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Haley: Remarks “taken out of context”

NAACP | Dean Olsen

Teresa Haley says her controversial comments about immigrants brought from the Mexican border to Chicago were misinterpreted and taken out of context.

The president of the Springfield branch of the NAACP also told *Illinois Times* she regrets using the term “savages” in reference to the thousands of immigrants who have been flown and bused to Chicago’s west and south side neighborhoods.

Haley, 58, was suspended by the national NAACP as the unpaid president of the civil rights organization’s Illinois State Conference on Dec. 13 because of the comments, captured on video during a private Zoom meeting with Illinois branch presidents and other local NAACP officials in November. She said the call was illegally recorded by one of the meeting participants.

Haley, who received the “activist of the year” award from the national NAACP in 2020 and has been lauded in Springfield for her volunteer efforts and activism, apologized “to anyone who may have been hurt or offended by my comments,” according to a written statement Dec. 14 from the state conference.

Haley spoke with *Illinois Times* on Jan. 15 after a public forum on immigration connected with a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. It was her first media interview since her remarks were released on YouTube and publicized in December by a former DuPage County NAACP branch president.

Haley has requested a hearing with national NAACP officials to plead her case and regain her title. Officials at the national office in Baltimore haven’t responded to requests for comment. The NAACP hasn’t clarified whether Haley can continue to act as the Springfield branch’s president, an unpaid position, so she said she is speaking on her own behalf for now, and not on behalf of the NAACP.

Haley said she is hoping to be elected to the

NAACP’s national board of directors. She said the unpaid position would give her a bigger platform for advocating that federal officials establish an archaeological site near Madison Street and the 10th Street Rail Corridor as a national monument to the 1908 race riot in Springfield. The riot helped lead to the creation of the NAACP.

Voting for the election concluded in December, but results won’t be released until February, Haley said.

Recalling the November Zoom call, Haley said savages isn’t a word that is part of her everyday vocabulary. She said she used the word in the video when she was summarizing and referring to the same term used by at least two other Illinois branch presidents during the meeting.

Illinois NAACP officials were airing concerns about immigrants being transported unannounced by Texas officials to impoverished, predominantly Black Chicago neighborhoods in late fall and winter.

Haley told *Illinois Times* she regretted repeating her peers’ comments.

“A good leader listens and summarizes what is being said,” she said. “My intent was just to simply have the conversations and let my branch presidents and leaders know, ‘I hear you. I’m listening to you.’”

Haley said on the Zoom call that Chicago and other American cities are more eager to find immigrants safe housing than when they serve low-income Black people.

“But Black people have been on the streets for ever and ever, and nobody cares because they say that we’re drug addicts, we’ve got mental health issues,” Haley said on the November call. “But these immigrants who come over here, they’ve been raping people, they’ve been breaking into homes, they’re like savages as well. They don’t speak the language, and they look at us like we’re crazy because we were the only people in America who

were brought over here against our wills and were slaves, sold into slavery.

“But everybody who comes over here? We’re so kind, we’re so friendly.”

Haley told *Illinois Times* that immigrants and Black residents deserve equal access to services.

Referring to the immigrant situation in Chicago, she said Black leaders have “worked really hard to clean up certain communities, and then you drop a bunch of people in who don’t know the language, and don’t know the culture, and everybody is fighting for survival for themselves. It’s not the immigrants’ fault, and we never said it was, nor did I.

“We said it was a concern, and it needed to be addressed, and so I allowed my presidents to talk about what their concerns were.”

Since the Zoom video was made public, Haley has come under fire from Latino groups that said immigrants and poor people of all colors have similar needs and shouldn’t be criticizing each other.

Haley said her words should be interpreted as a call to action by policymakers for immigration reform and equal treatment rather than criticism of immigrants.

“I’m always willing to work with all communities – not only the Latino community, all communities,” she said.

Haley said it was “out of order” for Gov. JB Pritzker to criticize her comments and call for her to apologize.

Haley said she believes the Democratic governor’s comments were fueled by policy differences between the two, including Haley’s opposition to legalization of adult-use marijuana and the NAACP’s unsuccessful legal challenge of the new legislative redistricting map that Pritzker signed into law.

Initial news reports of Haley’s comments included her statement during a brief phone call with a reporter while she was overseas on vacation in which she initially suggested she didn’t make the comments. She reportedly said the comments may have been manufactured through the use of artificial intelligence.

Haley told *Illinois Times* that she didn’t realize the reporter was referring to the November NAACP Zoom meeting, which was surreptitiously recorded by former NAACP DuPage County branch president Patrick Watson without the permission of other participants.

“The reporter tried to bum-rush me by referring to a video that I hadn’t seen nor heard of since I was out of the country,” Haley said.

Watson, who couldn’t be reached for this story, told *Illinois Times* in December that he recorded

and released a two-minute section of the two-hour-long November video after complaining to the national NAACP for months about what he called Haley’s disregard for NAACP bylaws on acceptable business practices.

Watson said Haley also has engaged in “hate speech against the LGBTQ community” by questioning the requested use of they/them pronouns by certain national NAACP staff members. Haley denied Watson’s allegations.

Watson said he resigned Dec. 12 as president of the branch, which covers DuPage, Kendall, Kane, Will and part of northwest Cook County, because of Haley’s conduct and requested her resignation. He said NAACP members voting on her bid for the national board also needed to be informed.

Haley said Watson never complained to her about specific comments.

Michael Childress, 67, a Bloomingdale resident who succeeded Watson and DuPage NAACP president, said Watson resigned a few days before the branch’s officers were to meet and take a non-binding vote of no confidence on Watson’s conduct.

The conduct was not related to Haley’s immigrant comments, Childress said.

Childress said he believes Watson waited until Dec. 12 to express outrage about Haley’s Nov. 30 comments to unfairly discredit Haley and kill her bid for the national NAACP board, all in retaliation for her prior order that Watson receive additional training during his term as president.

Childress said Haley didn’t deserve to be suspended before NAACP officials held a hearing. “She was being vilified without getting her due process,” Childress said. “I am an advocate of hers. I don’t believe in ‘cancel culture.’ ... We’re not talking about a person who has a history of being a hateful person.”

National NAACP officials have given no timeline for a final decision on Haley’s status, Haley and Childress said. The delay and silence from the national office are frustrating, Childress said.

The release of her comments created a “firestorm” when she returned from vacation, Haley said.

“I was humiliated, I was overwhelmed, I was sad,” she said. “I was stressed, depressed, couldn’t eat, couldn’t sleep, and I was devastated. I’ve received hate mail and death threats as a result of the video.” □

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Editor’s note

It was a coalition of the challenged, this group of 750 or so Springfielders who came together Monday for the Martin Luther King Day breakfast, the 49th annual event hosted by Frontiers International. Here, wearing the gold coat of the Frontiers and taking tickets at the door, was a prominent leader of Illinois Republicans, surely challenged by the difficulty of leading in a party that has lost its way. Here, too, was a veteran U.S. senator who chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee, challenged by the demands of politics at the highest level and grateful, he said, that there is still a place for “old white guys like me.” Here is a table sponsored by Central Baptist Church, demonstrating that their faith calls them to stand with people of color, and over there a table of Springfield Dominican sisters who have been all in against racism for many years, still challenging themselves to more effectively preach the truth. There are two tables for SIU School of Medicine, leading with diversity, equity and inclusion to foster institutional change, but challenged by the size of health disparities. And nearby is the NAACP table, challenged to include immigrants in its vision of colored people to advance. All together sing, “We shall overcome someday,” until a Black community leader issues a challenge for more urgency. With her leading, we sing, “We shall overcome today.” — Fletcher Farrar, editor



The city of Springfield is seeking court orders to take possession of eight vacant buildings in the Olde Towne apartment complex and has allocated \$600,000 in this year's budget for demolition. The city also wants the owner to renovate four of the occupied buildings on the site. PHOTO BY MICHELLE OWNBEY

City pursues legal action against Olde Towne Apartments

Seeking to demolish eight vacant structures and force owner to repair four others

HOUSING | Scott Reeder

The city of Springfield is seeking court orders to take possession of eight vacant, dilapidated apartment buildings so that they can be demolished.

The structures are part of the 23-building Olde Towne apartment complex, located at the corner of Jefferson Street and Bruns Lane. City officials are also seeking to have the owner rehabilitate four occupied buildings on the site.

The complex is owned by two New York investors who city officials say have told them they lack the money to make the necessary changes. The current owners purchased the property at auction in November 2020 and paid \$5,250,000 for the 218-unit property, according to Sangamon County tax records.

"There are eight buildings that have been 'condemned,' but they are all vacant already," said Kateah McMasters, senior assistant corporation counsel. "We did not vacate those. They've been vacant for at least two, if not three years – maybe even longer."

She said the city is midway through the condemnation process for five of the buildings

and has just begun the legal process for the other three.

"A lot of those vacant buildings either don't have secure floors or there's other structural issues," Ethan Posey, director of community relations, said. "There are broken windows, there's mold. And from a public safety perspective, when you have vacant buildings that are open like that, (homeless people) – especially when it gets cold – break into those buildings and start a fire for warmth. And that's something that could either kill them or start a fire that could burn down the whole complex. So demolishing those buildings is really more for the safety of the people who live in buildings that are currently occupied there."

The city administration has set aside \$600,000 in its proposed budget to raze the structures.

McMasters said there are less-serious building code violations in four occupied buildings in the complex. She declined to identify the nature of violations.

"The problems are not immediate dangers," she said. "We just don't want to cause any kind of unnecessary panic because these things can sometimes spread and get blown out of

proportion," she said.

City officials say there are 47 apartments in the occupied buildings in which they are seeking repairs.

"Structurally, those buildings are sound that everyone lives in," Fire Marshal Todd Taylor said. "And they passed everything they needed to for fire safety inspection. ... There are still open issues, but the fire alarm systems have been restored and are in working condition."

City staff is working with the building's project management company in hopes of resolving the issues.

"Any given building probably has at least a couple violations, but they are not to the extent that we are ready to close down those buildings, by any stretch of the imagination," McMasters said. ... "There are four additional buildings that do have some heightened safety concerns that we are contemplating shutting down, but we are not there yet because we are trying to resolve those issues."

Posey said the city does not want to see anyone lose their home.

"If we're not able to reach a resolution here, we're making sure that people don't just end up out

on the street," he said. "We're finding appropriate, alternate housing for them that's also price comfortable."

Flyers were posted around the complex informing tenants that caseworkers from Fifth Street Renaissance would be on hand Jan. 10 "to work to relocate those affected by the building condemnation." After some tenants took to social media to ask questions and express concerns, Penny Powell, executive director of Fifth Street Renaissance, posted a statement in response that read in part:

"As a neutral party and a social service organization (that) operates multiple programs serving the needs of those experiencing homelessness or near homelessness, our only goal is to ensure that no one becomes unhoused. We are not forcing anyone to participate, encouraging anyone to move or stop paying their rent. We are only informing tenants of available assistance and assessing for program eligibility if requested." □

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Springfield remembers the legacy of MLK

EQUALITY | Scott Reeder

Greg Harris remembers the day Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream seemed to falter.

On April 4, 1968, Harris, who is now the U.S. Attorney for Central Illinois, was a Howard University student in Washington, D.C., when he learned that King had been murdered.

"I remember the city going up in flames and the National Guard being on every street corner with bayonets. I remember how the school was closed. I remember how the Black Panthers came on our campus and closed down the quad, which is the main center of the campus. And they brought a machine gun on campus. I remember the turmoil, and it was just a period of sadness and fear."

Harris was one of about 750 people who endured sub-zero weather to attend the 49th annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Breakfast sponsored by Springfield Frontiers International. It was held Jan. 15 at the Wyndham City Centre.

For those attending the event, the central question seemed to be: What is King's legacy today?

"Well, I think his legacy is have a good heart. If you believe in God and follow God's message, you can change the world," Harris told *Illinois Times*. "I'm a lawyer, so I'm very particular with bringing matters of concern and dispute into the court system, rather into the streets. And I think that his legacy is that he used nonviolent methods to make social change."

The keynote speaker at the event was Dr. Wendi Wills El-Amin, the associate dean for equity, diversity and inclusion at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

"I'm a daughter of a physician – a physician who always saw every single patient, regardless



Dr. Wendi Wills El-Amin, the associate dean for equity, diversity and inclusion at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, was the keynote speaker for the 49th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast. PHOTO BY JOSH CATALANO

of whether or not they could pay. I'm the daughter of a teacher who believed that every child had potential and was willing to protect that potential. I'm the granddaughter of a woman who actually delivered babies. No, she was not trained, but nobody else was there to deliver the Black babies.

"I'm a graduate of Hampton University, a historically Black university. And my first paper was actually about Fannie Lou Hamer. She was the youngest child of 20 children, and she coined the term that said, 'I am sick and tired of being sick and tired.' But you know what? I now understand, as a physician, why she said this after being beaten for trying to vote.

"After receiving what we call the Mississippi appendectomy – that's a hysterectomy without her permission – she was speaking of the health impact of racism. She (would have) understood why our (Centers for Disease Control) last year declared that racism is a public health threat. Her favorite song was 'This Little Light of Mine.' That's my favorite song, too. That got me through medical school. But I want to remind you all that every single person in here has a light. And you have no choice but to let it shine."

Indeed, there were many bright lights shining in the crowd early Monday. Among them was Larry Hemingway, Sr., a president of

the Springfield Club of Frontiers International.

"We do this event for two reasons. One is to bring the community together, which is the main thing. The other is just to remember King's dream and to make it present every year within the Springfield community," he said.

The Rev. Roy Newman, pastor of Fresh Visions Community Church, said he felt a special affinity for El-Amin, having baptized her three daughters the preceding weekend.

"Dr. Wendi's presentation was excellent. She was building from the past and not allowing the past to hinder present opportunities and future growth," Newman said. "I think the songs were wonderful. The unity and camaraderie demonstrated were special for early morning and minus five degrees."

Newman added Martin Luther King's message is more accepted today than when he was alive.

"He was fighting for equality, social justice. Sometimes we are more accepted after we pass and after time has moved on than when we were present for the fight," he said.

Springfield Mayor Misty Buscher told *IT* the fight continues.

"We have several minority (city) directors, and we also have directors who are in one way or the other in the LGBTQ community as well. It's important to me that the directors of the city of Springfield look like my community," Buscher said.

She summed up King's legacy this way: "I believe his legacy is exactly what we saw in this room – people, no matter what your skin color, working together to achieve a common goal and respecting one another along the way. □

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OPINION

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REMEMBERING CAROLYN OXTOBY

It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we bid farewell to a remarkable individual who played an integral role in shaping the downtown community. Carolyn Oxtoby was not just a leader, she was a passionate advocate for downtown Springfield, recognizing its significance and the rich history it holds.

Carolyn understood the importance of downtown as the heart and soul of our city. She knew that it was more than just a physical location; it was a symbol of our heritage and a testament to the progress we have made over the years. Her unwavering dedication to preserving and enhancing downtown's charm will forever be remembered.

One of Carolyn's greatest aspirations was to foster a thriving downtown community, where people would not only work, but also choose to call home. She recognized the positive impact that a growing population of downtown residents would have on local businesses and the overall vitality of the area. Her vision and determination were instrumental in driving this goal forward.

Beyond her professional achievements, Carolyn will be remembered as a true friend to all. Her warm personality, genuine kindness and ability to bring people together were truly remarkable. She had a unique gift for building bridges and forging connections, making her an invaluable asset to both the downtown community and the wider city.

Carolyn's absence has been deeply felt for quite some time, and her passing leaves an irreplaceable void in our hearts. We are grateful for the time we had with her, for the memories we shared and for the positive impact she made on our lives.

As we say our final goodbyes,



Carolyn Oxtoby, pictured in 2004, when she was named "Best Springfieldian" as part of *Illinois Times*' annual Best of Springfield. The accompanying profile noted, "...it was the ingenuity, devotion and leadership of Carolyn Oxtoby that single-handedly reversed downtown's fortunes. She was credited with rehabilitation of roughly a dozen buildings in the downtown area, including the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office and Fisher-Latham buildings, which make up virtually the entire 100 block of North Sixth Street. She also played a pivotal role in restoration of what was known as the downtown Kmart complex and the Elijah Iles House. "Oxtoby's actions are those of a philanthropist crusading for preservation in a city that has been slow to realize the economic and cultural value of its own history," the profile concluded. PHOTO BY TODD SPARK

let us remember Carolyn as a passionate leader, a tireless advocate and a dear friend. Her legacy will continue to inspire us to strive for greatness and to cherish the importance of downtown Springfield.

Thank you, Carolyn, for your unwavering dedication and for the indelible mark you have left on our community. You will be deeply missed, but your spirit will forever live on in our hearts. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Michael Higgins
Springfield

A BIPARTISAN IDEA

On Jan. 1, Illinois' Paid Leave for All Workers Act went into effect ("New year, new laws," Jan. 4). It requires employers to provide one hour of paid leave for every 40 hours worked to their employees, at a minimum. Ahead of the law, my company decided to provide the benefit starting in July 2023. As an employer of fewer than 10 people, I wanted to make sure that I was ready for the law.

I have always taken pride in providing better-than-average wages and benefits, compared to our industry peers. However, paid

leave was not one of them. We were concerned that paid leave would be expensive, would be difficult to implement and would put us in a tough spot for scheduling employees. Our experience has actually been the opposite. Our employees appreciate the ability to cover emergencies, illnesses and other absences and not see a reduction in their paychecks. Absences are actually down, perhaps resulting from employees desiring to "save" the paid leave.

When I was in college, I spent

six months working in Canada. I learned that paid leave was guaranteed to all workers there. No job was considered too low for this essential benefit. I also learned that their unemployment insurance program also covered parental leave for a newborn or adopted child, as well as short-term disability, such as being unable to work due to having a broken bone or needing a surgery. Offering those benefits voluntarily, as a small employer, would be prohibitive. But to pool the "risk" amongst all employers would make it possible for a new mother to bond with her infant, regardless of where she worked, without burdening small employers unduly.

It would be nice if pro-choice and pro-life people came together on a piece of legislation that was indeed pro-family. Maybe Illinois can make that happen.

Steven Simpson-Black
Springfield

MAKE IT EASIER

The prerequisites to becoming a Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor in Illinois are many ("Trying to hire more drug counselors," Jan. 11). It is costly and time-consuming. The financial rewards are meager, thereby discouraging many from entering the field and remaining in it.

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Ted Harvatin
Via illinoistimes.com

Double Dealing

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2024 Jacqueline Jackson

Ed Burke goes on trial

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Perhaps the weakest federal criminal charge against former Chicago Ald. Ed Burke was about his plot to extort the Chicago Field Museum because a friend's daughter never heard back about an internship after Burke sent over her resume.

US District Court Judge Virginia Kendall seemed "unimpressed" by federal prosecutors' reasoning in mid-December after Burke's legal team moved to dismiss the charge ahead of closing arguments, according to *Chicago Tribune* reporter Jason Meisner.

Judge Kendall ultimately decided not to dismiss the charge, but said, "It certainly is an extremely odd attempted extortion count. I'm going to allow it to go to the jury, but I'm taking it under advisement," Meisner reported at the time.

Burke's lawyers had argued that to be convicted of extortion, the government must prove that the defendant knowingly took a substantial step toward extortion with the intent to commit extortion.

Burke had already hired his old friend's daughter by the time of his conversations with the folks at the Field Museum, his attorneys pointed out. "In fact, he specifically repudiated the Field Museum's overtures" about working something out, they maintained.

Burke did snap at a governmental relations staffer who'd called to see if he was opposed to the Field Museum's admission price increase proposal because Burke had earlier come out hard against another museum's entry fee request with the Chicago Park District. Burke said he was angry that the museum had dropped the ball on the internship application and asked, "So now, you're going to make a request of me?"

"I'm sure I know what you want to do," Burke said. "Because if the chairman of the Committee on Finance [Burke] calls the president of the park board, your proposal is going to go nowhere."

The employee testified that she perceived

that as a "threat."

But Burke didn't try to stop the park district from ultimately approving the fee hike, and while the museum offered to find another spot for the young woman, she never acted on that. And Burke's lawyers claimed that the governmental relations person wasn't a "decision maker" at the museum, pointed out that Burke had no direct control over the park district and that the museum's CEO testified he didn't believe he'd been shaken down.

"The requirement of proving a substantial step serves to distinguish people who pose real threats from those who are all hot air," Burke's lawyers quoted from an appellate court case, *U.S. v. Gladish*. Judge Richard Posner continued in that 2008 opinion: "You are not punished just for saying that you want or even intend to kill someone, because most such talk doesn't lead to action. You have to do something that makes it reasonably clear that had you not been interrupted or made a mistake ... you would have completed the crime."

To be abundantly clear, this is in no way a defense of Burke. He bullied people for decades and, hey, what goes around comes around. And he was not only convicted on the Field Museum charges, but on a whole lot of other, more concrete and straightforward charges – which might possibly have helped buttress the case that Burke did indeed make a "real threat" against the museum.

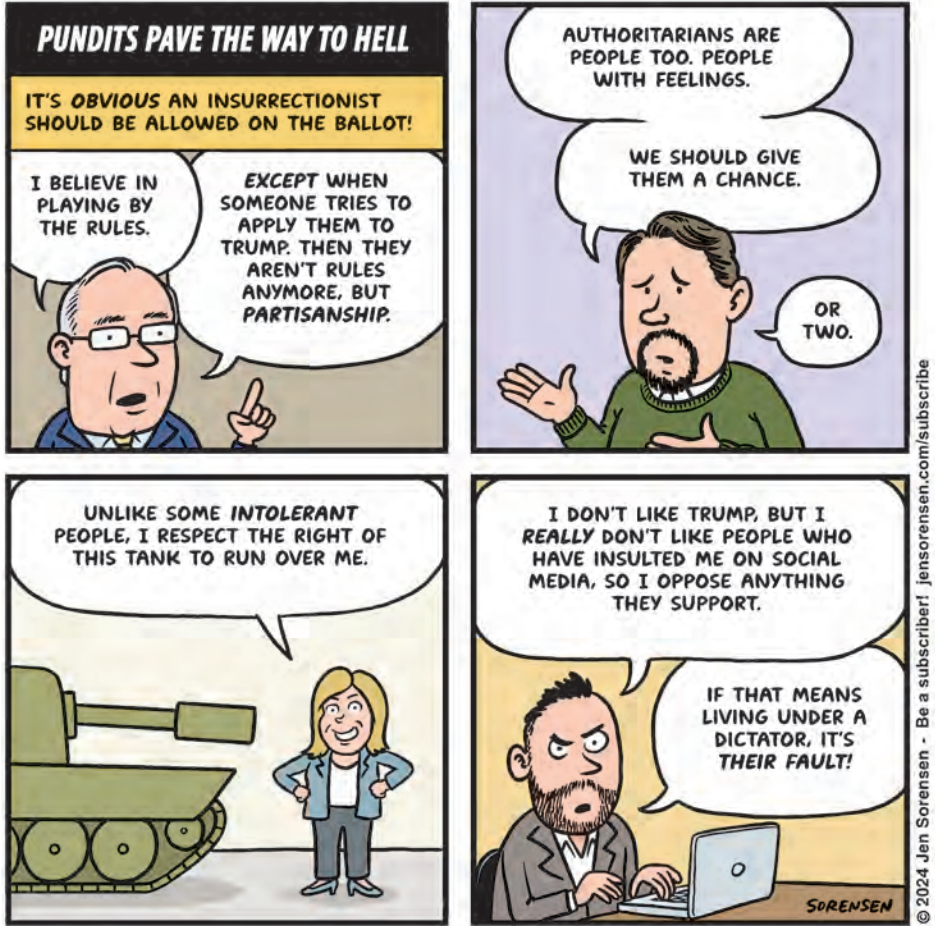
Instead, this is a warning to everyone else in the political business.

The federal government has now convicted a former elected government official for making an oblique threat that he never followed through on (the museum's fee hike was approved soon after) over his personal embarrassment that an internship application of the daughter of an old and dear friend that he'd forwarded had been lost in a bureaucratic shuffle.

I've been around long enough to know that this sort of thing is not a rare event in government at just about every level.

A lawmaker, for instance, feels insulted. So, in anger, the legislator makes a likely empty threat to retaliate on a bill, or an appropriation, or whatever. And maybe the threat isn't even all that empty.

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Give your brain a workout

HEALTH | Holly A. Whisler

Neuroplasticity is a big word that simply means when the brain is challenged in a new way, such as making music or learning a second language, it has the ability to change and adapt. This helps protect against cognitive decline as we age. Challenge the brain by learning new information, taking in new experiences and moving your body in different ways.

Improving your brain's fitness can take place in the traditional classroom, but it doesn't have to. Community Education at Lincoln Land Community College offers many not-so-traditional ways to give your brain a workout. The workshops and travel options are divided into seven categories: Personal enrichment, online courses for personal enrichment, culinary, youth enrichment, Academy of Lifelong Learning, Road Scholar/Elderhostel and travel.

Personal enrichment includes workshops where you'll learn beginner techniques for painting with watercolors and using mixed media on a watercolor base. Or if you're fascinated with the beauty of calligraphy, learn to use the tools and you'll soon be practicing the basic italic style to create your own stationary.

On a more serious note, learning CPR is an invaluable skill because you never know where you'll be when someone needs your help. There's also the hidden benefit of giving your brain a double workout because you're learning new information, and your muscles are doing an activity that's new to your brain.

If you're dreaming about retirement while you're at work and you're between the age of 50-65, sign up for Retirement Planning Today® and get an introduction to retirement planning topics.

And if you're 50 or older and like making new friends and enjoying new experiences, you'll find more activities than your calendar can handle through the Academy of Lifelong Learning.

Traveling abroad and need to learn the language? Community Education can offer you courses in conversational Spanish, beginning Japanese or beginning French. You can also learn American Sign Language.

If you love fresh flowers and would like to try your hand at making your own arrangements, learn the basics from a professional floral designer and then progress to the Advanced Floral Design workshop.

Melissa Hamilton is a Springfield business consultant and entrepreneur who also has an artistic side. "After being disappointed so often when the bundle of flowers from the store didn't



Melissa Hamilton shows off an arrangement she created at the Intro to Floral Design workshop at Lincoln Land Community College. PHOTO COURTESY MELISSA HAMILTON

look as pretty once placed in a vase at home, I seized the chance to learn how to make my own arrangements by taking the Intro to Floral Design workshop at LLCC," Hamilton said. "I was impressed with the knowledge of the instructor and the skills I learned."

She later completed the Advanced Floral Design workshop and said she enjoys creating her own seasonal designs. "The course fees might seem high to someone browsing the course description, but the supplies are enough to create eight floral designs a week. If you compare that to the price of one bouquet you purchase, you can see how the fee is worth it. Plus, the skills you learn far outweigh the course fees," Hamilton said.

Speaking of flowers, how about those bees? No need to fear their sting once you learn how to take care of your own hive during the Beginning Bee Keeping class. You'll learn how to take care of the hive in all four seasons and ultimately, how to make sure that hive produces lots of delicious honey.

There's also Photography for Beginners, but before posting the photos of your work on social media, learn to edit your photos for full impact by taking the Photoshop class.

If you prefer to learn on your own time, there are plenty of online courses for personal enrichment, including graphic arts, computer

applications, math, human anatomy and hospitality to writing and test preparation.

Foodies will find a vast array of cooking classes and culinary experiences offered through the Culinary Arts program at LLCC. Whether a beginner in the kitchen or an amateur chef, there's something to learn for every skill level.

You can also learn the basics of cooking or an impressive new skill at Copper Pot Cooking Studio, 3306 S. Sixth St. Lessons are taught by Denise Perry, chef and owner.

Feed the creative side of your brain at B's Creative Studio, 1305 Wabash Ave., where you can learn how to make stained glass, draw, scrapbook, decorate cookies or bring your friends together to sip whatever you'd like while you paint.

Art classes taught by artists using every medium imaginable from paint, clay, cameras, glass, metal and more can be found at the Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St. Not sure what might interest you? Try SAAsplainers, short workshops of what SAA has to offer in various studios. It's a fun, care-free introduction to different mediums and most even allow you to bring your own snacks or drinks to enjoy while you work.

Whatever your resolutions may be for 2024, don't forget to challenge your brain and learn something new. □



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FEATURE

Try stretching to improve your health

HEALTH | Ashley Meyer

It's no secret that exercise is an important component of a healthy lifestyle. But what about stretching? It can help improve mobility, flexibility, strength and ultimately a person's independence, whether you're a dancer, athlete or just looking to live life to its fullest.

Dr. Marc DeJong is a board-certified orthopedic specialist with Springfield Clinic and himself an avid runner and athlete. "I think it can be helpful to think of it functionally as mobility rather than just stretching, which can be very focused. Mobility is more about quality of life and what you can do from a functional standpoint," DeJong said. "Stretching is important, but here's the crux: studies have never proven that stretching is good prevention for injury. If you look at the research, it's not really there from an objective standpoint." Some studies have even shown that stretching immediately before a sprint can actually worsen performance.

"When we're looking at function and strength I encourage patients, especially older adults, to focus on stability using more movement-related activities, such as yoga, pilates and tai chi," he said. "Those activities have objectively been found to improve balance, flexibility, mobility and decrease fall risk. So while the benefits of stretching itself have not been proven, the use of functional movements like those found in yoga and tai chi have better data backing them up."

"Anecdotally, though," said DeJong, "we know that most people, whether they're an athlete or an elderly person, typically feel better when they incorporate stretching exercises. Although it hasn't been objectively proven, the American College of Sports medicine still has recommendations and guidelines, so take it with a grain of salt."

Although stretching alone may not ultimately be that beneficial, the holistic effect of increased flexibility and improved range of motion in one's joints has a myriad of benefits. "I love stretching," says Grace Nanavati, who has been teaching dance in Springfield for more than 50 years. "I feel better and my mind is clearer."

When Nanavati bought Dance Arts Studio in 1973, she inherited an ongoing stretch class that had been developed by Mildred Caskey, the studio's original owner. Nanavati sold the studio in 2018; however, she still teaches several classes there each week, including that original stretch and flexibility class, which she has modified slightly over the years. "For that class I have a set format," Nanavati explains, "because by the end of it we've gone head to toe working on increasing flexibility, balance and strength. I've been doing this class consistently since 1973 and I've never been injured dancing."

Likewise, DeJong also plans to keep stretching as



Grace Nanavati has been teaching a stretch and flexibility class at Dance Arts Studio since 1973.

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part of his routine. "I'm turning 50 next month, and I still want to keep running and doing triathlons. I have back issues and all kinds of stuff and personally, I feel like stretching is one of the ways I'm able to continue doing those activities, even if the data doesn't prove it. I know that I feel better and have less pain when I incorporate it into my routine."

Before jumping into an intense stretch session, it's important to make sure you're doing it safely and effectively. Keep these tips in mind before you start:

Talk to your doctor

Always check in with your primary care provider first. "Sometimes people are feeling 'tight,' and if they happen to have severe arthritis, stretching isn't going to restore normal flexibility to an advanced arthritic joint," DeJong points out.

Warm up first

"Doing an aggressive stretch first thing in the morning can actually increase the risk of injury," warns DeJong. Aim for five to 10 minutes of low-intensity walking or jogging, or movements such as gentle jumping jacks, jogging in place or a high knee march.

Cool down

Likewise, make sure you cool down before stretching after intense exercise. And stretching doesn't have to happen right after a workout. "I stretch separately at a different time of day, usually in the evening or after I've been at my desk all day long, not immediately before or after the run itself," DeJong said.

Strive for symmetry

Aim for equal flexibility on both sides. Uneven flexibility can be a risk for injury. "Awareness of your alignment and how you're using your muscles to create balance is exceptionally important," advises Nanavati. "For seniors, that's often where things can go wrong."

Go with the flow

Gentle movements like those found in tai chi, pilates and yoga have been shown to be more helpful in improving flexibility both overall and in specific movements and can also help prevent falls in older adults.

Forget about no pain, no gain

Aim to hold a position for 10 to 30 seconds and stretch just until you feel a pull or tightness, but never pain. "It should never be a painful scenario," advises DeJong.

Keep it up

"A single stretch session can yield a benefit for only 90 minutes, but if practiced regularly the benefit persists for weeks at a time, even after you stop doing it," explained DeJong. "The key is consistency, not just trying it once and deciding it doesn't help."

The American College of Sports Medicine recommends stretching regularly three to five days a week for anywhere between five to 90 minutes. "It's a huge range and there is an equally wide range of ways that people can work to improve their flexibility," said DeJong. Find what works for you, he advises, whether it's a quiet session at home with a video or in one of the many group classes available locally. □

Eat your veggies and like it

HEALTH | Pamela Savage

There is no way to sugarcoat this: January 2024 has thus far been cold, dark, wet and icy. Perhaps you started this January with lofty goals of eating healthier, moving your body more, attaining a promotion, limiting your screen usage, reading more books, whatever. Perhaps you also looked outside at the gray nothing sky and thought: “meh.” Who can fault you? It’s been a chilly, mean month and there are some more weeks of winter to come. But do not despair, because even if you have set your goals aside in favor of just getting through, there is a way to incorporate simple, healthy eating into your comforting rituals.

Increasing your fruit and vegetable intake in the next few weeks of winter has the power to benefit your immunity, mood and digestion. If you pick the right fruits and veggies, you may also see a lower grocery bill. You needn’t eat like a bird or deprive yourself in order to incorporate more fruits and vegetables in your diet. Read on for some fruit and veggie-heavy recipes that increase your nutritional intake but leave you feeling comforted and cozy.

Breakfast

The morning is a natural time for fruits and vegetables. You can top yogurt, oatmeal or cottage cheese with fruits, blend up some veggie-packed smoothies or throw some vegetables into an egg scramble.

Cottage Cheese Breakfast Bowl (adapted from *The Almond Eater*)

- ½ cup of cottage cheese
- ¼ cup cucumber slices
- ¼ cup grape tomatoes, halved
- ½ an avocado, sliced

Preparation:
Simply top cottage cheese with veggies to your taste. Other savory and tasty toppings include chives, sliced green onions, some “everything” bagel seasoning and a swirl of olive oil.

Lunch

For midday, ease is the name of the game. Whether you prepare your lunches ahead of time or to-order, this meal can easily be made to incorporate fruits and vegetables. A couple quick options are rainbow veggie sandwiches or broccoli crunch salad.



Best Broccoli Salad Recipe (adapted from *Love and Lemons*)

- 1 pound broccoli crowns, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise or vegan mayo
- 1 ½ tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- ⅓ cup diced red onions or shallots
- ⅓ cup dried cranberries
- Sea salt, to taste

Preparation:
Chop the broccoli florets into bite-sized pieces and any remaining stems into ¼-inch dice. In the bottom of a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil, mayo, apple cider vinegar, garlic and salt. Add the broccoli, shallots or onions and cranberries and toss to coat. Pepitas, shaved almonds or avocado all work as add-ins for this crunchy salad.

Rainbow Vegetable Sandwich (adapted from *Two Peas and Their Pod*)

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 tablespoons (or more) of a savory cream cheese spread like Boursin or Philadelphia
- ¼ cup arugula or greens
- 6 cucumber slices

- ¼ cup sprouts of your choice
- ½ avocado, sliced
- Some of all of the following: Bell pepper strips, shredded carrots, tomato slices, radish slices, finely chopped purple cabbage

Preparation:
Spread the cream cheese on each slice of bread, layer your vegetables on top. Gently press your sandwich together once you are finished layering. This will be a mighty sandwich, so grab a napkin.

Dinner

Vegetables on the side for dinner are a tale as old as time. Whether you are incorporating vegetables as a side dish or showcasing them as a main course, the options are endless.

Roasted Vegetables, from *How to Cook Everything* by Mark Bittman

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees.
Chop your chosen vegetables into uniform pieces. Smaller pieces cook faster.
Place your chopped vegetables on a sheet pan. Be careful not to crowd as this steams rather than roasts your veggies.
Toss with olive oil, but not too much.
Bittman recommends 3 tablespoons of oil per

2 pounds of vegetables. Season with salt and pepper and/or spices of your choice.
Roast until veggies are fork-tender, with some browned or crispy spots evident.

Spiced Cauliflower Soup (adapted from *Smitten Kitchen*)

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ teaspoon whole cumin seeds
- ¼ teaspoon whole fennel seeds
- 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 medium potato, peeled and chopped
- 2 teaspoons peeled and chopped ginger
- 2-3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 fresh hot green chili, or 1 jalapeno (more or less to taste)
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon ground turmeric
- ¼ teaspoon red chili pepper or cayenne (again, more or less to your taste)
- About 3.5 cups chopped cauliflower florets
- 1 ½ cups canned chopped or crushed tomatoes
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Preparation:
Heat oil in the bottom of a 4 to 5-quart pot over medium-high heat. Once hot, add the cumin seeds and a few seconds later, the fennel seeds. Pause and then add the onions and potatoes. Stir and sauté for five minutes. Add the ginger, garlic and green chiles and stir for one minute more.

Turn the heat to medium-low and add the ground coriander, cumin, turmeric and red pepper. Stir for one minute. Add the cauliflower, tomatoes and salt and stir for one minute. Add three cups of water, stir, and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cover, lower the heat again and simmer gently for 25 minutes. If the soup seems a little thick, add up to one cup more water, as needed.

Let the soup cool slightly, then use an immersion blender to blend it to your desired texture (or don’t blend at all). Taste for salt and pepper and adjust as needed. Ladle into bowls and top with a dollop of yogurt or tiny swirl heavy cream. Other add-ons are lime juice, cooked rice, cilantro or pita wedges – chef’s choice! □

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HEALTH | Holly A. Whisler

Who's familiar with Marie Kondo? I learned of her after watching the Netflix show *Tidying Up With Marie Kondo*. She's a Japanese woman who developed a revolutionary method of decluttering at the young age of 19. What sets her philosophy apart from others is that the emphasis is on what to keep. The KonMari Method™ teaches that you keep only the items which spark joy. Joy is that tingling feeling you get inside when something really strikes a chord with you. It's an electric feeling that never grows old.

The KonMari Method™ of tidying gives you permission to purge that which does not spark joy. What if you were to apply this method to your life? How exciting would it be to find time to infuse your life with joy? Has it been so long since you've done something for yourself that you are completely out of touch with what sparks joy for you? Do not despair, just follow along. First, you'll recall your source of joy, and then you'll conduct a joy audit and find 15-30 minutes a day to claim just for yourself.

First, you need to be clear on what sparks joy for you. If you don't remember, carve out 20 minutes of quiet time and give yourself permission to use your imagination like you did as a child. Do you remember staring up at the clouds until they formed into animal figures? Did you ever slide down the tallest slide at the park and get that funny feeling in your stomach, or swing as high as you could and then let loose of the swing and fly down to the ground? Let your mind relax and remove any sense of judgment. Whatever comes to mind, do not squash it. Let your brain jump from one memory to another. Soon the memories of that joy will surface. Whatever it is that sparks joy for you – as long as it's legal, ethical and moral – why not make it a part of your life today?

Now that you know your source of joy, you're ready for the joy audit. This is so named because you are going to take a look at your daily routine for a couple of weeks and edit out activities that are not essential and do not spark joy. The time that is freed up is your time to do whatever it is that fills you with joy.

There are responsibilities in adulthood that are nonnegotiable, but there may be a few activities you could trim, or time within the day that could be used more intentionally. LinkedIn recently published a list of common time-wasters to consider such as excessive social



media usage, aimless internet browsing, procrastination, excessive TV or video game consumption and lastly, unproductive gossiping. (I'm not sure that gossiping is ever productive, but it was on the list, and LinkedIn didn't ask me.) If you identify a block of 15 minutes each day that you can dedicate to yourself, that adds up to 91.25 hours per year. And if you free up another block of 15 minutes, that adds up to 182.50 hours per year – four-and-a-half work weeks. You can really accomplish something in that amount of time.

Fifteen minutes can slip by in a blip, but if you use that time intentionally, you could begin learning a new language, take a brisk walk, stimulate your creativity by sketching, start a journal or list five things for which you're grateful. For me, I am going to get reacquainted with my guitar. The longer you go without joy, the more tired you grow and the less joyful you become.

At the end of the day, there's one guarantee: the hands on the clock never stop, and time flies by so quickly that before you know it, we will be at the beginning of another new year. Make this year yours by taking command of your time, even if it is only 15 minutes a day. You are worth the investment. □

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Non-alcoholic drinks gaining in popularity

HEALTH | Ashley Meyer

For nearly 40 years the percentage of American adults who consume alcohol has consistently remained in the low 60s. However, over the past two decades, Gallup reports that alcohol consumption has been steadily declining among younger adults aged 18 to 34. Indeed, specialty non-alcoholic drink offerings have become commonplace in both fine dining restaurants and neighborhood bars, often with prices comparable to their alcoholic counterparts.

While the NA category has been growing in recent years, the concept of NA alternatives is more than a century old. Dealcoholized wine was first developed in Germany in 1900, and that country continues to drive innovation today. The variety and quality of NA wine, beer and spirits is increasing at a rapid rate and consumers are taking notice. According to Nielsen, total NA beverage sales in the U.S. was \$510 million in 2023, up from \$121 million in the prior year.

“Honestly, the NA category is growing the fastest,” said Kate Donnell, a sales representative for Heartland Beverage company. “Beer will always be our bread and butter, but especially in January, NA products are surging.” She noted that it’s hard to even keep them in stock sometimes. “NA products are also increasingly popular at music venues and bars where people want to go for community and still be able to enjoy a beverage, without ‘looking sober’ or inviting unwanted questions,” she said.

The quality of NA beer, wine and even spirits has drastically improved in recent years and people are often surprised that NA beverages and cocktails are not any cheaper than their alcoholic counterparts. “What’s expensive about beer isn’t the alcohol,” Donnell explained. “It’s the ingredients that go in it. Grain and hops costs have increased, especially with some of the supply issues that are a direct result of the war in Ukraine. Water is the No. 1 ingredient in beer and the cost of water, in Chicago-area breweries for example, is skyrocketing.

“It might surprise people that NA products are not less expensive, but it’s the same ingredients, and often it’s more expensive to produce because there’s a lot of cutting-edge technology that goes into making these products delicious, safe and shelf stable,” she said.

Interestingly, approximately 85% of people who purchase NA beverages also regularly

consume alcohol. “Personally, when I’m out at an event, I’ll often have a full-strength beer and then I’ll sandwich it with some NA beers so I can stay out longer,” said Donnell. Then at the end of the night I’ve only had two drinks over the course of four hours, so I’m good to drive.”

In addition to specialty NA drink menus, “dry bars” are becoming increasingly popular, both in the U.S. and UK. Elizabeth Wake opened The Wakery in downtown Springfield last April.

“We do have what are termed cocktails because they’re made to look and taste like alcohol, but they’re made with non-alcoholic spirits, and I have non-alcoholic wine and beer as well,” Wake said. “We act and function like a bar, we just don’t serve alcohol.”

Her interest and awareness of NA beverages began during her pregnancy. “I was looking for alternatives beyond sodas and seltzer with lime. There was such a lack of choices, so I started looking into NA options, and I discovered that this was a need not just for those who are pregnant, but that there are lots of reasons to not drink. Or maybe you’ve been drinking and want to stay out but you don’t want to continue drinking past your limit,” she pointed out. “I grew up here and want this city to flourish, so if there’s a need that I can meet, I’ll give it a go.”

Wake conducted an extensive online survey and received more than 2,000 positive responses from people saying they were interested in supporting such an enterprise. A successful Kickstarter campaign and Isringhausen Drive Grant have helped to grow the business from a popular stand at the Old Capitol Farmers Market to a bustling space where people can gather.

The Wakery is open until 11 p.m. and also serves coffee. “I like to describe us as a coffee house rather than a coffee shop, because while we do offer to-go, we’re more of a place to stay a while, do homework, bring a date or read a book,” Wake said.

The Wakery has a full calendar of events for the month of January. “We’ve got bingo, speed-friending, a Harry Potter-themed catered dinner,” said Wake. “There’s something different every day that we’re open in January so that people realize that there’s still plenty of fun to be had without being surrounded by alcohol. It’s not the alcohol that makes it fun.” □

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HEALTH | Bo Bennett

We all know investing time in our fitness journey can feel like a marathon, right? Making a salad seems to take longer than ordering takeout, and hitting the gym can sometimes feel like a part-time job. But here are some tips to help you make the most out of your gym time and get back to your real-world responsibilities.

First things first, let's talk distractions. Ever find yourself lost in the Instagram abyss between sets? It's easy to do, but fortunately it's also easy to avoid. Turn that phone off or switch it to airplane mode when you hit the gym – it will save you from the social media time warp.

Having a plan is like having a treasure map for your gains. Whether it's a workout you found online or something your coach whipped up, having a plan avoids that awkward "What do I do next?" moment.

Now, muscle splits – they can be really effective and are often a good option, but not for everyone. Try a full-body exercise day instead. Hit multiple parts of your body in one workout – legs, shoulders, back, core, sprinkle in some cardio. Boom! You're done.

Supersets and circuits sound fancy, but it's just a smart way to hustle. Go from squats to push-ups without resting in between. It's like the express lane for workouts. When programming a superset, I find it's often most beneficial to partner exercises that work different parts of your body so while your legs are resting, you can work out your upper body. Or set up a circuit with a timer on, and work as hard as you can until the timer goes off.

Time yourself during rests. Waiting until you "feel ready" can stretch from a coffee break to a Netflix episode. Set a timer, keep it snappy and watch your workouts become the highlight reel of efficiency.

Track your weights, my friend. Don't get stuck in a workout rut. Every week, bump up the challenge – more weight, more reps, more sets, less rest. Keep challenging your body, and before you know it you may actually start looking forward to your workouts (or maybe not, but it won't hurt to try).

Working out with a partner is another way to keep your workouts timely. While one of you is resting, the other one can work, and that way you have a built-in timer. I understand it's not always possible to find someone with similar fitness goals and the same availability to work out but it can also



Bo Bennett, right, works with a client at his gym.
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help keep you accountable to actually get to the gym in the first place.

One final tip for maximizing efficiency is probably the most obvious but is often overlooked by people. Make sure you are fueled for a good workout before you get to the gym. Finding a pre-workout snack that you enjoy can be huge in allowing yourself to work harder for a longer period of time without needing a break. Try searching Google for some ideas and once you find something that works for you, stick with it until you get bored. I also highly recommend carrying a water bottle with you when you can. The 30 seconds it takes to walk over to the water fountain may not seem like a lot but if you have to do it 10 or more times throughout the duration of a workout, that time will add up, and you've got places to be.

And here's a quick full-body circuit to get you started – do as many rounds as you can handle in 30 minutes: goblet squats, shoulder press, glute bridges, dumbbell rows, planks and a cardio burst. Rest only when the circuit is done.

Time should never stand between you and a healthier life. Remember, any workout beats doing nothing at all. □

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A powerful exploration of history and theatrical storytelling

1619: The Journey of a People comes to Springfield

THEATER | Sheila Caldwell

In an ambitious move to illuminate the pages of history, the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum is not merely a passive observer but a proactive catalyst for change. By bringing the play *1619: The Journey of a People* to Springfield, the museum is forging a cultural bridge that spans centuries, connecting the struggles, triumphs and resilience of African Americans with the contemporary consciousness of its community. The thought-provoking and compelling play is written and produced by Ted Williams III and sponsored by Southern Illinois University and the Spencer Theatre Company.

This theatrical production is more than just a play; it's a journey through time, a deep dive into history and a poignant reflection on the enduring impact of significant events. Though it has been performed across the country, *1619: The Journey of a People* first premiered in 2019 at Kennedy-King College, one of the seven City Colleges of Chicago. Told through the multidisciplinary tool of musical theater, it strives to convey a sizable piece of this history, while taking an unflinching look at America's current conditions. Although the anniversary of the first enslaved people to arrive in the U.S. over 400 years ago has been commemorated in multiple ways, Williams felt particularly called to use theater. This medium has long been an unparalleled tool for transmitting the stories of history.

1619 invites audiences to revisit a critical moment in history – the year when the first enslaved Africans were brought to the English colonies, laying the foundation for a complex and often painful chapter in the American story. Williams, with his keen artistic vision, will bring this historical narrative to life while offering a unique blend of storytelling, emotion and social commentary.

The play's title, *1619: The Journey of a People*, serves as a powerful reminder of the roots of slavery in the United States. Through masterful storytelling and compelling performances, the production begins by exploring the lives, struggles and triumphs of individuals caught in the web of this dark period. The narrative weaves together the personal stories of those who endured the harsh realities of slavery, presenting a nuanced perspective that challenges audiences to confront uncomfortable truths. Yet, it doesn't stop there. The production seamlessly connects both the



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celebratory and painful moments of the 400-year history that uniquely forms the African American experience.

The show immediately opens with “The Journey,” a hip-hop and West African musical fusion that uses dance to tie centuries of people together through the power of rhythm. It then explores the transatlantic slave trade through a piece called “Captured.” Audiences might expect a direct journey through the next 250 years of American slavery. However, for Williams, predictability is a cardinal sin. So, the piece jumps immediately into a contemporary space where a modern character conveys a comedic connection to this difficult story.

“I Thought We Were Free” is a seven-minute musical journey through the Reconstruction era. Part comedy, tragedy and defiant social commentary, the piece is the most historically instructive one in the production. “Booker T and WEB” is a hip hop debate between two starkly different ideologies for social progress. Williams’ most personal expression is a spoken-word piece entitled “After

the Dream,” an artistic statement that boldly ties the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the unapologetic battles waged by today’s racial equality movements. The finale piece, “Chains are Gone,” is a triumphant musical theater celebration of the 400-year journey. It reminds us that on the other side of trial lies greatness.

One of the notable strengths of Williams’ production is its commitment to authenticity. Every detail contributes to creating a historically accurate and immersive experience. The audience is transported to a different time and place, gaining a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by those who lived through this pivotal moment in history.

In addition to its historical significance, *1619* resonates with contemporary relevance. The play prompts reflection on the enduring legacy of slavery and its impact on present-day social and cultural dynamics. Through powerful dialogues and thought-provoking scenes, Williams encourages audiences to consider the ways in which historical injustices continue to shape America’s social landscape.

Williams’ production of *1619: The Journey of a People* is a testament to the transformative power of the arts. By delving into a crucial moment in history, the play challenges preconceptions, fosters empathy and encourages a deeper understanding of the complexities that shape this nation. As the curtains fall and the applause echoes through the theater, *1619* leaves an indelible mark on its audience. Through Williams’ artistic vision and the dedicated efforts of the cast and crew, this play becomes a vehicle for storytelling that transcends time, inviting us to reflect on where we have been and contemplate the path forward.

1619: The Journey of a People will be presented at the Hoogland Center for the Arts Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling 217-523-2787 or at hcfta.org. □

Dr. Sheila Caldwell is the chief diversity officer for the Southern Illinois University System and serves on the board of directors for the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum.



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STC rolls merrily along with Sondheim revival

THEATER | Mary Young

Originally produced on Broadway in 1981 – flopping spectacularly and experiencing many rewrites and revisions since – *Merrily We Roll Along*, with music and lyrics by the late-great Stephen Sondheim and book by George Furth, is based on the 1934 play by the same name by the brilliant writing team of George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart (*You Can't Take It With You*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*).

It tells the story, in reverse, of the complicated 20-year friendship between three friends: Franklin, Charley and Mary. The character Frank Shepard used to be an ambitious and talented songwriter struggling in New York alongside his close lyricists and writer friends and is now a successful Hollywood sellout.

The show begins with the trio of friends at their lowest, depicting the final dissolution of their friendship. It's bleak and sad and I watched, pensive about where it goes next. Where it goes is backwards... from a place of despair to one of optimism. Alas, since the story is told backwards, I was left feeling a bit melancholy. Because I already know how the story ends... which is how it began.

The show begins in 1976 and retreats to 1957, showing exactly how, when and why Frank (Mark Wheeler), Charley (Greg Peterson) and Mary's (Amanda Ratz) friendship lost its way. Greed, addiction and betrayal all play a part. As the story retraces its steps, we see personal failures and bad decisions turn into youthful potential and wonderment. But all the while, lingering in the back of my mind was that first scene.

The show asks a lot of its cast and they successfully navigate the tricky plot and inventive score. But the show also asks a lot of the viewer. The narrative structure of reverse chronology needs the audience to immediately put their faith in characters who are hard to like and who we know nothing about. We must be willing to go on the journey, looking past the initial cruelties and shallowness to uncover something redeemable. To find a glimmer of hope. And it *is* there, waiting to be found, thanks mostly to a cast and creative team who understood the difficulty of the task.

Wheeler, Peterson and Ratz dig into their complicated roles, finding the bright spots of humor amid the numerous disappointments. Amanda Ratz is perfectly cast as an aching and sardonic Mary, supportive to a fault and suffering under the weight of personal demons and unrequited love. Peterson's impressive on-air breakdown and portrayal of the one-time



The cast of Springfield Theatre Centre's *Merrily We Roll Along* PHOTO BY MATT FRANKLIN

loyal, now bitter Charley evokes our sympathy once we understand how he finally got to that point. Wheeler, as the stubborn and perpetually dissatisfied Frank, makes us wish he were sitting in the audience with us so he too could see the destructive and selfish path he's on and how much he stands to lose. The story depends on the connection between these characters and all three actors do a superb job conveying it.

Rounding out the capable cast are Alyssa Schultz as the innocent Beth, Lauren Williams as seductive star Gussie and Gus Gordon as Broadway producer Joe. They play the ex-wives and eventually washed-up business partner who become further casualties along the way during Frank's fall from grace. And a special nod to budding young actor Silas Schultz as the adorable, scene-stealing, Frankie Jr.

Skillfully directed by Carly Shank, the rest of the ensemble and technical staff succeed in presenting a memorable evening of musical theater. Appropriate period costumes that change with the years, simple but effective scenic design and a strong orchestra help get the production across the finish line. While not quite a feel-good musical, it left me feeling introspective by the end and I'm glad I saw it. If you're a Sondheim fan, you won't be disappointed.

Merrily We Roll Along continues at the Hoogland Center for the Arts in the LRS Theatre Jan. 19-21. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. <https://www.hcfta.org/tickets> □

Mary Young was born and raised in Springfield and has been performing in, producing and directing live theater for decades. She's done film and voice-over work, performs occasionally with local bands and the improv troupe *The Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company*.

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




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Delicious dish, with a backstory

Reezy-Peezy from the South Carolina Sea Islands

FOOD | Peter Glatz

I've become fascinated with the backstories behind the recipes I've made and the ingredients I've worked with. I love to collect and browse old cookbooks, especially those from the 1800s. The great cooks of yesteryear were the ones who knew how to coax optimal flavors from simple ingredients, and in many cases, they had better ingredients to work with. The foods we eat today taste almost nothing like the dishes our ancestors enjoyed because the varied crops and livestock have largely disappeared. The shift from small independent farms to large-scale industrialized corporate farms has occurred at the expense of flavor and diversity.

As a nation of immigrants, America is truly a melting pot with fascinating stories behind the foods they brought with them. Perhaps no dish represents this better than today's featured recipe: Reezy-Peezy, a legume pilaf composed of Sea Island red peas and rice.

Reezy-Peezy is a traditional Gullah-Geechie dish with historical roots in Venice, the west coast of Africa, and the Indian subcontinent. Its backstory involves enslaved workers, foreign engineers, indentured servants and modern-day agricultural preservationists and restorationists. Reezy-Peezy is still cooked nearly exclusively in rural South Carolina Sea Islands areas. It is hearty and flavorful and perfect for a cold winter day.

Our story begins in the 1700s, in the early days of rice farming in the coastal regions of the southeastern United States. Rice cultivation requires periodic flooding and draining of the fields. Italy was Europe's foremost producer of rice, and our first rice fields were designed by Italian canal engineers from the sea islands near Venice. Their design failed to meet the increasing global demand for rice, but the Italian culinary influence lingered. Historians believe that the name Reezy-Peezy comes from "*Risi e Bisi*," an 11th-century Venetian St. Mark's Feast dish made with Arborio rice and fresh peas.

The rice farmers' next strategy was to build a tidal trunk and dike system like the ones used by rice growers in West Africa. Between 1750 and 1775, over 50,000 inhabitants of Sub-Saharan Africa were enslaved and relocated to the southeastern coastal United States over because of their expertise and experience in cultivating



Reezy-Peezy PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

rice. They were forced to clear land and hand-dig earthen dikes that included "rice trunks," wooden boxes that penetrated the dikes, allowing fresh water from canals or natural streams to flow in or out of the field as needed. The trunks had gates at either end that could be adjusted to allow water to flow into the field as the tide rose or to flow out as the tide fell. In all, the enslaved workers moved an amount of earth equivalent to the building of the Great Pyramids.

The Gullah-Geechee are the descendants of those enslaved West Africans. After the abolition of slavery, the Gullah-Geechie settled in the coastal sea islands, many reachable only by boat and due to their isolation, were able to retain much of their indigenous African culture. They developed a unique language, Gullah, which was spoken nowhere else in the world and is still spoken today. They brought seeds from their homelands, including okra, yams, peanuts, benne (sesame), hot peppers and cowpeas.

Cowpeas are a variety of edible legumes from a family that includes Sea Island red peas and the more familiar black-eyed peas.

Most cowpeas were grown for cattle feed and soil enrichment and are not particularly palatable, but Sea Island red peas are delicious, possessing a nutty, meaty flavor – almost smoky and creamy on the tongue. Sea Island red pea production disappeared around the time of the Depression, but seeds saved by gardeners and seed savers have revived this historic crop. You can purchase Sea Island red peas online from Anson Mills and Marsh Hen Mill.

Many historic recipes for Reezy-Peezy call for the addition of curry powder. This spice blend was popular in the American South. Several recipes in Mary Randolph's popular 1824 cookbook, *The Virginia Housewife*, call for curry powder. In the early 1600s, lower-caste workers from India worked in America as indentured servants.

After the arrival of enslaved Africans, many of the indentured servants from India found work on trade ships and as cooks and servants in the homes of wealthy white people. Commercial curry powder likely has its origins in these homes.

Reezy-Peezy (Sea Island Red Peas and Rice)

Serves 4

Ingredients

1 cup Sea Island red peas
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon curry powder
1 bay leaf
½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1-quart homemade chicken stock (or low-sodium if store-bought)
1/2 yellow onion, peeled, cut through root end with layers left intact
1/2 carrot, peeled
2 small inner celery ribs, including the leaves
2 garlic cloves, peeled
1 teaspoon kosher salt, or more taste
Cooked rice
Green onion tops, thinly sliced, for garnish

Preparation

The day before, cover the peas with two cups of water and soak overnight in the refrigerator. Drain before using.

In a large, heavy-bottomed stockpot, warm the olive oil over medium heat, add the spices (curry powder, bay leaf, red pepper flakes, black pepper), and toast for a few minutes.

Add the chicken stock and bring to a boil. Stir in Sea Island Red Peas, onion, carrot, celery and garlic. Return liquid to a simmer, and then reduce heat to low. Cover the pan partially and simmer gently, stirring occasionally, until peas are tender, about 90 minutes.

Remove and discard vegetables and bay leaf and season with salt. Remove half the peas and broth to make gravy by puréeing them in a blender or a separate bowl with an immersion blender (alternately, mash some of the peas in the pot with a potato masher). The idea is to have a nice balance between gravy and tender whole peas. Return the purée to the pot with the peas. If the gravy is too thick, thin it with some warm water. Then cook again until just heated through.

Season to taste with salt. Serve over (or mixed into) cooked rice. Garnish with green onion tops. □

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Warm up to the music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Hello there, my fellow frigid friends. As we find ourselves in a thaw after the recent cold snap, I see plenty of good music in the forecast. With somewhat warmer weather ahead, but still plenty of cold out there, please check with venues or look for social media posts on the status of a music performance. With that in mind, let's take a winter walk through the listings.

We can start things off with good news from Springfield native and current Chicago resident, multi-instrumentalist and composer, Joel Styzens. Joel's music release from last year, *Resonance*, was picked as a Top 10 Best Contemporary Album of 2023 by reviewers at *The Guardian*, an internationally renowned, independent news source. That's a big deal and we're here to congratulate Mr. Styzens on a worthy accomplishment. Look it up online to read the review describing the album as "lush, comforting music that yearns and soothes." While you're at it, go buy and listen to the interesting and provocative music on the digital platform of your choice.

Boondocks is turning up the heat and adding some usual suspects to their calendar as Chris Knight, a Nashville-based, Kentucky-raised singer-songwriter, takes the big stage this Friday with special guest Cody Lee Moomey, an up-and-coming, country-flavored singer-songwriter from these parts. Knight, a hard-nosed, truth-telling Americana artist of some 25 years, is no stranger to Springfield and pulls in folks whenever he's around.

For those of you making plans this Friday to see Alex Williams and Joe Stamm at the Backroom Lounge in Riverton, be aware the show is sold out. It appears that Alex and Joe are also at Twisted Tree Music Hall (the former Water's Edge Winery space) in Jacksonville on Sunday if you'd like to see them again or didn't get your tickets in time.

There are several more country-styled music

shows going on this weekend so get out your 10-gallon hats and pointy-toed cowboy boots and prepare to go honky-tonkin' 'round this town. Let's start on Friday as the Wolf Crick Boys make rockin' outlaw original music at George Rank's, while Bustin' Loose gives the Harris Family salute to all kinds of music, but particularly popular country tunes, at The Curve Inn. S

Saturday night awards us Red Ribbon Revue, an Americana/alt-country duo of Schy Willmore and Jonathan Field at Harvest Market, as White Lightnin' delivers cool classic country tunes at The Curve Inn and The Longmeyer Band plays "premier country" very well out at Danenberger Family Vineyards.

For more standard country tunes from an all-star area band, head to Decatur to catch the Elderly Brothers at the Crowbar, also on Saturday evening. You can finish off this country collection at Trails End in Curran on Sunday afternoon with the venerable Al Kitchen. And while you're out there, ask Al all about his time spent in Nashville with some famous folks and his recording experiences, too. He's been there and back.

For something different, check out bilingual music journalist Catalina Maria Johnson presenting her "Music as a Cultural History" program on Latino music in Illinois this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. through the Illinois State Museum. This is online only, so go to the ISM website and sign up for the Zoom experience. And while we're on the Latin subject, Socavon, a new bar and music venue a few doors down from the popular restaurant, Roots Latin Grill, features an encore performance of The Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project this Saturday night.

Well, that does it for this week. Check out our listings for more good music and stay warm while being cool. □

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Kortney and friends open mic
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John Drake
Crows Mill Pub, 7-10pm

Jackpot Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
Curve Inn, 7-11pm

Open mic with Bob Besser
Door 4 Brewing Co., Decatur, 6pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
La Fiesta Chatham, 6-10pm

Open mic
The Railyard, 4-6pm

Acoustic open mic
The Wakery, 7pm

Friday Jan 19

Levee Town
The Alamo, 7-10pm

Alex Williams and Joe Stamm
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
Bald Buddha Brewing, 7-11pm

**Friday Night Jazz -
The David Moore Trio**
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

**Buzzed Karaoke with DJ Smokey J &
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Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 6-11pm

Matt Eck
Crowne Plaza Springfield, 6:30-10pm

Bustin' Loose
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

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Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 8pm

Wolf Crick Boys
George Rank's, 8pm

Adam Maletich
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7pm

Jet Trio
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews,
6-9pm

Mandy Rose
Hy-Vee Wahlburgers, 5:30-7pm

**Blue Note Jazz Quintet with
Buddy Rogers**
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

After School Special
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Karaoke with Jamie Lynn
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm

it Sunshine Daydream
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill,
Museum & Entertainment
Complex, 8-11pm

Levi Tucker
Springfield Beer Company, Jacksonville, 6pm

Saturday Jan 20

You Betcha Boys
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar,
Petersburg, 3-6pm

Thomas J Beverly
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The Ex-Bombers
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

The Elderly Brothers
The Crowbar, Decatur, 7-10pm

White Lightnin'
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

it The Longmeyer Band
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New Berlin, 8-10pm

Celtic Whistle
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7-9pm

Jonny Vodka
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Lincoln's Dead
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

The Red Ribbon Revue
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews,
6-9pm

Exit 52
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8-11pm

**Blue Note Jazz Quintet with
Buddy Rogers**
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Renegade Karaoke
Northern Lights Lounge, 8:30pm-
12:30am

AllNighter
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8pm

Sushi Roll
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill,
Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8pm

Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project
Socavon, 8-11pm

Peaches & Bacon
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

Sunday Jan 21

West End Boogie Project
American Legion Post 279, Jacksonville,
3-6pm

Buzz Bomb Fantastical Folk Jam
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., Third Sunday
of every month, 4-6pm.

Joel Honey
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New
Berlin, 2pm

Curt Smith
Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-1pm

Bruce Baise
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Manny Lee
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

**Chris Camp and His Blues
Ambassadors**
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Al Kitchen
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Alex Williams and Joe Stamm
Twisted Tree Music Hall, Jacksonville,
3pm

Kortney Leatherwood
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge,
3-6pm

Monday Jan 22

Smokestacks
The Alamo, 7pm

Al Kitchen
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Tuesday Jan 23

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

Open jam with Zach Landes
George Rank's, 8-11pm

Songwriter open mic with Tom Irwin
It's All About Wine, 6-9pm

Open mic with Jim Ackerman
Silver Sevens Gaming Pub & Parlor,
6:30-9:30pm.

Open mic with Tom and Geoff
Wings Etc, 6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday Jan 24

**Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas
Tockey**
Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Karaoke
Crows Mill Pub, 8-11pm

Karaoke
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 6-9pm

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THE CALENDAR



Merrily We Roll Along

Fri., Jan. 19 and Sat., Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m., and Sun., Jan. 21, 2 p.m.
Hoogland Center for the Arts, LRS Theatre 1
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THEATER | Musical examines trio's friendship over the years

it Friendships can certainly change over the years as people and their circumstances change. The musical *Merrily We Roll Along*, based on a book by George Furth with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, tells how the complicated 20-year friendship of Franklin, Charles and Mary changes over the years. Plus, the story is in reverse – it begins at the friends' lowest moment in the 1970s and goes backward to their best times in the 1950s. The show, based on a 1934 play of the same name, premiered on Broadway in 1981. It focuses on how Franklin, a talented composer of musicals, moves on in his life to become a successful Hollywood producer. The show is a somewhat autobiographical story of the late Sondheim. This Springfield Theatre Centre show is directed by Carly Shank.

THE CALENDAR

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■ Special Music Events

Chris Knight with Cody Lee Moomey

Fri., Jan. 19, 8:30pm. Singer-Songwriter Chris Knight, raised in Kentucky, plays country, rock and Americana. He has several studio albums.

\$25. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy.

Date Night with Magic

Sat., Jan. 20, 6:30-8pm. Be amused and entertained by two local magicians in this inaugural magic event in the UIS Studio Theatre. uispac.com. \$15. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Latinos in Illinois and USA

Thu., Jan. 18, 6:30pm. "Music as a Cultural History." Dive into the cultural history of Latine music in Illinois with bilingual music journalist Catalina Maria Johnson who brings this rich history from the last several hundred years of music in the Latine U.S. to life. Presented online. Visit illinoisstatemuseum.org for

the registration link. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-7386.

Mania – The Abba Tribute

Thu., Jan. 18, 7:30-9:30pm. Mania brings to life the flamboyance of the '70s in this re-creation of one of ABBA's most memorable concerts. Includes all of the uplifting, dance-inducing and heart-breaking songs from the iconic Swedish band, along with fantastic costumes, staging, lighting and effects. uispac.com. \$30-\$70. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Organist Adrienne Cox

Fri., Jan. 19, 7:30-9:30pm. Part of the Illinois College Fine Arts Series. \$20. Students

and children are free. Illinois College Rammelkamp Chapel, Jacksonville, 215 Park St., 217-245-3192.

■ Theater & Comedy

Comedy open mic

Fourth Wednesday of every month, 6-9pm. Hosted by Lance Cain. Signup is at 6pm with show at 7pm. See the Facebook page for more info. Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Company, 619 E. Washington St., 217-494-6200.

Merrily We Roll Along

Through Jan. 20, 7:30pm and Sun., Jan. 21, 2pm. An autobiographical(ish) musical by the late Stephen Sondheim

that tells, in reverse, the complicated 20-year friendship of Franklin, Charles and Mary. hcfta.org. \$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Sketch comedy show meeting

Thu., Jan. 25, 7pm. Panichi Law Office, 843 S. Fifth St. Performers, writers and producers invited to an organizational meeting to develop a sketch comedy show to be performed downtown in the spring. Call or show up for more details.

John Morgan

Fri., Jan. 19, 8pm and Sat., Jan. 20, 7:30pm. John Morgan, the "Ragin' Cajun," brings his unique brand of comedy to the capital city for two shows. Presented by Donnie B's Comedy Show. Casey's Pub, 2200 Meadowbrook Road. donniebs.com.

■ Film & Television

Turn Every Page

Sun., Jan. 21, 1, 4pm and Tue., Jan. 23, 7pm. *The Adventures of Robert Caro and Robert Gottlieb*. The story about the remarkable relationship between two literary legends. Part of the Molly Schlich Independent I International Film Series presented by the Springfield Art Association. springfieldart.org. \$10; students with ID \$5. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Dr., 217-523-2631.

■ Auditions

The Normal Heart auditions

Sat., Jan. 20. Auditions for the male-presenting roles in the UIS Performing Arts Center's production of *The Normal Heart* will be held the afternoon of Jan. 20. Those interested in auditioning are encouraged to sign up by filling out an audition form at uispac.com/auditions. The play will be presented March 20-24. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-7529.

■ Children's Corner

Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales: Counting

Tue., Jan. 23, 10-11am. Join the ALPLM's Education Team as it shares stories and activities that celebrate numbers and counting. Advance registration required. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Al-Anon District 19 of Greater Springfield

Mondays-Saturdays. Ten meetings are held in the local area each week. Five are in-person and four are hybrid of in-person and via Zoom. One meeting is Zoom only. Visit spi-alanon.weebly.com or call for more information. Various locations, Springfield, 217-891-2981.

Overeaters Anonymous

Mondays, 5:30pm. The only requirement is a desire to stop eating compulsively. Unity Church, 417 E. Cordelia St., 217-416-1648.

Overeaters Anonymous

Saturdays, 10am. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-416-1648.

■ Bulletin Board

AARP Tax Aid

Through Jan. 23, 10am-2pm. AARP tax aid volunteers will be at Senior Services of Central Illinois. Stop by to schedule your tax aid appointment. ssoci.org. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Illinois Secretary of State Driver's License Mobile Unit

Wed., Jan. 24, 11am-2pm. Receive services for Real ID, driver's license renewal, sticker renewal, voter registration and organ donation. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4643.

Springfield Chess Club

Wednesdays, 5:30-8pm.

Casual games for the public and club members of all ages and skill levels. Meets weekly at the White Oaks Mall food court. Free. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-726-2584.

Winter Old Capitol Farmers Market

The market is open on the first and third Saturday of each month, from 8am-12pm. Find locally grown food, handcrafted items, local honey, baked goods and more. Link accepted and matched. downtownspringfield.org. Free admission. Union Station, 500 E. Madison, 217-557-4588.

Wreath Clean Up Day

Sat., Jan. 20, 8am. Hosted by Wreaths Across America. Volunteers helped place more than 15,000 wreaths at veterans' graves this past December as part of the nationwide event, Wreaths Across America ceremony. Now volunteers are needed to help remove them. Camp Butler National Cemetery, 5063 Camp Butler Rd, Springfield, IL 62707, 217-553-6103.

■ Health & Fitness

Let's Get Fit

A chair-based group exercise program designed to meet the needs of older adults who are looking to incorporate more physical activity into their lives. Classes consist of aerobic, strengthening, balance and flexibility exercises. Meets in person. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

■ Sports

Beginner's Platform Tennis

Wednesdays, 5:15-6:45pm. Through Feb. 28. Try a new and exciting game every Wednesday during the winter months. Includes beginner drills focusing on stroke techniques and strategy, and some fun play. Participants can join in Platform League play after learning the basics. Next league begins in January. Call for more info. Velasco Tennis Center, 1501 S. Grand Ave W, 217-546-4103.

So, you want to be a comedian?

Performers, writers, and producers, are invited to an organizational meeting on Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. at 843 South Fifth Street (Northwest corner of 5th and Canady)

Purpose: Develop a sketch comedy show to be performed in downtown Springfield in the Spring.

Show up or call (217) 638-1596 for further details



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9th 2024 at Memorial Hospital
in Springfield, Illinois. Born
November 21, 1948 in Shelby
Mississippi, to the late Napo-
leon Jones Sr. and Annie Mae
Martin. He worked for National
Supermarkets in Springfield,
Illinois for several years before
he retired in 1992. Napoleon
is survived by: 7 children,
Nathan Jones, Yolanda Bell,
Linda Jones, Angela (Marques)
Thurmond, Terwana Jones,
Catrina Jones and Javarius
Jones: 15 Grandchildren: 9
great grandchildren: 6 sisters
and 3 brothers as well as
several nieces and nephews.
He is preceded in death by one
brother and one sister.

Visitation is scheduled for
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Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on June 14, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on February 20, 2024, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: Commonly known as: 2827 South 13th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 P.I.N.: 22-10-0-402-026 First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$54,241.99 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT –SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS FLAGSTAR BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ADREAN SNAPP; DEDRICK SNAPP; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2022FC000204 Property Address: 1141 N. 5th St. Springfield, IL 62702 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on November 8, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on February 20, 2024, commencing at 9:00AM, at the Sangamon

County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: Commonly known as: 1141 N. 5th St., Springfield, IL 62702 P.I.N.: 14-27-0-104-032 First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$119,516.65 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS MIDFIRST BANK PLAINTIFF, -vs- Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Barbara Jean Dooley, Deceased; Denise Neumann; L.C. Clay; Julie Fox, as Special Representative for Barbara Jean Dooley, Deceased; United States of America; City of Springfield, an Illinois Municipal Corporation; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS NO. 20 CH 27 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on June 14, 2023; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on February 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Commonly known as 512 White City

Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62703 Permanent Index No.: 14-35.0-280-004 Improvements: Single Family Residential The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. The judgment amount was \$78,709.70. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717 MidFirst Bank One of Plaintiff's Attorneys LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119) Michael N. Burke (6291435) Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452) Laura J. Anderson (6224385) Mallory Snyderman (6306039) Thomas Belczak (6193705) Debra Miller (6205477) Amy Aronson (6206512) THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF VS. AMBER LEUELLING, TODD M LEUELLING. DEFENDANTS Case No.: 2023FC000026 Property Address: 313 W Harpole St Williamsville, IL 62693 PUBLIC NOTICE is given that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-entitled cause on October 11, 2023, the Sangamon County Sheriff will on February 6, 2024, at 09:00 AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street 2nd floor in the County Board Room, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 07-04-0-327-011 COMMON ADDRESS: 313 W Harpole St, Williamsville, IL 62693 Terms of all sales are ten percent (10%) of the opening bid Failure to pay the remaining balance within the twenty-four (24) hours shall result in the forfeiture of the ten percent (10%) down payment. No Refunds. The property offered for sale is subject to 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. The improvement on the property consists of a Single Family Home The entered judgment amount was \$83,304.53 The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, LLC, 200 N LaSalle St, Suite 1880, Chicago, IL 60601. 312-236-0077. SMS000802-23FC1

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, Plaintiff, v. DENISE LORENZO, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No.: 2023-FC-165 AMENDED NOTICE OF COURT SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Timothy J. Rigby Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 2114 West Ayres Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61604 (C) Tax ID Number: 18-07-276-006 (D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Approximately 968 square feet, 4 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, full basement and detached garage. (E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale. (F) The time and place of the sale are: Time: 1:00 p.m. on January 31, 2024. Place: Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street Peoria, Illinois 61602 (G) The terms of the sale are: Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours. (H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of INB, National Association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any. INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,
vs.
SUSAN SULLIVAN DANENBERGER A/K/A
SUSAN S DANENBERGER AND DOUGLAS D DANENBERGER, Defendants.
CASE NO. 23-FC-40
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
37.37 ACRES FARMLAND, IRISH ROAD
NEW BERLIN, IL 62670
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 8, 2023, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Permanent Index Number: 20-28-400-018 f/k/a PT 20-28-400-015
Commonly known as: 37.37 acres Farmland, Irish Road, New Berlin, IL 62670 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on February 13, 2024, at 9:00 AM, in the the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$253,951.24. The real estate is improved with vacant land.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. 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 the 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 shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719
The purchaser of a condominium unit

at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. 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 the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), 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.
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WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,
Dated _____ By _____
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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
BRUCE S. SIMON,
Deceased.
NO. 2023-PR-468
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Bruce S. Simon of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 11, 2024, to Marguerite A. Simon, 1820 South Wiggins Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before July 18, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 11th day of January, 2024.
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA PALIC, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-430
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS
Notice is given to JOSEPH S. VUKITS, CHRISTOPHER VUKITS, AMANDA VUKITS and to THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF VIRGINIA PALIC, Deceased, including any unknown heir who may be a minor or a disabled person, that a Supplement to Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary was filed in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on January 10, 2024. You are named as an heir of Decedent in said Supplement to Petition for Probate of Will.
Within 42 days after January 10, 2024, any heir may file a Petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or by other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 6-21), or successor provision.
Heirs also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 8-1), or successor provision, to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within 6 months after January 10, 2024. Filings are to be made with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://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://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk to your local Circuit Clerk's office.
Dated this 10th day of January, 2024.
Patrick J. Sheehan

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
Attorneys for Executor
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
ALAN L. MYERS,
DECEASED
No. 2023 PR 450
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Alan L. Myers. Letters of Office were issued on January 8, 2024, to Kevin N. McDermott, 109 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 9th day of January, 2024.
Kevin N. McDermott
Attorney for the Estate of Alan L. Myers
109 South Seventh Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-4070
Ill. Reg. No. 6196497
Kevin@KevinNMcDermott.com

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
GABRIEL C. CHIARO,
DECEASED
No. 2024 PR 6
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Gabriel C. Chiaro. Letters of Office were issued on January 9, 2024, to Blake Chiaro, 3605 Cranston Court, Springfield, Illinois 62704.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 9th day of January, 2024.
Kevin N. McDermott
Attorney for the Estate of Gabriel C. Chiaro
109 South Seventh Street
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COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
CAROL MAFFIA SWINEY,
DECEASED
No. 2024 PR 3
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Carol Maffia Swiney. Notice is given to all heirs and creditors that Letters Testamentary were issued on January 9, 2024, to Kevin N. McDermott, 109 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 as Executor of the Estate.
Claims against the Estate may be filed

in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 9th day of January, 2024.
Kevin N. McDermott
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF
PHILLIP W. SIMPSON
DECEASED
Case No. 2023-PR-474
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the death of PHILLIP W. SIMPSON. Letters Testamentary were issued on January 3, 2024, appointing CAROLYN S. SIMPSON, 3255 Kentucky 1992, Warsaw, KY 41095, as Executor, whose attorney is Creighton R. Castle of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., 900 Community Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 525-1571.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Court, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated: January 5, 2024
Clerk of the Circuit Court
200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701
8051-938828

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In Re the Estate of:
THOMAS R. MCGEE,
Deceased.
No. 2023-PR-478
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Thomas R. McGee, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 3, 2024, to James A. McGee, as Independent Executor, whose address is 4182 N. Clarendon Ave., Unit 3S, Chicago, Illinois 60613, and whose attorney of record is William D. Reid, Elmore & Reid, 808 South Second Street, Springfield, IL 62704.
The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of issuance of Letters, and any claim not filed within that period is barred.
James A. McGee
Independent Executor
ELMORE & REID

Attorneys At Law
808 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62704
217/523-2340

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
CLAYTON K. MARQUARDT,
Deceased.
No. 2023-PR-471
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Clayton K. Marquardt. Letters of Office were issued to David C. Marquardt and Erica E. McAteer, as Independent Administrators, whose addresses are 3064 Buena Vista Drive, Springfield, IL and 19 West Washington Place, Springfield, IL, respectively. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 South 9th Street, Suite 405, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 11th, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, 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://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
Dated: January 3rd, 2024
Attorney for Independent Co-Executors:
Sorling Northrup
Jerry S. Bauer, Attorney
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200
P.O. Box 5131
Springfield, IL 62705
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of
JOHN A. LINK, Deceased.
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
IN PROBATE
No. 2023-PR-469
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JOHN A. LINK, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on December 26, 2023, to Jennifer M. Link, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 8th day of July 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has

been filed.
Dated this 28th day of December, 2023.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Hugh F. Drake
(Registration No. 6269666)
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000
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(217) 544-8491
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT W. MAXEY, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2023-PR-461
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Robert W. Maxey, deceased.
Letters of Administration were issued on December 20, 2023, to David Drennan, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 29th day of June, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 22nd day of December, 2023.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of: Jody L. Sennings, Deceased
Case No. 23-PR-388
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Jody L. Sennings. Letters of Office were issued on Nov. 8, 2023 to Rick Sennings as Administrator, 212 Prairie Grass Road, Chatham, IL 62629. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Administrator, on or before, July 4, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NADINE F. HASHMAN, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-465
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of NADINE F. HASHMAN. Letters of Office have been issued to DANIEL A. WILLIAMS, 404 Crown Point Drive, Sherman, IL 62684, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before July 5, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 21st day of December, 2023.
Patrick J. Sheehan, Ill
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORENE O'BRIEN DAVLIN, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-462
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of NORENE O'BRIEN DAVLIN. Letters of Office have been issued to PATRICK L. DAVLIN, 5275 Deer View Lane, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before July 5, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 21st day of December, 2023.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
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(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF:
SUSAN M. VOSS,
Deceased.
No. 2023-PR-459
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Susan M. Voss of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on December 21, 2023, to Nikki R. Voss, whose address is 1609 S. 11 St. Springfield, IL 62703, as Administrator, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
DATED this 21st day of December 2023.
James R. Enlow(#6199891)
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL
Attorneys at Law
1231 South Eighth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
Telephone: (217) 522.9010
Facsimile: (217) 522.9020
Email: jim@gwspc.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Kenya Ware, Petitioner
And
Denis Ware, Respondent
Case No. 2023 DC 329
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Denis Ware, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 11th day of February, 2024, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Kneoca L. Roberson, Petitioner
And
Charles Wells, Respondent
Case No. 2023 DC 000058
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Charles Wells, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 11th day of February, 2024, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of David A. Wagenblast, Petitioner
And
Stephanie A. Leifheit, Respondent
Case No. 2023-DN-000135
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Stephanie A. Leifheit, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 4th day of February, 2024, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Courtney Renee Wiedeman
For change of name to
Leo Ren Wilder
Case No. 2024MR000019
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Cheyanne Grace Bishop to Cheyanne Grace Leka pursuant to the statute in such case made

and provided.
Dated: Jan. 18, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Hannah Leigh Bertolis
Case No. 2023 DC 329
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Hannah Leigh Bertolis to Hannah Leigh Miles pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Jan. 18, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Kelly Sue Bertolis
For change of name to
Kelly Sue Miles
Case No. 24 MR 16
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kelly Sue Bertolis to Kelly Sue Miles pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Jan. 18, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Brianna Dawn Pitchford
For change of name to
Brianna Dawn Gleason
Case No. 2023MR000412
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Brianna Dawn Pitchford to Brianna Dawn Gleason pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Jan. 18, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Jacqueline Dawn Pitchford
For change of name to
Jacqueline Dawn Gleason
Case No. 2023MR000413
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jacqueline Dawn Pitchford to Jacqueline Dawn Gleason pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Jan. 18, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Courtney Renee Wiedeman
For change of name to
Leo Ren Wilder
Case No. 2024MR000013
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Courtney Renee Wiedeman to Leo Ren Wilder pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Jan. 18, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of David Michael De Beaulieu
For change of name to
Michael David DeBeaulieu
Case No. 2023 MR 000404
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Feb. 27, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from David Michael De Beaulieu to Michael David DeBeaulieu pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Jan. 11, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of James Joseph McKlane
For change of name to
Walter Glenn Miller
Case No. 2023-MR-000417
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Feb. 27, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from James Joseph McKlane to Walter Glenn Miller pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Jan. 4, 2024

Foreclosure
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
–SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
VICTOR J. FUGNITTI, JR; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF CHICAGO; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 2022FC000246
Property Address: 2827 South 13th Street SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on June 14, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on February 20, 2024, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:
LOT ONE HUNDRED EIGHT (108) OF MILLERS' BUNN PARK ADDITION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, AND THE WEST 21 1/2 ACRES OF THE NORTH 30 ACRES OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Commonly known as: 2827 South 13th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
P.I.N.: 22-10-0-402-026
First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$54,241.99
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED

BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.
Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dal-legal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is to inform to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8051-938811

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
–SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FLAGSTAR BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
ADREAN SNAPP; DEDRICK SNAPP; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 2022FC000204
Property Address: 1141 N. 5th St. Springfield, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on November 8, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on February 20, 2024, commencing at 9:00AM, at the Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:
THE NORTH HALF OF LOT SIX (6) OF MARTIN RAFTER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 1141 N. 5th St. , Springfield, IL 62702
P.I.N.: 14-27.0-104-032
First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$119,516.65
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.
Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite

120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dal-legal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8051-938801

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS MILLENNIUM BANK, Plaintiff, v. SHRI GHANSHYAM LLC D/B/A SHRI GHANSHYAM D/B/A BAYMONT INN & SUITES, SANGITABEN PATEL, DRAKE MOTEL, INC., U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2023 FC 000222 Commercial Foreclosure Property Address: 5871 S. 6th Street Springfield, Illinois 62703 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff MILLENNIUM BANK, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 4 A OF THE REDIVISION OF LOT 4 OF WANLESS' SOUTH VILLAGE PLAT NO. 1 EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PIN(s): 22-27.0-376-005 Commonly known as: 5871 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703 The Mortgage was made on July 2, 2018 by Shri Ghanshyam LLC, an Indiana limited liability company, as mortgagor, to Millennium Bank, as mortgagee and recorded on July 9, 2018 in the Office of Sangamon County Recorder, Illinois as Document No. 2018R13942. Summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the Sangamon County against you as provided by law, and that suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the above Defendants, file your answer to the complaint in this case or otherwise file your appearance in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk, on or before February 13, 2024 a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. YOU ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE TIME IN WHICH THE SUBJECT REAL ESTATE MAY BE REDEEMED FROM FORECLOSURE, PURSUANT TO LAW, COMMENCES TO RUN WITH THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. Prepared By: Edmond M. Burke (#6276406) C. Cy Porras (#6324512) Chuhak & Tecson, P.C. 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700 Chicago, IL 60606 T: 312-855-4314 eburke@chuhak.com cporras@chuhak.com I3235998

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS MIDFIRST BANK PLAINTIFF, -vs- Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Barbara Jean Dooley, Deceased; Denise Neumann; L.C. Clay; Julie Fox, as Special Representative for Barbara Jean Dooley, Deceased; United States of America; City of Springfield, an Illinois Municipal Corporation; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS NO. 20 CH 27 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on June 14, 2023; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on February 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Said property is legally described as follows: LOT THIRTY-NINE (39) OF WHITE CITY SUBDIVISION, SECOND PLAT. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. Commonly known as 512 White City Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62703 Permanent Index No.: 14-35.0-280-004 Improvements: Single Family Residential The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. The judgment amount was \$78,709.70. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717 MidFirst Bank One of Plaintiff's Attorneys LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119) Michael N. Burke (6291435) Christopher A. Cienlawa (6187452) Laura J. Anderson (6224385) Mallory Snyderman (6306039)

Thomas Belczak (6193705) Debra Miller (6205477) Amy Aronson (6206512) THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION. 8051-938659

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF VS. AMBER LEUELLING, TODD M LEUELLING. DEFENDANTS Case No.: 2023FC000026 Property Address: 313 W Harpole St Williamsville, IL 62693 PUBLIC NOTICE is given that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-entitled cause on October 11, 2023, the Sangamon County Sheriff will on February 6, 2024, at 09:00 AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street 2nd floor in the County Board Room, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: LOT 4 OF LEMMON T. BERRYHILL'S 2ND ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 19. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 07-04.0-327-011 COMMON ADDRESS: 313 W Harpole St, Williamsville, IL 62693 Terms of all sales are ten percent (10%) of the opening bid Failure to pay the remaining balance within the twenty-four (24) hours shall result in the forfeiture of the ten percent (10%) down payment. No Refunds. The property offered for sale is subject to 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. The improvement on the property consists of a Single Family Home The entered judgment amount was \$83,304.53 The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, LLC, 200 N LaSalle St, Suite 1880, Chicago, IL 60601. 312-236-0077. SMS000802-23FC1 8051-938591

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, Plaintiff, v. DENISE LORENZO, UNKNOWN OWNERS

and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No.: 2023-FC-165 AMENDED NOTICE OF COURT SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Timothy J. Rigby Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 2114 West Ayres Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61604 (C) The legal description of the real estate is: Lot 40 in Smith's Fairlawn, a Subdivision of the North half of Lots 2 and 7 in Western Addition. Situated in Peoria County, Illinois. Tax ID Number: 18-07-276-006 (D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Approximately 968 square feet, 4 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, full basement and detached garage. (E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale. (F) The time and place of the sale are: Time: 1:00 p.m. on January 31, 2024. Place: Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street Peoria, Illinois 61602 (G) The terms of the sale are: Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours. (H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of INB, National Association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any. INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, Plaintiff Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 trigby@hswnet.com aprilaman@hswnet.com NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose. 8051-938459

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. SUSAN SULLIVAN DANENBERGER A/K/A SUSAN S DANENBERGER AND DOUGLAS D DANENBERGER, Defendants. CASE NO. 23-FC-40 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 37.37 ACRES FARMLAND, IRISH ROAD NEW BERLIN, IL 62670 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 8, 2023, the following described real estate, to-wit: Part of the east half of the west half of the southeast quarter of section 28 in township 15 north, range 7 west of the third principal meridian and more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING AT A FOUND SPIKE MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 28, A DISTANCE OF 1,325.58 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIPE MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 28 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST ON SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 365.50 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 444.99 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 270.00 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 445.02 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIPE ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 28, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 27.43 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 28, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF A DISTANCE OF 2,637.27 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID EAST HALF A DISTANCE OF 662.53 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 28, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF A DISTANCE OF 2,637.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 1,747,740 SQUARE FEET (37.365 ACRES), MORE OR LESS, ALL IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS Permanent Index Number: 20-28-400-018 f/k/a PT 20-28-400-015 Commonly known as: 37.37 acres Farmland, Irish Road, New Berlin, IL 62670 will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on February 13, 2024, at 9:00 AM, in the the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$253,951.24. The real estate is improved with vacant land. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24)

hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. 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 the 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 shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. 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 the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff, Dated ____ By _____ Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-938026

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 300 S. 7th Street, on February 6, 2024, for consideration of a petition for annexation, for the following legally described property: Part of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois more particularly described as follows: Lot 205, except the West 3 feet thereof in Belmont Subdivision, a Subdivision of the Northwest part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, at Page 30 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois AND Lot 204 of Belmont Subdivision except the West 3.00 feet thereof. Containing 10,736.124 square feet (0.246 acres), more or less.

SPECIAL NOTICE
Substantial Amendment and Citizen Participation Plan Update
Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Springfield, Illinois will make available for public review and comment a substantial amendment to its 2021 Annual Action Plan to revise the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and update the City of Springfield, IL HUD Citizen Participation Plan. The City's Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED) intends to change 1) The HOME-ARP project budget to reallocate funds to provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance and 2) The HOME-ARP Program's preferences and methods of prioritizing Qualifying Populations (QPs) that will be assisted with the City's HOME-ARP grant, and 3) change the referral methods. The changes are necessary to ensure assistance is prioritized to assist QPs with the greatest need. The City also is recommending updates to the Citizen Participation Plan. As part of the public input process, the City is seeking comment regarding the proposed program changes. Copies of the proposed amendments along with changes to the Citizen Participation Plan will be available for review beginning January 18, 2024 at the following accessible public places: Lincoln Library - 326 South 7th; Office of the City Clerk, Room 106, Municipal Center West 300 South 7th; Sangamon County Health Department 2833 S Grand Ave E, Springfield, IL 62703, and Office of Planning & Economic Development, 800 East Monroe, Room 107 and posted on the City's website. The City will accept and respond to comments received before 4:30 PM on February 2nd, 2024. The preferred method of submitting comments will be to info.OPED@springfield.il.us. The City of Springfield will conduct a public hearing at 12 p.m. January 22, 2024 in city council chambers at Municipal Center West, 300 S. 7th, 3rd floor. The chambers are accessible for persons with physical disabilities. If special arrangements are needed, please call the Office of Planning and Economic Development at 217-789-2377 or for the hearing impaired, call the Clerk's office at (217)789-2216.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
vs.
2010 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN
VIN # 2D4RN5D12AR2AR247717
Tamika Shelton
No. 23-MX-949
23-AF-084

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on August 29th, 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.
Joe Roesch
Clerk of Court
J.W. Pierceall
Assistant State's Attorney
200 S. 9th Street, Room 402
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-6690
Sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.gov

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
vs.
ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$1,180.00) USC
Reginald Fuller
No. 23-MX-960
23-AF-089
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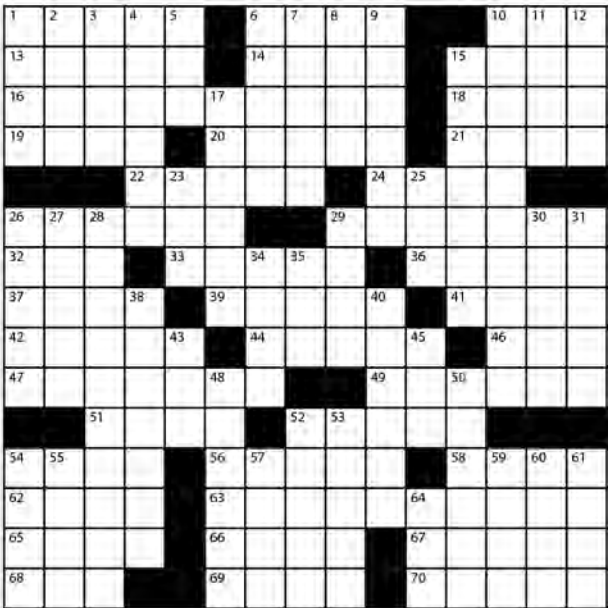
LEGAL NOTICE
FY'23 AUDIT
Notice is hereby given that the FY'23 Audit for the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition & Auditorium Authority has been completed by Eck, Schafer & Punke, LLP. The audit is available for public review at www.theboscenter.com or in person at the Bank of Springfield Center, 1 Conv Ctr Plz, Springfield, IL, 62701 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM on regular business days.

Smiles, etc

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Across

1. Tara's Scarlett
6. Biblical brother
10. Dashboard abbr.
13. "___ Without a Cause"
14. Knee/ankle connector
15. Dried up
16. Coliseum combatants
18. LBJ or RMN, e.g.
19. Faults
20. ___ good example
21. Pound sounds
22. Lets up
24. Wrath
26. ___ party: sleepover
29. Extended, in a way
32. Actor Tognazzi
33. Yes or no follower
36. ___ acid
37. ___-mell
39. Large-eyed lemur
41. 2007 Steve Carell title role
42. Dock site
44. Kidney-related
46. Pilot's announcement, briefly
47. Purchasing option
49. Rents
51. Some TV's
52. Put up with
54. "Here comes trouble!"
56. Not our



58. Nutritional info
62. Leaf unit
63. McDonald's treats
65. Mining finds
66. Dr.'s orders
67. Whistle-blower
68. "Fresh Air" ailer
69. "An apple ___"
70. Forebodings

Down

1. Assns.
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3. Impose ___ on
4. Exodus locale
5. "Aladdin" prince
6. Perfumer Lauder
7. Immunizations
8. Broadcasts

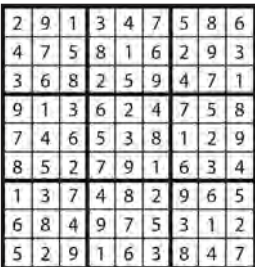
9. Risky
10. The ___ of Windsor
11. Foreward; Abbr.
12. Big name in oil
15. "Oh, please!"
17. Lay siege to
23. Morning hrs.
25. Spanish article
26. Trainee
27. Rocket stage
28. Hook's flag
29. Bridle part
30. Related maternally
31. Ladies of Spain
34. Actor Calhoun
35. Before, in poetry
38. Percolates, as water
40. Pay
43. Airport inits.

45. Spy novelist Deighton
48. Allergy problem
50. In reverie
52. Old photo color
53. Midway between sober and drunk
54. "Once ___ a time..."
55. Angel's instrument
57. Difficult
59. Notre ___
60. Architect William Van ___
61. Cold war grp.
64. 6 on a phone

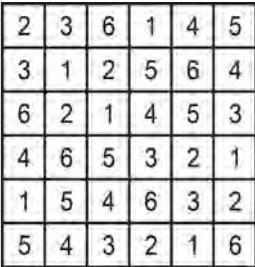
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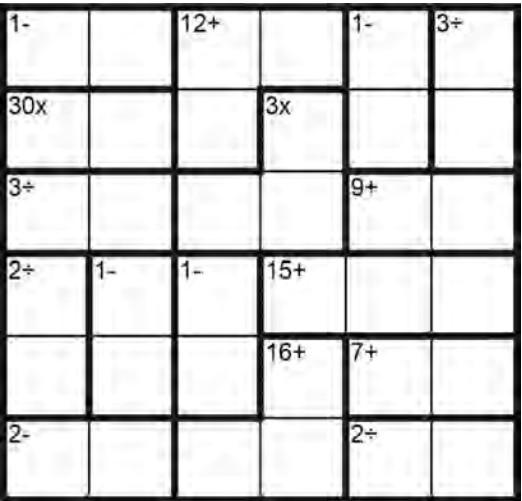
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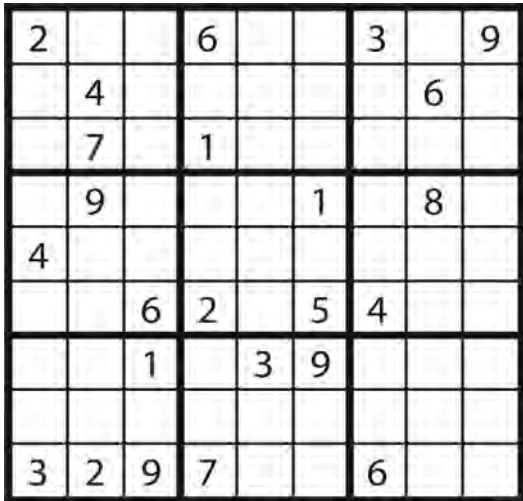
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.



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