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Minooka pushes back on massive rail project

Village wants CN to keep trucks from intermodal complex off the town's roads

By John Lippert
Chicago Tribune

For the past year, the village of Minooka has pressed Canadian National Railway for one big change to the 900-acre intermodal and warehouse complex it's planning on the edge of town. Instead of sending 900,000 diesel trucks a year north through Minooka's main commercial district to access Interstate 80, the village wants the railroad to send them to a freeway entrance 5½ miles to the southwest. The state of Illinois built an I-80 entrance ramp there in 2012 in part to keep heavy trucks away from Minooka's commercial and residential areas. So far, CN hasn't veered from its plan to use Minooka's roads and its commercial district of banks and strip malls for trucks,

even in the face of stiff opposition from the village. "This will make us like Chicago, and maybe worse than your busiest roadways in Chicago," Ric Offerman, Minooka's mayor, said in an interview with the Chicago Tribune. "It feels like we're getting this thing stuffed down our throats," he said. "It's the big guy with the money telling the little guy to get out of the way." Minooka is a village of 13,000 people 40 miles southwest of Chicago. However, the issues raised in its battle with CN will reverberate across Illinois as the state tries to nearly double its total freight tonnage by 2050. On Friday, Minooka fought back, asking the U.S. District Court in northern Illinois for a binding order allowing the village to impose weight limits on its

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Above, farmer Robert Bols stands on his property in Channahon on Tuesday surrounded by CN property that will be developed into an intermodal facility.
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roads, and as a result, to force CN's trucks onto U.S. Route 6 instead. Under Illinois law, the village said in its court filing, "Minooka is authorized to exercise its police powers with respect to streets and highways under its jurisdiction, including adopting and enforcing weight limit traffic regulations." In effect, the village is trying to make permanent a temporary 25-ton limit imposed in March to exclude most loaded 18-wheelers from McLindon Road north of the CN intermodal. Jonathan Abecassis, a CN spokesman, declined to comment on Minooka's lawsuit. The railroad remains committed, he said, to operating the intermodal yard in a safe manner.

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Illinois an abortion training backstop

Medical providers turn to state nearly 2 years after Dobbs decision

By Angie Leventis Lourgos
Chicago Tribune

Obstetrics and gynecology resident Dr. Cory Reiter travels more than 200 miles round trip from Indianapolis to an Illinois clinic once a week to learn how to perform abortions, which she deems a vital aspect of health care. Yet opportunities for learning how to terminate a pregnancy have dwindled in Indiana since the state's near-total abortion ban went into effect in August, spurring Reiter and other OB-GYN residents at Indiana University School of Medicine to come to Illinois for abortion training. "This is something that is life-saving care," said Reiter, whose residency program did not want to name the Illinois clinic where she's training. "I've seen mothers become very ill. I have seen people who are forced to remain pregnant who do not want to remain pregnant. I've witnessed firsthand how this kind of care is important both to women and their families." As the two-year anniversary of the demise of Roe v. Wade approaches, an increasing number of medical providers around the country are crossing state lines — including into Illinois — for comprehensive abortion training as large sections of the nation either ban or severely restrict pregnancy termination. Since U.S. Supreme Court case Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization ended federal abor-

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Cancer journey gives Sandberg new outlook

The Cubs Hall of Famer was diagnosed with prostate cancer, which has given him a new perspective in the lead-up to his statue unveiling. **Chicago Sports**

Residents flee floods in parts of Iowa

Floodwaters forced people out of their homes after weeks of rain, while much of the U.S. longed for relief from another round of extraordinary heat. **Nation & World**

Aldermen exploring new city taxes

Months after voters rejected the Bring Chicago Home property tax plan, alderman are beginning to look at a wide array of new taxes and fees. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

Shannon's accuser harassed after verdict

Woman, 19, has been threatened, shamed by online posters

By Jonathan Bullington
Chicago Tribune

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Less than two hours had passed since the not guilty verdict came down, and their names and photographs were already published and viewed millions of times on social media. Some said the 19-year-old should be prosecuted for accusing Terrence Shannon Jr. of rape when a Douglas County jury decided no such crime could be proved beyond a reasonable doubt. Others said the Chicago native and University of Illinois

men's basketball star should sue her and her best friend, also 19, for damaging his reputation and possibly his NBA dreams. "Kuddos," one person wrote on X, the site once called Twitter, "for making sure these girls can feel one percent of the pain tsj went thru cuz of their fake claims." Another person posted on the site: "Don't falsely accuse someone of something that could change their life forever. Hope she struggles to find a job when she graduates because of this. Nobody will be able to trust her" The mother of the woman who accused Shannon of rape told the Chicago Tribune during a brief phone call that her daughter

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University of Illinois basketball player Terrence Shannon Jr. appears in court June 12 in Kansas. **CHRIS CONDE/THE LAWRENCE JOURNAL-WORLD**

