALTA RD

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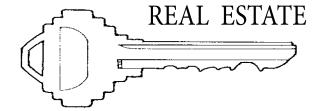
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

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

Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder Published in Boone County Journal 03/20,27 04/03 - P



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

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

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, agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1.00 FM off 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

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.

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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-

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LOGS Legal Group LLP
2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207

Bannockburn IL, 60015

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 debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose Case # 23 FC 81

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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

Prizker

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abruptly laid off 1,300 employees, or about half its 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.

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