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Judge finds probable cause for first-degree murder charges against emergency workers

CRIME | Dean Olsen

A paramedic who helped transport Earl Moore Jr. to HSHS St. John's Hospital on Dec. 18 told hospital officials Moore was "combative" before being placed face-down on a stretcher, strapped down and loaded into an ambulance in front of his Springfield home, an Illinois State Police investigator testified Jan. 20.

And an emergency medical technician who accompanied the paramedic told police that he never was trained to not place a patient facedown, or prone, during transport to a hospital and never was told that prone placement put patients at risk of suffocation, the investigator said.

But body cameras showed Moore, 35, who was pronounced dead at St. John's a short time later, was far from combative, ISP Sgt. Zach Weishaar said at a Sangamon County Circuit Court hearing.

"He was in distress and unable to assist himself to even make it out of the house," Weishaar said.

The EMT, who had worked as a first responder for more than two decades, received training in May and July on the dangers of putting patients in a prone position, Weishaar said.

The police investigator's testimony was part of a more-than-three-hour hearing that concluded with Circuit Judge Raylene Grischow ruling there was probable cause to justify first-degree murder charges against the paramedic, Peggy Finley, 44, and EMT Peter Cadigan, 50, in connection with Moore's suffocation death.

State's Attorney Dan Wright charged the two emergency medical service workers, both employees of LifeStar Ambulance Service Inc., with murder on Jan. 9. They are being held at the Sangamon County Jail on \$1 million bond apiece, which means each would have to post



Nationally known civil rights lawyer Ben Crump speaks at a Jan. 19 news conference in Springfield NAACP headquarters with Rosena Washington, the mother of Earl Moore Jr., and Moore's niece, Astarr Wright. Crump is representing Moore's family in a wrongful-death civil lawsuit against LifeStar Ambulance Service and a LifeStar paramedic and emergency medical technician. The two LifeStar workers have been charged with first-degree murder in connection with Moore's Dec. 18 suffocation death. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS.

10%, or \$100,000 cash, to be released while awaiting trial. If convicted, they would face prison terms of 20 to 60 years.

Finley and Cadigan pleaded not guilty, and the next hearing in the case is scheduled for Feb. 6.

The murder charges would have been thrown out, at least temporarily, if Grischow had ruled there wasn't probable cause to charge the two emergency responders, both Springfield residents, in a case that has received national attention.

The Jan. 20 hearing came the day after nationally known civil rights attorney Ben

Crump and Texas-based lawyer Robert Hilliard filed a wrongful-death lawsuit on behalf of Moore's family against Cadigan, Finley and LifeStar, a Centralia-based company that has declined comment. Crump represented the family of George Floyd, who died in 2020 at the hands of Minneapolis police, as well as other Black people – including Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor – whose police-involved deaths have fueled the Black Lives Matter movement.

Crump and Hilliard said they believe Moore's case is the first in the United States in which first responders have been charged with murder in the death of a patient.

Hilliard said he believes the fact that Moore was Black and the EMS workers are white played a role in the rough, rude and ultimately deadly treatment of Moore on body camera footage.

One of Cadigan's attorneys, Edward Unsell of East Alton, told reporters after the hearing that race wasn't a factor in Moore's death.

Forensic pathologist Dr. Scott Denton of Bloomington conducted an autopsy on Moore, a former McDonald's shift manager, and concluded that Moore died from "compressional and positional asphyxia" because of being placed face-down, or prone, and being tied down tightly by Cadigan.

Wright said Finley is just as responsible as Cadigan for Moore's death because she was working with Cadigan and in charge when the pair responded to a request by police for medical care. Three Springfield police officers called for an ambulance after they drove to Moore's home when he called 911 while hallucinating during an episode of alcohol withdrawal.

Moore was pronounced dead by St. John's officials at 3:14 a.m. Dec. 18, after an ambulance ride that lasted two to three minutes. His blood-alcohol level was .077, or just under the legal limit of .08 for driving in Illinois, according to a toxicology report after his death.

Unsell and other attorneys representing Finley and Cadigan said murder charges were unjustified. The lawyers said the situation was tragic but, at most, justify lesser criminal charges or a civil negligence lawsuit.

"The evidence isn't just lacking, it's contrary to that," Justin Kuehn, one of Cadigan's attorneys, told the judge. "The acts may have been reckless, but that's a different charge."

Wright, however, said evidence in the case, anchored by body camera footage from three Springfield Police Department officers who responded to a 911 call at Moore's home in the 1100 block of North 11th Street, was more than enough to justify murder charges.

Under Illinois law, Wright said, he doesn't need to prove Finley and Cadigan had a plan to kill Moore to justify first-degree murder charges or obtain a conviction.

Wright's charges said the EMS workers "did acts without lawful justification" that caused Moore's death and that the workers knew, based on their "training, experience and the surrounding circumstances" that their acts "would create a substantial probability of great bodily harm or death."

Weishaar testified that Finley told him after Moore's death that transport in the prone position was "against protocols" unless there were medical reasons that she said didn't exist in Moore's case. □

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Editor's note -

Maybe now we'll get some reform in the classified document system. Of the millions of documents now classified, insiders say some are as banal as how to make a ham sandwich. If the nation had fewer secrets, it wouldn't be so easy to carelessly take some home to Indiana or the Delaware garage. Of the important secrets, we could phase out putting them on paper. Reform would deal with: Who should classify? What should be classified? How long should it remain classified? And we could develop a protocol for how to deal with stray documents. If they're returned quickly, with an apology, and there was no sinister intent, there's no need to make a big law enforcement deal out of it. —Fletcher Farrar, editor

Free parking

Mayoral candidates differ on whether to reinstitute parking meters downtown

DOWNTOWN | Scott Reeder

The two candidates for Springfield mayor have different visions for downtown parking; one wants to make it free and the other is taking a wait-and-see approach, hoping further economic development will bring more people downtown.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, parking downtown has been free. But enforcement personnel continue to patrol the area and ticket vehicles that overstay the allotted time in a particular space.

"Frankly, I don't think we have enough activity downtown to pay for the meters, which is why I wouldn't have them," said City Treasurer Misty Buscher, who is running for mayor. "They're expensive. ... There are signs for two-hour parking, three-hour parking, whatever. I would keep the parking zones. And I would still have our parking enforcement officers downtown who have a device that allows them to see how long the car's been there."

Mayor Jim Langfelder, who is seeking reelection, said the philosophy behind the city's parking policy is not about generating money but ensuring there are enough spaces for visitors coming to the downtown.

He said he anticipates parking meters will remain free at least until this spring.

Since the city has quit having people feed parking meters, some folks who work full time in the business district have stopped renting spaces from private lots and begun parking on the streets, he said. This is a practice the municipality wants to curb because it deters others from shopping in the downtown area.

Douglas Mayol, owner of the downtown card and gift store The Cardologist, said the mayor's concerns are valid.

"You can't just have people who work downtown camping out and taking all the parking spaces," he said. But Mayol added that the free parking has not discernibly changed the community's attitude towards the downtown.

"Many people don't know you don't have to plug the meters anymore. I'm constantly seeing people feeding the meters. I try to stop them, but usually I'm too late. The free parking is a good thing, but it's a small thing," he said. "I guess I'm OK with eliminating the meters as long as we have some way of keeping people from taking a parking space all day."

Langfelder supports two projects that



Douglas Mayol, owner of The Cardologist, said if parking meters are eliminated there needs to be a way to ensure that people who live and work downtown don't occupy the spaces all day and interfere with tourist traffic.

would create more permanent housing in the downtown. One proposal calls for the conversion of a portion of the Wyndham City Centre hotel into apartments. But, so far, the city council has not approved rezoning out of fear that a partial conversion would strip the capital city of needed hotel space.

The second project, the Lofts on Madison, would be a 136-unit apartment complex at East Madison Street and North Fifth Street. The project would bring 350 to 400 more permanent residents downtown.

If these projects come to fruition, more pressure will be placed on the downtown parking system, not only because more people will be living downtown, but because their presence is likely to spur the creation of more retailers to serve their needs, Langfelder said.

Before the pandemic, the city was planning a pilot program that would replace some of the city's parking meters with newer meters capable of accepting credit cards. But that project is on hold. The electronic chips necessary for manufacturing the meters became unavailable during the global pandemic and parking needs changed downtown as more state workers worked from home.

"I think we will address it as the need arises; that's when the council seems to have the appetite to spend the funds to move in that direction," Langfelder said.

Linda Renehan, owner of the downtown business Springfield Vintage, said the area has an excess of parking but it's not always available to those shopping.

"Everybody loves free parking meters. But I'm curious how that affects the owners of parking lots. You drive around the downtown and see lots half full or three-quarters full, but then customers can't find a parking space because people who live and work downtown are parking on the street because its free."

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Members of Temple B'rith Sholom Sisterhood.

Menstrual justice

SERVICE | Karen Ackerman Witter

The Temple B'rith Sholom Sisterhood recently learned about "menstrual justice" and turned education into action, donating "feminine hygiene products" to Sojourn House. The Sisterhood is a vibrant group of Jewish women who serve the temple and local community in myriad ways. Social justice is a pillar of Reform Judaism and a priority of the Sisterhood.

Worldwide there is a stigma associated with menstruation, with many ripple effects. The United States is not immune, and there is increasing inequity. Sanitary products are costly. Bullying and vilification are prevalent. Discussing the issue is often taboo. It is not uncommon for girls to miss school. "Period poverty" is a serious issue that numerous organizations are working to end by providing services, education and advocacy.

The World Health Organization urges recognition of menstruation as a health issue with physical, psychological and social dimensions, and not exclusively a hygiene issue. There is a growing coalition of universities, nongovernmental organizations and government agencies coming together to address the problems.

Illinois enacted legislation effective Jan. 1, 2017, to exempt feminine hygiene (and incontinence) products from state sales tax. Legislation signed into law in June 2022 requires public schools in Illinois to provide free menstrual products. However, federal programs, such as SNAP and WIC, don't cover the cost of these products.

Educate, advocate and donate are ways the Temple B'rith Sholom Sisterhood intends to help address this social justice issue, says Kathleen Parienti, president of the Sisterhood. She says education is needed to make it comfortable for both genders to talk about menstruation and for boys to understand what a period is. The Sisterhood will continue to collect menstrual products and donate them to different recipients several times a year. To get involved, call the temple at 217-525-1360. \square

Luring new sports gamblers with freebies

Legal gambling in Illinois may cost more than the revenue it generates

GAMING | Don Howard

Sports gambling became legal in Illinois in March 2020. Since then, Illinoisians have wagered increasing amounts of money, reaching \$1 billion in each of October and November of 2022, the last months for which numbers are available. The Illinois Gaming Board reports \$14.5 million in tax revenue for November and year-to-date revenues in 2022 of more than \$100 million from sports gambling.

Sports betting in Illinois is aggressively marketed by the companies authorized to take bets on sports in Illinois. These "sportsbooks" compete fiercely for gamblers, particularly new ones. One of the tools they use is to boost a new bettor's wager with bonuses, so that the gambler feels like he's playing with free money. Addiction experts fear too many will get hooked.

Mercedes Kent treats patients with gambling addiction problems at the Gateway Foundation in Springfield. She notes certain conditions that make gambling addiction more likely, and one of them is ease of access. Sports gambling can be done online, eliminating the requirement of physically entering a sportsbook. The bonuses they offer also makes access easier. "Free bets with online access in this context are really no different than free cocaine delivered to your home," Kent said in an interview.

At BetMGM you can earn a FreeBet bonus by depositing \$10 or more of real money into an account. If you lose your first bet, they will then give you a FreeBet in an amount equal to your loss. If your losing bet was \$50 or more, you'll get five FreeBets, each worth 20% of your bet. If you win your first bet you get nothing extra; FreeBets are only awarded if you lose.

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seven days. During football season, that means you must bet on the next week's games; if you have five FreeBets you must bet on five separate games, whether or not you know enough about that many teams to place an informed bet. Since each of your FreeBets has a theoretical 50% chance of winning, on an average day you will win two or three and get back 40 or 60 percent of your initial loss, minus the commissions. BetMGM also reserves for itself the right to impose any restrictions on the FreeBet that they

Other bonuses have what is known as a "playthrough" requirement. During the football season, DraftKings ran a promotion awarding "bonus funds" amounting to 20% of the initial deposit. But that money is only given to the

bettor in increments of 4% of actual bets made. For example, if you deposit \$1,000, you will receive bonus funds of \$200. Then if you bet \$100, DraftKings will increase your wager to \$104 and reduce your bonus funds to \$196. In order to receive the entire \$200 in bonus funds, you would have to bet \$5,000 in total and do it within a period of 90 days.

Stigma, according to Kent of Gateway Foundation, is another important factor in addictive behavior. "Patients may go to great lengths to hide their alcohol or drug use," and few will admit to spending all day at the track. Society attaches less stigma to sports gambling, because it is perceived to be a game of skill, and because people are emotionally invested in their favorite teams. Betting can therefore feel like an

act of solidarity.

Normalization is the process by which behaviors feel routine and normal rather than unusual or abnormal. Pervasive advertising during sports broadcasts and at sporting events means that children are exposed to it repeatedly, leading to its normalization, and gambling is presented as an integral part of sport as entertainment. DraftKing's slogan is, "Life's more fun when you have skin in the game." Exposure of normalized gambling to children worries Kent. "An early start to gambling is a huge risk factor for addiction," says Kent.

The Illinois Department of Human Services found that about 383,000 adult Illinoisans have a gambling problem, and the state budgeted \$10 million in fiscal 2023 for gambling treatment services, about \$25 per Illinoisan with a gambling problem. Group sessions for treatment may cost \$50 or more each and may last for months or years. A study (https://www.baylor. edu/content/services/document.php/144584. pdf) conducted by Baylor University in 2011 estimated the societal costs of one pathological gambler to exceed \$9,000 per year. These costs include employment and business costs, illness and suicide, social services expense, divorce and child neglect, and direct losses from gambling. If that estimate is accurate, then problem gamblers in Illinois may cost society about twice as much as the state takes in from gaming taxes. So legal sports gambling may not be a such a good bet for Illinois. □

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A Jacksonville school for students with disabilities has routinely used the police to handle discipline, resulting in the highest arrest rate of any district in the country. In one recent year, half of Garrison School students were arrested. PHOTO BY ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ron Dougan writes his brother: 1958

"This shed we are building is 38 feet wide by 140 feet long on the west side of the cow yard, open on the other side. We're calling it "The Ladies Lounge." We need more room to handle the big cows in the number we need. We're not using the round barn much for night housing in winter only enough of the little cows to keep the place from freezing up. We milk two shifts, from 80 to 100 cows, and get from 2500 to 3500 pounds per day, depending on the number milked. The cows are considerably better than they used to be, due to American Breeders Service, I guess. Erv is shingling the Lounge; he says it's like peeing in the ocean."

2022 Jacqueline Jackson

LETTERS

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HORRIFYING

This is horrifying ("The school that calls the police on students every other day," Jan. 12). Thank you for shedding light on it. If there are protests arranged against the school, etc., please share. Rebecca Schnorf
Via Facebook.com/illinostimes

NO EXCUSES

I am a paramedic in a different county, and I'm disgusted by the treatment of this human being ("Emergency workers face murder charges," Jan. 12). No professional paramedic or EMS worker would ever treat a person in such a horrific way. The options they could have taken are: Talking with the patient and assessing their condition; obtaining a police escort if concerned about transporting the patient; and using chemical or mechanical restraint (never in a prone position), always with continual monitoring of the patient's vital sings to ensure the patient remains safe and oxygenated.

At no point would a professional put a patient prone, let alone lashed to a stretcher with seatbelts. I, for one, do not condone their behavior and I fully support the family's need for justice.

Tracey Strettles Via Facebook.com/illinostimes

HOLD POLICE ACCOUNTABLE

All the police officers that were there need to be held accountable. Any human being with common sense can tell that the man was being mistreated. Shane Jackson

Via Facebook.com/illinostimes

DEFERRED TO EMTS

As a retired deputy, I always stood back and let the EMTs do their job as they were much more trained on how to handle medical issues. If I saw what I thought was abuse I would have done something, but I would not have known for sure how he should have been transported as I have seen patients transported face-down and on their side, although mostly on their backs. The officers were probably relying on the judgment of the medical professionals. Tom Roth

Via Facebook.com/illinostimes

LOST A HERO

It was with great sadness that I just learned of the passing

of Dr. Cullom Davis. Living out of state delays such news I receive from my hometown. Dr. Davis, among others, was my history professor at Sangamon State. We seemed to form a special bond which lasted a lifetime.

Carey Smith's beautiful tribute to Cullom ("A teacher, mentor, colleague and friend to all," Dec. 29) spoke for all of us who had the privilege of knowing him – and it was a privilege.

I last saw Cullom in 2013 on the occasion of my father's passing. This kind man came to my father's funeral and spent a long time with me, both offering his condolences and reminiscing about the past.

We all didn't just lose another life when Cullom passed. We lost a hero. Dr. John Rieken Homer, Georgia

NO MANDATES

Small business owners should not be forced to provide paid time off for their employees over and above what they already provide ("Taking time off: General Assembly passes bill requiring employers to offer paid leave," Jan. 19). Craig Ewing

Via Facebook.com/illinostimes

OPINION

Sheriffs get pushback for claiming they won't enforce new law

POLITICS | Rich Miller

"All they are saying," claimed Illinois Sheriffs Association executive director Jim Kaitschuk about dozens of his members, "is 'We're not going to knock on people's doors to ask whether they have registered their firearms. And if they're arrested solely on that charge, we will not house them in our jails until ordered to do so by a competent authority."

Springfield's WICS TV reported that Kaitschuk also believes the reaction to what those sheriffs have said about refusing to enforce the state's new assault weapons ban law because of their constitutional objections has been "overblown."

Well, when you put it that way, maybe so. But if that's the case, then why even facilitate the release of a nearly identical statement by as many as 90 (according to Kaitschuk) county sheriffs saying they won't enforce a law?

Kaitschuk admitted to Chicago's ABC 7 TV that there's nothing in the law mandating local compliance checks. "That is not a charge that is provided to us, or mandated to us in the bill that passed and was signed by the governor."

What the sheriffs have basically done is to

deliberately inflame the public for no good reason, and then tossed in an empty threat to not house violators in their jails, unless they have an order from a judge.

And while there has been much rejoicing in some Downstate areas over their local sheriffs' performative "virtue signaling," there has been some strong pushback in the suburbs, where, for instance, DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick released one of those boiler plate statements vowing not to enforce the new registration law because he believed the statute was unconstitutional.

In response, DuPage County's 15 Democratic state legislators released a statement saying they were "dismayed and angered by the recent pronouncement by the DuPage County Sheriff to unilaterally direct his office to flout and disregard the duly passed and signed Protect Illinois Communities Act. The Sheriff has no authority to determine the constitutionality of a law - that is up to the courts."

"The Sheriff's words send a clear message that lawbreakers are welcome here," the statement read.

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One of the signatories was Rep. Maura Hirschauer, D-Batavia, who introduced an assault weapons ban and worked her bill for months before it was taken over by more experienced hands.

Sheriff Mendrick barely won election in 2018, but the Democrats didn't field a candidate against him in 2022, which turned out to be an even stronger year for the local party.

Elections obviously have consequences. But the sheriffs currently have significant powers in state statutes, and legislative elections can have consequences, too. And some legislators are obviously starting to get pretty fired up over the sheriffs' behavior of late.

During the 2019 cannabis legalization debate, for instance, sheriffs disseminated tons of disinformation (one even claimed that sheriffs would be forced to euthanize all their drug-sniffing dogs). Several sheriffs sided with the far right during the COVID-19 mitigation period and refused to enforce executive orders, and many eagerly contributed to the hysteria over the SAFE-T Act. And now, this.

Many legislators are former local government officials, so they've traditionally been reluctant to take up issues like consolidation, the limits of local authority, etc. I do not know if this latest blow-up will change anything. But, at the same time, I don't recall ever seeing a reaction quite like the one issued by those 15 state legislators today.

Lake County's sheriff issued a statement in favor of the law, and one of the principal sponsors who helped drag the bill across the finish line, Lake County-based state Rep. Bob Morgan, D-Deerfield, had this to say on the radio the other day about the other sheriffs' statements: "I keep coming back to the fact that I think it's embarrassing for them. They really literally only have one job. Their job is to follow the law and enforce the law. And they're saying, 'We're not going to do that.' And so, I think they should be pretty embarrassed."

State statute requires sheriffs, acting as their counties' Supervisors of Safety, to enforce all state traffic laws. But there is no requirement to enforce other laws. And their state-mandated oaths of office require them to support the US and Illinois constitutions, but not individual laws.

Law enforcement discretion is a longaccepted policy. But sheriffs issuing written statements flatly declaring that they will not enforce a state law no matter what, sure does appear to go well beyond that.

Crafting a law to deal with the problem, though, could be difficult. □











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The cycle of language

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

I purchased a new bicycle for my 12-year-old daughter this month and received a tongue-lashing from a salesperson in return.

The Springfield salesperson asked if she was interested in a "cross-through" bike. I had no idea what he was talking about. I was familiar with mountain bikes, road bikes and hybrids, but I'd never heard the term "cross-through."

I told him I didn't know what a cross-through bike was. So, he rolled one onto the sales floor. The top bar dipped down toward the pedals.

I replied, "Oh, you mean a girl's bike." Apparently, I'd trod into a linguistic minefield.

"We don't ascribe genders to inanimate objects," the salesperson said to me in a rather derisive tone. He added, "Sometimes elderly men prefer cross-through bikes so they won't have to lift their legs so high."

I explained to him that when I was in college, I was a pretty serious biker but I had never heard the term cross-through bike. At this point he eyed my gray hair and said, "It looks to me like it's been a long time since you were in college."

In case you think this was some young whippersnapper, the salesperson appeared to be in his 60s. I was contemplating leaving this family-owned business and buying my daughter a bike at the big-box sporting goods store across town.

But as the salesperson and I conversed, my daughter was busy ogling the bicycle in question. She said she loved it, and it was the perfect color. I swallowed hard and made the purchase.

I made a decision to extend this man some grace, even if he wasn't willing to do the same for me.



The author landed in hot water when he referred to this bicycle as a "girl's bike." PHOTO BY SCOTT REEDER

Why? Well, I didn't want to disappoint my daughter. And even though I was being treated rudely, I didn't necessarily disagree with what the man was

Just because I have always heard such bicycles referred to as girls' bikes doesn't mean that is the best

In my decades in journalism, I've always tried to use inclusive terms such as "police officer," "firefighter" and "pastor" rather than "policeman," "fireman" and "clergyman."

A transgender teenager works at a store I frequent. I always address him by his new name and by his preferred gender. It's a matter of kindness. He always gives me a big smile.

And no, that doesn't mean I endorse a particular agenda. I just believe when in doubt, it's best to be

In the same vein, the salesperson at the bike shop might have received a better response if he applied some kindness to his own message. He could have said something like, "When I was growing up, we called them girls' bikes, too. But now we call them crossthroughs because some older men also prefer them."

That would have been a polite way to have said it without being ageist or ascribing bad motives to someone using an outdated term.

When my parents were growing up, the word "Negro" was the term that educated, polite people used. When the 1970s rolled around, my siblings and I had to keep reminding my dad that "Black" was now the preferred terminology.

We reminded him of this gently. Repeatedly. After all, he was not being mean-spirited in clinging a little too long to the word he had been taught was proper.

As the lexicon changes, extending grace to others is helpful. And rudeness rarely wins allies to your cause. There is a difference between being oblivious and being hateful.

For example, when I was a young reporter, I had a supervisor who used a term for a bundle of sticks to refer to gay people. He chortled when editing obituaries for gay men who died of AIDS.

I wish some of the people who are convinced that newsrooms are full of woke left-wingers could have met this jerk.

No one should have to put up with anyone like that. Hate was behind his words. He knew better.

But oftentimes when someone misspeaks or uses an outdated term, it's done out of ignorance. It's best to inform rather than condemn. \square

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Old *Times*

Mining for diamonds in IT from 40 years ago

TIMES | Fletcher Farrar

One of the founders of this journal told me long ago – when he feared that I, as the new owner coming from the world of daily newspapers, might put out a prosaic product – that my predecessors would always try to include something special, a gem, in every issue. We tried to continue that tradition. Our early efforts weren't always successful, but some things sparkle better after they get some age. With the benefit of years, it is easier now to find what shimmers in old *Times*. For fun I dug out our editions from this month 40 years ago and found a few nuggets.

It was such an unlikely publication back then – sassy, smart-looking, smart-aleck at times. We were unelected, self-appointed young journalists, celebrating our press freedom. Once when a reader thought we had strayed too close to the edge of taste and civility, she wrote, "Do your mothers know what you're doing?"

We may have thought we were braver and brasher than we were, but we were often on target. My column from Jan. 20, 1983, complained about Gov. James Thompson's budget cuts, "and the wall of silence they had run into." Neither Neil Hartigan, the attorney general, nor Jim Edgar, the secretary of state, nor Adlai Stevenson, the recently defeated candidate for governor, complained a bit. "But crisis sometimes elevates unknowns," I wrote, like Donald Miedema, Springfield superintendent of schools. "The state is putting us in a real deep box," Miedema said. "I don't know how we're going to get out. . . . This puts a tremendous burden on elementary and secondary education."

On Jan. 14, 1983, I attended the eighth annual Frontiers International Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast where Rosa Parks, then 69, was the speaker. I remember her quiet presence and soft voice as she told of her 1955 Montgomery



From IT, Jan. 20, 1983: "John Paul, zoologist turned bookman, is curator of Prairie Archives." Prairie Archives, at 522 E. Adams, this year marks 50 years as a walk-in store, according to Paul. Photo By Linda Smogor

experience for the umpteenth time. She was the celebrity speaker, but it was Rev. Rudolph Shoultz, pastor of Springfield's Union Baptist Church, who made the news that day. "He had been asked to say a few short words about brotherhood, but used the time instead for some tough talk about the status of race relations in Abraham Lincoln's home town," we wrote in a preface to an edited transcript of Shoultz's remarks: "I don't want Ms. Parks leaving Springfield thinking that because she received a statue of Abe Lincoln, we who live in the city of Lincoln are really on cloud nine. I'm supposed to speak to you on brotherhood, but how can I, with honesty, when I live in Springfield where no black person can ever be elected for office outside of the county building?" He gave credit to Mayor Mike

Houston, then running for his second four-year term, for appointing the first black clerk. But "we can never be police chief, we can never be fire chief, we cannot even be a battalion chief. ... How can we be brothers when our local news media... newspapers, radio... don't think that we can read enough, although we've gone to journalism school, they don't think that we are qualified enough, to sit down with a note pad and take some notes and meet the deadline?"

Cover story for that week was "Reading on the cheap," by Sandra Martin, with photos by Linda Smogor, both longtime *IT* contributors. It featured Springfield used book stores, including Family Book Exchange Plus, then in the Capital City Shopping Center, the Mouse Hole, at 711

N. Grand East, and Full Circle Book Exchange, at 307 W. Allen. Plus, a place called Prairie Archives, owned by John Paul, who had traded a job as curator of zoology at the Illinois State Museum for Prairie Archives, going from "one museum to another," Martin wrote. "For a decade, John Paul has been keeper of print curiosities – old books, 'good' books, rare books, out of print books, Lincoln books, local history books, Civil War books…" Paul was quoted, "It's difficult to make a living. We struggle along." But he added, "Prairie Archives will be here for 50 years if we can sell enough books."

That issue featured an ad for Britt Airways, listing six daily flights to Chicago and just as many returns to Springfield, an ad for Mick and Mary's homestyle dinners in Thayer, for Herndon's clothing store at White Oaks Mall, for Mike Houston for Mayor, for Room Works contemporary home furnishings at the Yard Shopping Center, 1650 Wabash, an ad from St. John's Hospital inviting the public to an open house for Libertas, "the first hospital-based program of treatment for individuals suffering from substance abuse and chemical dependency in the Springfield area," and an ad for No Baloney, a 24-hour-a-day restaurant at 312 E. Monroe. And there was a half-page ad placed by numerous groups, inviting Springfield to "Join us to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, on Jan. 21, 1983, in the Capitol Rotunda. "Pro-choice - The People's Choice. Celebrating 10 years of Reproductive Freedom."

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Fletcher Farrar is editor of Illinois Times.



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My A.I. language knows 149,178 words

Springfield computer hobbyist claims an artificial intelligence breakthrough

GUESTWORK | Thomas Yale

I'm somewhat of an anomaly in Springfield, or anywhere else for that matter.

For most of my life, I've lived modestly, worked temporary jobs at minimum wage, ridden a bike for transportation, even during winter, and eaten at St. John's Breadline to save on groceries. Having earned an associates degree in computer science, I've had minimal success in getting hired for software development. It's not unheard of that people don't get hired in the areas for which they've devoted their lives to study.

Yet for three decades I've pursued an intense hobby in a field normally reserved for Ph.D.s.

I work in the area of natural language processing, or NLP, a branch of artificial intelligence. Even if they don't know what it's called, NLP is usually what people think of when they think of AI. Since civilization depends upon communicating through language, it's only natural for technology to attempt to simulate - as closely as possible - human comprehension of language. Humans hardly have to think when speaking, typing or writing. From childhood, this ability is hard-wired into our brains. But the process itself, encoding that ability in a computer, is a horrendously difficult task. That's why it's referred to as "hard AI." If this problem was sufficiently solved, many useful applications could be built using that core technology.

But what makes what I do different from what big-name companies like Google do? Plenty, actually. A little historical background is necessary to understand the difference.

From the 1950s until the late 1980s, all NLP systems were made up of small sets of handcrafted rules to analyze text, based on a few hundred examples. Developers meant to devise grammars broad enough to parse any kind of conceivable



Thomas Yale uses a rule-based approach to natural language processing, a system once popular but discarded by most A.I. developers in the late 1980s.

sentence, but they fell short of their expectations. They surmised that while a human's grammar is largely modular, the interaction of components led the system to be unimaginably complex. that analyzed text by conducting statistical analysis same words in the corpora. More recently came

Still, these conventional approaches have problems, which explains why we don't routinely interact with our computers using English with any real comprehension. Not only do such systems lack recognition of what words represent, they never ask

for clarification as a human might. And they would have to ask, because how can computer programs be any better at resolving ambiguity than the human beings who built them? They mindlessly follow those statistical rules, merely making their best guess about interpreting text.

In her groundbreaking paper, Timnit Gebru, a widely respected leader in AI ethics research, highlighted the risks of language models: environmental and financial costs, as well as input data encoding racist and sexist connotations. The latter is one reason for the rampant misinformation so common today, as evidenced by the turmoil of our political elections and propaganda, conspiracy theories and the COVID pandemic. Gebru herself wonders whether a cohesive language model can

NLP has made inroads for useful applications,

but this has largely been possible by narrowing the scope of the applications – minimizing vocabularies and limiting sentence structures they use.

My approach, however, runs against the grain, and has no such limitations. I revisited the rulebased approach and overcame its shortcomings, using resources that didn't exist back in the 1980s. The advantages seemed obvious: a rule-based system presents not only a more plausible cognitive model necessary for tasks beyond simulating language comprehension, but also comprehensive control of the analysis to avoid the large and impactful mistakes Gebru describes.

After three decades, through strict, arduous experimentation and testing - mostly by myself, but with generous help from others along the way - I've developed a whole new NLP technology from the ground up, with results at least comparable to systems in use today. It has a 149,178-word vocabulary and 1,457 grammar rules, comparable to a college graduate's fluency in English, with the ability to add more.

This is my life's work: to build a means to help us to become better, more rational thinkers and to improve the quality of our decisions, which determine our destinies and upon which all our lives depend. Given my lack of academic credentials or business acumen, I may face challenges to validate it under peer review, or collaborate with businesses to develop practical applications with this core technology. Whatever the outcome, it won't stop me from pursuing a goal which I passionately believe will help make the world a better place. □

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Developers accepted this hypothesis and looked for other approaches, eventually settling on systems of corpora - large, annotated sets of English text derived from books, newspapers, magazines, research papers and other online sources. The computer compares text to examples using the language models.





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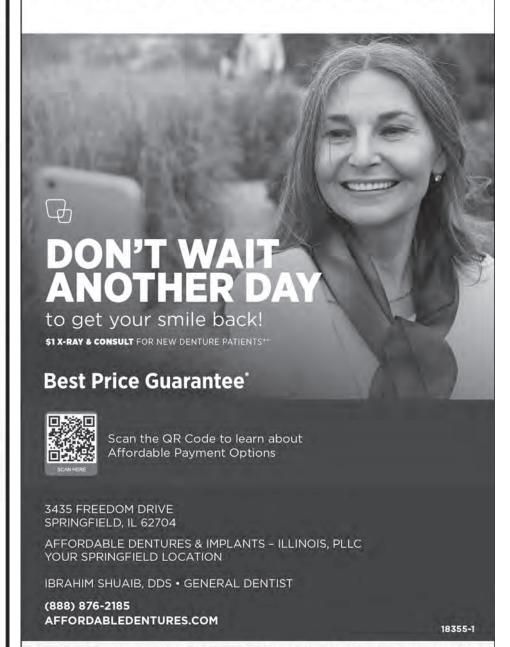
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Harming health care workers

Violence against hospital staff is on the rise

MEDICAL | Dean Olsen

After working as a nurse's aide in Springfield Memorial Hospital's emergency department for four years, and after dodging a chair swung at her by one visitor and being pinned to the ground by another, Susan decided to leave for a different health care setting.

Part of the reason for resigning once she completed her training to become a registered nurse was the upswing in threats and violence against the staff by patients and visitors she witnessed and experienced firsthand. It was especially noticeable during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"People were more on a sensitive, hairpin trigger," said Susan, who asked that her real name not be published because she feared repercussions from future employers in the health care community. "It took less to set people off. I feel like these patients got aggressive a lot more frequently."

As the pandemic enters its fourth year, hospitals in central Illinois and the rest of the state are treating fewer COVID-19 patients. But like their counterparts nationwide, Illinois hospitals are contending with the pandemic's other aftereffects: There's an even worse shortage of registered nurses, an overall worker shortage, the financial effects of those trends and an upsurge in workplace violence.

Memorial Health officials say they are working to address all of the issues, with violence at the top of the list.

"We're really worried about the state of our workforce," said Charles "Chuck" Callahan, president and chief executive officer of Springfield Memorial Hospital and president of the Memorial Health Hospital Group.

The rate of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses related to violence in hospitals such as Springfield Memorial is more than four times higher than among private-sector workers overall, he said

"If that continues, how are we going to get the next generation of the health care workforce?" Callahan asked.

When staff members suffer, care is disrupted for the patient acting out as well as for other patients, and employees' fear of violence "undercuts their desire to remain a health care worker," he said. "For all those reasons, we really want to take a strong

stance."

After meeting with police and the Sangamon County state's attorney in September, Memorial Health officials say they are putting in place policies to regularly press charges and put prosecutors in a better position to hold patients or visitors accountable when they physically abuse or attack staff, unless the perpetrators have mental illness.

Sangamon County State's Attorney Dan Wright said: "My office is deeply committed to the safety of all citizens of Sangamon County. It is critical to work closely with local law enforcement and our partners in the medical community to ensure violence against hospital staff is reported, investigated and prosecuted where a criminal offense can be proven beyond a reasonable doubt."

Aggressive behavior increases

The health system's stance marks a major change in practice, but Memorial Health employees reported 599 incidents of verbal or physical aggression in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. The incidents almost always involved aggression by patients and visitors against staff members.

Incident totals in fiscal 2022 exceeded the prior year's by 48%, and incidents in the fiscal year ending in September 2021 exceeded the previous year's incidents by 25%, Memorial officials said.

Some of the increase is happening because Memorial Health is encouraging employees to report, Callahan said, but he believes the numbers represent a real upsurge in violence

Reports of Springfield police being dispatched to the emergency room of Springfield Memorial, a 500-bed hospital, track with the spike Memorial is seeing, according to Assistant Springfield Police Chief Joshua Stuenkel.

Callahan said Memorial's zero-tolerance policy is designed to "keep our staff safe, so if you come to this environment and are aggressive and commit violence upon our staff, we're going to call the cops, and you're going to be arrested, and we're going to help to hopefully get you prosecuted.

"Partly, it's to send a strong message to our staff that 'We've got your back."

Other actions Memorial is taking include communicating more with police who bring potentially violent patients to the ER, expanding staff training on de-escalation techniques, instituting debriefing sessions after violent episodes, and making unarmed security officers – as well as gun-carrying off-duty police officers hired by Memorial – more visible in public and patient-care areas.

Memorial officials also have made sure

equipment, as well as cabinets and drawers containing materials that could be used as weapons, have been removed or locked.

Memorial Health began the initiatives after having security assessments conducted systemwide by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Callahan said. The actions make sense from a patient care standpoint, he said, adding that the initiatives will help Memorial Health, the parent organization of Springfield Memorial, attract and retain staff.

Callahan and other Memorial leaders believe the overall stress heaped on society by the pandemic, combined with ongoing requirements to wear masks and restrict visitors, has accelerated an upward trend of workplace violence in hospitals and other health care settings.

Edgar Curtis, Memorial Health's president and chief executive officer, said: "I understand that these are unprecedented times in my nearly five decades of working in health care. The resilience in society is lower. People are not as patient. People are not as kind. We see that everywhere. I'm sure it's worse in other parts of the country, but it's noticeable here, too."

"While it may feel harsh to press charges on somebody that exercises violence – not mental illness, but violence in the ER – we have to do those things," Curtis said.

Illinois Times asked to speak with officials at HSHS St. John's and Hospital Sisters Health System about the workplace violence trend. The hospital responded with a statement that said, in part: "Patient and colleague safety is our top priority. HSHS St. John's Hospital has promptly responded to the changing health care landscape, giving our colleagues the tools, education and resources needed to de-escalate violence before it occurs and the resources and support needed to manage aggressive behavior, as well as the support to press charges. ... HSHS St. John's Hospital is a safe, healing environment for patients and colleagues, and aggression is not tolerated."

Across Illinois and the rest of the country, health care professionals and hospital staff "are experiencing an alarming increase in instances of verbal and physical abuse from hospital visitors and patients," said Paris Ervin, spokesperson for the Illinois Health and Hospital Association.

"As part of an effort to address workplace violence and protect workers, IHA member hospitals have updated internal safety policies, provided education on how to report incidents of violence, hired additional security, partnered with local law enforcement and trained staff on deescalation techniques," Ervin said.

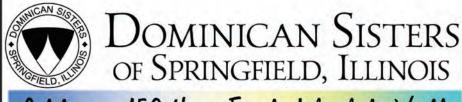
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ER doctors feeling the trend

A 2022 poll indicated more than eight in 10 emergency medicine doctors believe the rate of violence in EDs has increased, with 45% saying it has greatly increased over the past five years, according to the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Fifty-five percent of doctors responding to the poll said they have been physically assaulted, compared with 47% in 2018, and 79% said they had witnessed an assault on a health care worker, compared with 71% in 2018

Dr. Christopher McDowell, chair of emergency medicine at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, serves patients in Springfield Memorial's ED and said similar increases are happening in Springfield. He has both witnessed and been on the receiving end of aggressive behavior.

The violence hasn't reached the level of stabbings or shootings that require hospitalization, officials said, recalling the 2006 throat-slashing of a cardiologist on a fourth-floor intensive-care unit at HSHS St. John's Hospital by a significant other of a patient. The doctor survived; the woman charged, who used a box-cutter or similar cutting instrument, was convicted in 2007 and sentenced to 15 years in prison for armed violence.

Since then, cases of pushing, shoving and hitting, and threats of the same, are on the rise, Callahan said.

The move toward more arrests and criminal prosecutions for bad behavior is "critically important to the staff," McDowell said. "When they see that that's being enforced, it provides them an added measure of comfort that they have a safe environment to do their job."

Susan, the former nurse's aide, is in her 20s. She said she was ecstatic to hear Memorial officials are taking steps to both reduce workplace violence and boost morale since she resigned.

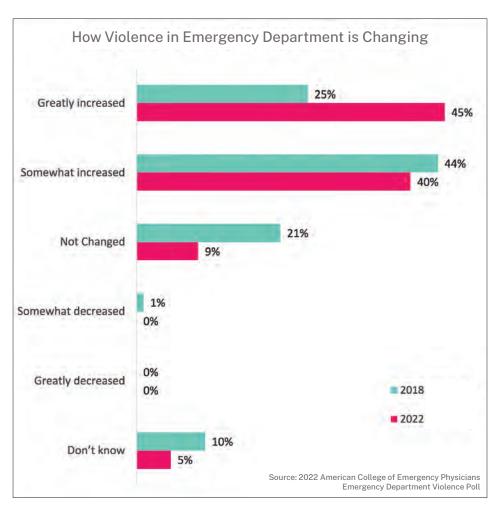
It was frustrating and demeaning to staff members when people committing violence weren't prosecuted, she said.

"You'd have patients being belligerent and threatening you on a daily basis," Susan said.

Some patients were being evaluated for psychiatric issues and didn't want to be there, she said. But the threats didn't just come from patients and visitors with mental health concerns. Some were upset about wait times in the ER. Some didn't like the visitor restrictions.

Callahan said the risks of aggressive behavior are higher in hospitals anyway because some patients have dementia or other mental illnesses, are intoxicated or high, or withdrawing from substance use. "We also may have to give them bad news when they are here," he said.

Callahan said Memorial officials understand when patients who have an underlying mental health issue become aggressive. But he said the pandemic appears to have brought overall agitation



Eighty-five percent of emergency physicians believe the rate of violence experienced in hospital emergency departments has increased over the past five years, with 45% indicating it has greatly increased, according to a 2022 poll by the American College of Emergency Physicians. This represents a significant departure from the findings in 2018, with nearly twice as many physicians reporting that violence in the emergency department has greatly increased.

to another level, leading people to "choose to act out violently to get something that they want."

At Memorial Health, most of officials' concerns center on the emergency room, but they have seen tempers flare in lobby areas.

"People don't like being constrained," Callahan said. "They tell us, 'You can't make me wear a mask,' or 'That's a sham' or 'You can't limit the number of visitors."

Hospitals increasingly are seeing people brought to ERs who have criminal or mental health issues when jails and treatment centers are full, he said.

"I think the pandemic just put a weight on a lot of different parts of society, and I think we're seeing that manifest in a lot of different ways, and the increased violence is one of those ways," Callahan said.

Memorial's "critical incident stress debriefing" is an important element of the local response, Callahan said. After a violent episode, staff members involved take a "time out" to discuss whether they feel safe, need mental health support services and feel well enough to return to their shifts. They and their managers also look at what

can be learned from what happened to prevent future occurrences.

The reaction from employees to all of the steps has been positive, Callahan said.

"I would hope that their level of comfort that leadership and the organization is working on their behalf to make them safe, would increase," he said.

Staffing concerns and financial woes

But workplace violence is only one of the issues affecting staffing levels. Ervin, the IHA spokesperson, said hospital employment across the country is down by more than 100,000 compared with pre-pandemic levels, and hospitals are reporting labor costs have gone up by 20%. "These rising costs, in addition to the inflationary cost increases for medical supplies, are putting unique fiscal pressures on hospital operations," Ervin said.

After several years of workers providing care to patients during the worst times of the pandemic, Memorial Health and other institutions saw many nurses and other employees retiring early or leaving for other health care settings. Beginning in 2022,

Memorial felt the biggest impact of "less interest in working in 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week operations," Curtis said.

Memorial had to rely even more on temporary staffing agencies for nurses and other professionals, but the costs for temporary staff is several times higher than for permanent staff, and that devastated Memorial's bottom line.

Memorial Health posted a record \$107 million operating loss in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 2022, said Curtis, a former chair of the board of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association. The Springfield-based nonprofit health system operates Springfield Memorial and hospitals in Jacksonville, Taylorville, Lincoln and Decatur.

Revenues went up 5.2% in the most recent fiscal year, but expenses rose 17.3%. "That's not a typo," Curtis said.

Before the pandemic, Memorial Health would spend about \$1 million per month for temporary workers. That expense peaked in summer 2022 at about \$13 million per month.

"You can kind of take that number times 12 and figure out where our losses came from," Curtis said.

Things are getting better, though, with a reduced need for temporary staff. In the first three months of the new fiscal year – October, November and December – revenues rose 8.5% and expenses were up only 7.3%, Curtis said.

"While I'm very happy with the first-quarter results, I in no way want you to think we're out of the woods, because we're not," he said.

Memorial has put in place a "strengthen-our-future improvement plan" with 130 initiatives to either grow revenues or cut expenses in an environment with 70% of revenues based on reimbursement rates largely fixed by government payers for Medicare and Medicaid patients, he said.

Layoffs aren't being considered in the organization, which employs 9,000 people, Curtis said.

"We don't want to send any signals to the workforce that we have any thoughts of furloughs or reductions in force," he said. "However, getting in here as a new hire, unless you're in a clinical area, is very difficult."

The health system's finances are "very stable," Curtis said. But Memorial Health, a \$1.5 billiona-year organization, is facing challenges being felt throughout the U.S. health care industry.

"Two-thirds of Illinois hospitals are in the red right now," Curtis said. However, "I'm bullish about the future," he said. "We're going to navigate through this as a country, but it's going to take a few years. It's not going to take a few months."

Hospital Sisters Health System, based near Riverton and operating HSHS St. John's in Springfield and 14 other hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin, posted a \$67 million operating loss in the fiscal year that ended June 30. The nonprofit system reported an additional operating loss of \$66 million in July through September alone.

"This is not sustainable, and HSHS is taking action to strengthen our financial position," HSHS spokeswoman Catie Sheehan said.

"This fiscal year, which started July 1, 2022, is shaping up to be worse with a number of headwinds," she said, listing high inflation, a decrease in patient volume, supply delays and shortages, high labor costs and a reduction in federal and state funding.

Sheehan said HSHS is grateful that the General Assembly recently passed a bill that will provide \$460 million in relief funding to hospitals throughout the state and is hopeful Gov. JB Pritzker signs the bill into law.

"We hope to continue working with legislators to improve matters so our operations can be more sustainable," she said.

Efforts to combat nursing shortage

The nursing shortage, exacerbated by the pandemic, "is worse than it's ever been," said Marsha Prater, Memorial Health senior vice president and chief nursing officer. The system employs 2,500 to 2,800 registered nurses, 1,500 of them at Springfield Memorial, the flagship hospital.

"We have twice as many openings as we've had previously," Prater said.

And yet, the aging of the baby-boom generation – people born between 1946 and 1964 – and medical technology keeping people alive longer are swelling the demand for health care, she said.

The nursing shortage, and the related increased costs for temporary nurses, is being felt in the long-term care industry as well. The rise in labor costs was a major factor in the decision by Heritage Operations Group to close the Heritage Health-Springfield nursing home in early 2022, Heritage CEO Benjamin Hart said.

The staffing challenge is "slowly getting better," said Hart, who heads a company that employs 3,000 people at more than 50 skilled-care, assisted-living, supportive-living and independent-living sites in Illinois.

Staffing shortages during the pandemic also were cited by General Assembly lawmakers who passed a bill this month that was signed into law and delayed for two-and-a-half years the imposition of fines against nursing homes failing to comply with minimum staffing requirements.

The delay was needed, Hart said. "Right now, we're in the midst of the worst staffing challenge in the history of our industry," he said. "The industry wants to do the right thing, but you can't punish your way out of this. It's counterproductive."

Memorial Health is working to address the 90,000-person waiting list of people wanting to be admitted to nursing schools nationwide.

The work includes investments in nursing programs operated by Lincoln Land Community College, Illinois College, the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing's site at the University of Illinois Springfield, and the Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University.

A satellite site for the Mennonite nursing school is scheduled to open in August at the former home of Shop 'n Save grocery store at 200 North Grand Ave. W. in Springfield. Memorial Health is paying for the \$1.6 million in renovations at the North Grand property as party of \$6 million in total donations to the Mennonite program over the next 10 years.

The health system also is talking with elementary and secondary students in Springfield and Decatur about the benefits of a career in nursing and other specialties in health care, including respiratory care, radiology and information technology, Prater said.

"There are over 500 different occupations related to health care careers that many of them don't even realize are available, and many of them are very technologically oriented careers, which also is a very big interest of the newer generation," she said.

Elisabeth Klar, Memorial Health senior vice president and chief human resources officer, said the system is considering increasing benefits and compensation "in an effort to not only attract a skilled workforce to Memorial Health but also retain the workforce we do have."

St. John's Chief Nursing Officer Allison Paul said St. John's is expanding its paid "externships" for people working in the hospital while completing nursing school so they can go beyond traditional nurse's aide duties and have more experience working directly with RNs.

The expansion is intended to improve recruitment efforts and help newly hired RNs transition to jobs in the hospital quicker. "We want functioning nurses as soon as possible," she said.

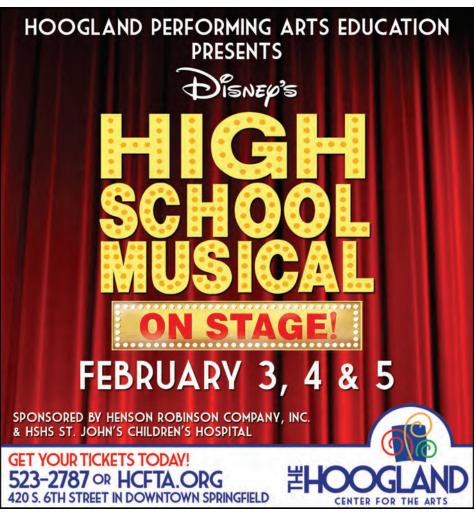
Both health systems offer tuition reimbursement for higher education, and both Springfield Memorial and St. John's are adding licensed practical nurses to help deal with the nursing shortage.

MacKenzie Moyer, 21, currently works part time as a nurse's aide at St. John's while she completes nursing school at Millikin University. She said she is looking forward to taking part in an expanded externship because it would give her more experience caring for the premature infants in the hospital's neonatal intensive-care unit.

She already has a full-time job lined up as an RN in the NICU after graduation in May.

"I always knew that as a nurse I wanted to work with kids," she said. "I babysat all through high school." □







BOOKS

Peanuts, the crop that changed history

Author from Springfield takes readers with her to Senegal and the history of slavery

BOOK REVIEW | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

Jori Lewis grew up in Springfield, graduated from Springfield High School in 1996, and is now the author of *Slaves for Peanuts – A Story of Conquest, Liberation, and a Crop that Changed History*, an historical narrative that explains the development of the peanut industry in Senegal and its impact on slavery.

Lewis went to Senegal in 2011 for a writers' fellowship. She had been writing about agriculture and the environment for such publications as *Discover Magazine*. The fellowship focused on studying food security. She quickly realized that peanuts were not only the main agricultural product of the area, but also had been the base of colonization of Senegal, the reason for the country's relationship with France and America, and an impetus for the rise of slavery.

Lewis immerses the reader into a world many may not know – the western region of Africa in the Gambia area, Sainte Louis, Sierra Leone, the Senegal River, the island of Goree and ports along the Atlantic coast where slave ships sailed in or out. Lewis covers the history of the area, its people, the slave trade and much more, spanning the time from the early 1840s through the early 1900s. We meet people from various tribes, influential leaders, French traders and many more.

There are beautifully written passages, like this on the ocean: "the relentless sun, the horizon dominated by the blue ocean, whose waves crashed on the golden shores and sparkled like shattered glass." Or a village – "whitewashed walls of houses topped with burnt orange roof tiles," and the people – "traders in majestic, flowing boubous in... brightest white and deepest indigo;...women... with twisted scarves in intricate designs around their heads...the sounds of the tam-tam."

Throughout the book, Lewis takes us from the sparkling sea and water marshes to the dry, caked earth and sand dunes, past camel caravans and peanut fields.

Lewis traces the history, beginning with the influence of France, which controlled Senegal. In 1834, Matthew Forster, a London trader with holdings in Gambia, sent a sample of peanut oil to Robert Martin, an abolitionist and author of *The History of British Columbia*, saying instead of Africa "producing human flesh for sale...another precious commodity, vegetable oils" should be produced.

In fact, oil was in need especially during the Industrial Revolution. People were bathing more often. This was a change from Elizabethan times when people wanted crusty skin to close pores from bad vapors. Bathing was almost nonexistent, as it was believed the practice would open one's pores to infection.

Oil was needed to make soap. And, in France, closely tied to Senegal, a new type of oil – one that wouldn't turn soap yellow but keep it white, was in demand. Peanut oil became the object of commerce for the French merchants who supplied France with the needed oil. Lewis explains that even though France abolished a slave trade as early as 1848, this didn't mean slavery ended. With the need for more oil, the demand for labor expanded, and thus led to more people in the area being forced into slavery. Africans owned Africans.

America, too, after the Civil War, became more reliant on peanuts. Although a "peanut eater" was often used as a slur especially against African Americans, that reputation changed with the advent of an increased interest in entertainment. Both baseball games and circuses were the perfect venues to sell peanuts. Although the southern states grew peanuts, most were used for their own consumption. Gambia in Africa became the sole exporter of peanuts. Again, the increase in the need for peanuts and peanut oil added to the need for more labor.

Lewis traces the history and development of the African area, peanut production in many parts of the world, changes and practices of the slave trade, the frequent, devastating outbreaks of yellow fever, and the hardscrabble life of so many working the peanut fields and trying to survive harsh weather and difficult situations.

Much of the narrative focuses on the life of Walter Taylor, an African-born, Frenchtrained minister, who became a popular and influential missionary in Senegal. He harbored runaway slaves and converted many native people to Christianity. We also meet Lat Joor Joob, the *damal* (leader) of Kajoor who owned slaves and fought unsuccessfully against the French when a railroad was planned through his kingdom.

Lewis, who lives most of the time in Senegal, recently visited Springfield and spoke about her book, an almost eight-year journey of research and writing. She accessed archives in France, Senegal and Boston; she learned Portuguese and some Wolof to be able to understand sources. Having taken French in high school and college helped her read some of the French documents. She has written an interesting book that presents a new view of slavery – all due to the little snack enjoyed by many. \square

Super nachos for Super Bowl

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Super Bowl Sunday is Feb. 12, just around the corner, and we have the playbook for perfect loaded nachos. Whether you're prepping for a crowd or a lazy night in, this formula makes the most out of your favorite ingredients.

The original nachos were created in the early 1940s by Ignacio Anaya, maître d'hôtel of the Victory Club in Piedras, Mexico. A group of women had walked into the club after hours in search of a drink and a snack. With no cook in the kitchen, Anaya scattered some colby cheese and pickled jalapenos on top of some fried tortilla chips and threw them in the oven. The women, Americans who'd traveled across the border for a day of shopping, loved the dish so much they asked for seconds. Anaya, whose nickname was Nacho (short for Ignacio), put the dish on the club's regular menu and it eventually became a regional specialty.

The loaded Tex-Mex-style nachos popular on modern bar menus are almost unrecognizable from Anaya's original minimalist recipe, but they're no less delicious, especially when you follow a few key techniques.

Lay the groundwork

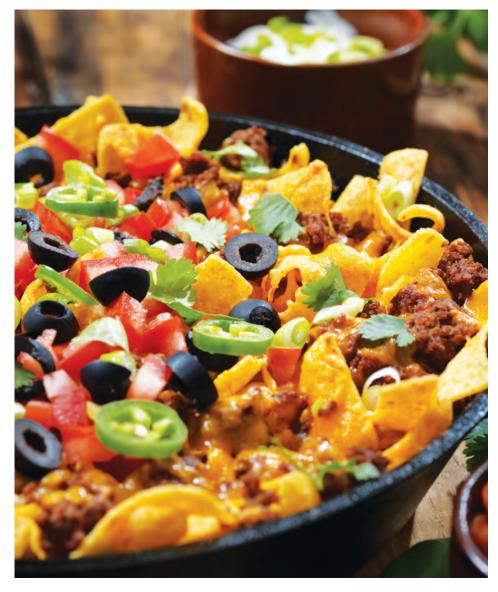
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. This temperature is hot enough to melt the cheese and heat all the layers through without burning the chips. Use a rimmed baking sheet to help keep it all together and line it with foil to make cleanup super easy. Finally, lightly coat your foil-lined baking sheet with cooking spray to help the cheesy goodness release from the pan.

Use a hearty chip

It's important to start with a sturdy chip that can stand up to layers of melty cheese, juicy tomatoes and chunky protein. Thin chips break down too easily and are likely to crumble halfway to your mouth. Look for chips that are lightly salted, to prevent the finished dish from being overly salty. My favorite are El Milagro chips, available locally at Aldi. Made in Chicago and seasoned with sea salt, these chips have the perfect combination of heft and fresh masa flavor.

Choose cheese carefully

This is not the time for fancy aged cheddar, which won't melt as well as a high-fat cheese like Monterey Jack or queso Chihuahua. Using a duo of melty jack cheese and tangy sharp cheddar yields the perfect balance of melty and



tangy. Avoid using preshredded cheeses, which are coated with cellulose and stabilizers which impairs their ability to melt.

Layer with love

If you simply pile toppings on a mound of chips, then eventually the top layer of goodness gets eaten away and all you're left with is a sad pile of naked chips. This can be avoided by arranging a single layer of chips on the greased baking sheet, then layering each of the ingredients that should be warm or melted, like beans and meat, onions, tomatoes and cheese. Layering in that order also helps hold it all together as the cheese melts. Prevent your tasty toppings from rolling off the chips by dicing

all the ingredients into small, bite-sized pieces and lightly mashing the beans. Once you've built your first layer, add another single layer of chips on top and repeat with another round of toppings before popping the whole mess in the oven for 7-10 minutes. After the nachos come out of the oven, you can add fresh, cool ingredients, like salsa, shredded cabbage, guacamole, sour cream, cilantro, radishes and jalapenos.

Play with global flavors

I love a classic Tex-Mex nacho platter, piled high with ground beef or pulled pork and cheese, but Priya Krishna's irrationally delicious recipe for 'Indianish-nachos' has become

my go-to when I'm feeling noshy. A firstgeneration Indian-American, Krishna's second cookbook Indian-ish: Recipes and Antics from a Modern American Family, is a loving tribute to her "very cool and boundary-breaking mom's 'Indian-ish' cooking." Her version, built on layers of chips, black beans, red onion and cheese is drizzled with a trio of sauces: bright green cilantro chutney, tamarind sauce and chhonk (a transformative condiment made from infusing hot oil of ghee with spices). Krishna's original recipe is available on the New York Times food page. Kimchi nachos are another delicious fusion mash-up. Layer nachos with sautéed garlic and ginger-spiked ground pork, chopped spicy kimchi and shredded cheese, then top with cilantro and scallions, spicy sriracha mayo and toasted sesame seeds. Nachos are also easy to tailor to folks with dietary restrictions. Easily made vegetarian or even vegan (dairy-free cheese is pretty good these days), they're a good choice for folks who are avoiding gluten.

Chipotle Queso Sauce

Perfect for drizzling over a platter of baked nachos or serving as is alongside chips, this creamy queso dip also freezes well.

1/4 cup butter or bacon fat

2 cloves garlic, minced ½ cup flour

8 ounces cream cheese

2 cups whole milk (or use half beer and half milk)

½ teaspoon each garlic powder, chili powder, oregano and black pepper

1 teaspoon cumin

1 tablespoon sauce from canned chipotles in adobo, to taste (add whole chipotles, finely chopped, for more heat)

8 ounces shredded Monterey Jack or pepper jack cheese

2 tablespoons chopped pickled jalapenos, optional

Melt the butter or bacon fat in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the minced garlic and cook until just fragrant, then add the flour and stir to create a smooth paste. Add the cream cheese and stir until totally melted, then add the milk/beer and spices. Stir continually until the mixture is bubbly and thick. Remove from the heat and stir in the shredded cheese, adobo sauce and pickled jalapenos, if using. Season to taste with additional salt as needed. □







Billy Galt plays Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews this Saturday night.

January wrap-up

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

By the time you read this there may be a bit (or two bits) of snow on the ground; otherwise, with the sunshine and nice temps out right now, this current January vibe feels more like March without the madness. But let's just forget the weather for now and get to the music calendar to see what's forecast for our scene.

I can't and won't pass up on announcing a show listed as "Springfield Showcase" any old time. This one happens at Whiskey Jack's on Friday starting at 9 p.m, hosted by presenter and music artist (Derek) Rios Mios (check out his music online at Spotify, SoundCloud and YouTube) and features some 12 different performers from our area's loaded hip-hop vein. As far as I can tell, the last time this happened was July of 2022 and it's a great way to get out the tunes, beats, songs, raps and the crowd for the 217 hip-hop scene. They're asking for a \$10 cover to support the artists, and your host recommends you get there early for good seating arrangements.

In more common Springfield Friday night action, top-shelf cover bands playing out include After Sunset settling in at Motorheads, Grounded coming down at Weebles and Stereo Typical sounding off at the Curve. Adjunct Policy is featured at Boone's for the Springfield Area Arts Council-sponsored Friday Night Jazz weekly series, the JackAsh duo kicks up the dust at Trailblazer Pub, Angel Brown's Smooth 'n' Blue Band jumps ship at Anchors Away and Pinch of Grace plays Dead and more at Third Base.

Saturday night, once the standard and staple of weekend entertainment activities, is not void of excitement by any means. For end of January things look good, but I can't help but dwell on days of yore when there were so many live music

shows you couldn't possibly get to them all or even want to do such a thing. But I digress, as we have plenty on hand to get to, and it's time to get to it.

I try to support the open mics and showcases, and I hope you do as well. So here's a neat thing to see as Stella Coffee and Tea brings in Rich Van Dorn to host an acoustic open mic from 10 to 12:30 and that's in the morning and into the afternoon, for sure. To plan ahead, this is held on the fourth Saturday monthly if you're thinking about brushing up those playing chops and getting out to entertain the coffee-and-teadrinking troops sometime.

As Saturday evening rolls around, I see Billy Galt popping over from his Champaign-Urbana home base to play the Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, The Tangents (Casey and Tiffany Cantrall) working it at Boone's Saloon, those stalwarts of cool old country music, White Lightnin', at the Curve and "Rustbelt Roots rock 'n roll" delivered by Tail Light Rebellion and Hamell on Trial at Buzz Bomb.

Of particular note, local hero Adam Maletich brings his award-winning and somewhat unusual, fingerstyle guitar playing (he won the 2022 Fingerstyle Collective Guitar Festival Live Competition held in Exeter, United Kingdom) to the UIS Studio Theatre for a Date Night series performance.

For an added bonus, I just found out country music superstar Marty Stuart is at the Lincoln Square Theater in Decatur with his world-renowned band, the Fabulous Superlatives, for a Saturday night concert. The historic theater is worth a visit just on its own merit. Then you're on your own for Sunday Funday stuff.

Have a blast, check the listings, and I'll see you in February. $\ \square$

LIVE MUSIC

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Live music within 40 miles of Springfield. Dates, times and locations are subject to change, so we suggest calling before attending an event.

Attention bands, bars and musicians: submit your shows and photos online at **www.illinoistimes.com** or by email **calendar@illinoistimes.com**.

Thursday

Jan 26

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

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke

La Fiesta Chatham, 6-10pm

Thursday Night Live

Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 6-9pm

Friday

Jan 27

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band Anchors Away, 8-10pm

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

Adjunct Policy

Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Al Kitchen with Nino and Trish

Brewski's Pub, 7-10pm **Stereo Typical** Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Karaoke with Jamie Lynn

Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

John Stevens and Geoff Ryan New Moon Cafe, Decatur, 6:30-8:30pm

After Sunset
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 8pm

Pinch of Grace Third Base Sports Bar, 7-10pm

JackAsh Trailblazer Pub, 7-10pm

Grounded Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

Springfield Showcase
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 9pm

Saturday

Jan 28

Curt Smith1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, Petersburg, 3-6pm



The Tangents Boone's, 6-9pm

Tail Light Rebellion & Hamell on Trial Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

White Lightnin' Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Billy Galt

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Jamie's Route 66, Southern View, 4-7pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Thomas J Beverly Oogie and JJ's Bar, Chatham, 6-9pm

Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 8pm

Acoustic open mic Stella Coffee & Tea, Fourth Saturday of every month, 10am-12:30pm

Joel Gragg Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 5-8pm

Sunday Jan 29

Joel Gragg It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Open mic Piper Glen Golf Club, 1-5pm

John Drake Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 1-4pm

Mandy Rose Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-7pm Monday Jan 30

The Good, The Bad & The Blues
The Alamo. 7pm

Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8-11pm

Tuesday Jan 31

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke The Alibi, Rochester, 8pm-12am

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

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

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

Wednesday

Feb 1

Open mic Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke Clique, 9pm-1am

Open mic with Roger and Mandy Trails End Saloon, Curran, First Wednesday of every month, 7-10pm

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm





From Susan, With Love Saturday, Feb. 11, 6-9 p.m. Arlington's Catering and Historic Venue 210 Broadway Dana-thomas.org/special-events/

FOOD AND DRINK | An evening with Susan Lawrence Dana

Meet Susan Lawrence Dana at a Valentine's dinner that recreates one event Dana hosted in 1912 at her home, now known as the Dana-Thomas House. Reservations are \$125 per person. The event at Arlington's includes dinner, dessert, music and entertainment. The event is hosted by the Dana-Thomas House Foundation. The foundation, a nonprofit organization, promotes, preserves and protects the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed house. It also promotes interest in Wright and Dana through programs, events and publications. Reservations are due by Feb. 1.

THE CALENDAR

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■ Special Music Events

Date Night - Fingerstyle Guitar
Sat., Jan. 28, 6:30-8:30pm. Singersongwriter and fingerstyle guitar
player Adam Maletich was the
winner of the UK's 2022 Fingerstyle
Collective Guitar Festival Live
Competition. His latest EP was
released in May of this year and he
will be touring in China in 2023. \$15.
UIS Studio Theatre, One University
Plaza, 217-0206-6160.

Frank Sinatra and Friends

Sat., Jan. 28, 7pm. Award-winning, world-renowned impersonator and tribute artist Robbie Howard brings his acclaimed live production "An Evening with Frank Sinatra and Friends" to the Hoogland Center for the Arts. hcfta.org. \$32. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Theater & Comedy

John Morgan

Fri., Jan. 27, 8pm and Sat., Jan. 28, 7:30pm. John Morgan, The Ragin' Cajun, returns to Springfield. \$25.50-\$27.50. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road. 217-787-2360.

Peter and the Starcatcher

Jan. 27-28, 7:30pm and Sun., Jan. 29, 2pm. From marauding pirates and jungle tyrants to unwilling comrades and unlikely heroes, Peter and the Starcatcher playfully explores the depths of greed and despair and the bonds of friendship, duty and love. hcfta.org. \$15. Children age 5 and under are free. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St.

Stand Up Made Up

Sat., Jan. 28, 8-10pm. Join Capital City Improv and local stand up comedians Richard Bailey, Kinsey Becker, Rebecca Jaffe, Al Nimpson and Tim Laffey for an evening of great entertainment. Enjoy stand-up sets and improv games, and maybe even some improvised comedy. Recommended for mature audiences only. \$15.00. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Dance

The Glass Slipper

Fri., Jan. 27, 7pm. Presented by the Dance Arts Studio and Dance Arts Youth Company. hcfta.org. \$15. Children age 5 and under are free. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Art & Architecture

Drawing studio

Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30pm. An opportunity to improve drawing skills, hand-eye coordination and analytical skills in a studio setting. Work in the medium of your choice. All skill levels are welcome. Donations are welcome. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

February Senior Crafty Creations

Wed., Feb. 1, 10:30-11:30am. Create fabric marker totes while you connect with others in a relaxed environment. All supplies will be provided. To help with the cost of supplies, please consider a donation of \$5. Free. Ball-Chatham Senior Center, Chatham, 111 W. Mulberry St., 217-483-2713.

Group Gallery show and fundraiser Through March 3. Open call for art

created from actual APL adoptable pets. Proceeds split between the artists and organizations. APL will be on hand for the day of event with pets and information. Meet your muse. Deadline is March 3, 2023. Event is March 18, 2023. Free. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Road.

"Winter Kaleidoscope" opening reception

Fri., Jan. 27, 5:30-7:30pm. Presented by the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society. Music and refreshments will be provided. The exhibit will be displayed through March 25 during normal library hours. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

■ Film & Television

Happening

Sun., Jan. 29, 1-3, 4-6pm and Tue., Jan. 31, 7-9pm. In 1963 France, Anne, a young and talented student, gets pregnant and sees her opportunities to finish her studies and excel slipping away. As her pregnancy progresses, she is forced to confront the shame and pain of an abortion, even if she must risk prison to do so. Part of the Molly Schlich International & Independent Film Series. springfieldart.org. Adults \$10, students \$5. AMC Classic Springfield

12, 3141 Mercantile Dr., 217-523-2631

■ History

Abe for All: Sensory-Free Sunday Sun., Jan. 29, 1-5pm. So that everyone can enjoy Abe, the theater and Journey lights will be turned up, the sound turned down, some special effects will be turned off and a quiet room will be provided. Be sure to get a pre-visit preparation packet that ranks areas of the museum based on their potential to overstimulate. Regular admission prices apply. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8894.

Book Chat

Mon., Jan. 30-1pm. Author and historian Jon K. Lauck will discuss his new book, "The Good Country: A History of the American Midwest," (University of Oklahoma Press, 2022). Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8894.

"Growing Up X"

Jan. 28-May 13. Gen X, the often overlooked Forgotten Generation, lies between Boomers and Millennials. Learn about the cultural touchstones that shaped this generation's youth, the last generation to have had an analog childhood. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-7386.

■ Politics

Public Policy Breakfast

Fri., Jan. 27, 8am. An update on Springfield Public School District 186 with speaker superintendent Jennifer Gill who will discuss school district issues and activities. Dominic Watson, vice president of the Citizens Club, will be the moderator. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Fundraisers and Galas

Valentine's Dinner - From Susan, With Love

Sat., Feb. 11. Meet Susan Lawrence Dana at a Valentine's dinner which recreates one she hosted in 1912. Hear the guest who sang at the party and with whom she eloped a month later, and see photos of the royal blue Valentine book Susan made. Dinner, drinks, entertainment and fun. Hosted by Dana-Thomas House Foundation. Reservations due by Feb. 1. dana-thomas.org. Arlington's, 210 Broadway, 217-788-9452.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Happiness Is Al-Anon

Wednesdays, 12pm. Meets in person and via Zoom. For in person, go through south side double glass doors. For Zoom, call for link info. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 S. Second St., 217-899-6041.

Staying Connected Al-Anon

Thursdays, 5:15pm. Zoom only. Call for link. Via Zoom, Springfield, 217-415-3489, 217-652-8131.

■ Bulletin Board

Backgammon Club

Wednesdays, 6-9pm. Live backgammon. Lessons available for beginners. First time entry is free. Harvest Market, 3001 Veterans Pkwy., 217-622-9447.

Cat adoptions

Fourth Saturday of every month, 12-3pm. Forever Home Feline Ranch will have cats available for adoption. Opportunities are also available for fostering and volunteering. Donations welcome. Ace Hardware, 1600 Wabash Ave., 217-787-5100.

Remembrance Ceremony

Fri., Jan. 27, 11am. Honor and remember friends, family and loved ones whom have passed. Bring a photo to display on the memory table. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035

Springfield Chess Club

Wednesdays, 5-7pm. 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.

■ Health & Fitness

Chair aerobics for seniors

Mondays, Wednesdays, 9-10am. Chair aerobics is suitable for everyone, with gentle exercises that develop flexibility, strength, balance, coordination and fitness. Call for more information. athenschristian. net. Free. Athens Christian Church, Athens, 1411 E. Route 29, 217-636-8463.

Let's Get Fit

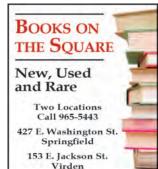
A chair-based group exercise program designed to meet the needs of older adults who are looking to incorporate more physical activity into their lives. Classes consist of aerobic, strengthening, balance and flexibility exercises. Meets in person and via Zoom. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701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





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ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/09/2022, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on February 21, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate

PIN 15-09.0-230-022

Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 17 Carl St Riverton, IL 62561 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated 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, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to

confirmation by the court. If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007. purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-SION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-01191. 13210244

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COLINTY ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,

JACK L. SKAGGS, SR., UNKNOWN OWN-AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants. No. 2022-FC-163 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure 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.

(A) The name, address and telephone

number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitigation, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL 62615: Telephone: (217) 438-5467. (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 28 W. Kenney Street, Divernon, IL (C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence. (D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: No applicable.

(E) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on March 7, 2023 in the 2nd Floor Board Chambers, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield,

(F) The terms of the sale are: Cash in hand on day of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.

(G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2021 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street - Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

ELIZABETH TAYLOR A/K/A ELIZABETH J TAYLOR A/K/A ELIZABETH J WUEST A/K/A FLIZABETH WVEST: WISE FINANCE OF SPRINGFIELD, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

30 DIEUDONNE DRIVE NEW BERLIN, IL

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDG-MENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on August 3, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 02/14/2023 in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701 at 09:00 AM sell at public auction. and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment. situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 20-19.0-376-028 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 30 Dieudonne

New Berlin, IL 62670 Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, one story single family home attached two car garage The Judgment amount was \$184,516.14. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for

Drive

"CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments

or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation

The property will NOT be open for inspec-

tion. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER). YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-SION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at http:// ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-04097IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-TION PRACTICES ACT. THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ¬SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LAURA B. PALAZZOLO; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UTILITY DE-PARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF JEROME: DOMINIC A. PALAZZOLO AKA DOMINIC PALAZZOLO; BELINDA J. PALAZZOLO FKA BELINDA ARNOLD: JENNIFER PALAZZOLO AKA JENNIFER SPONSLER AKA JEN-NIFER K. PALAZZOLO AKA JENNIFER K. SPONSLER: ELIZABETH PALAZZOLO AKA ELIZABETH MOLUMBY AKA ELIZABETH A. PALAZZOLO AKA ELIZABETH A. MOLUMBY DOMINIC PALAZZOLO AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF LAURA PALAZZOLO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS:

Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2022FC000038 Property Address: 1818 REED AVE. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 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 December 21, 2022, I Jack Campbell, Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on February 7, 2023, commencing at 9:00AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 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: 1818 REED AVE. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 P.I.N.: 22-08.0-151-004 First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$143,070.38 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 AS-SESSMENTS 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 NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,

DAVID J. GERMAN: UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant(s) CASE NO. 2022FC000121 Property Address: 3213 S. Palmer St. 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 November 9, 2022, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on March 7, 2023, commencing at 9:00AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 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: 3213 S. Palmer St. Springfield, IL 62703 P.I.N.: 22-14.0-127-015 First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$96,100.74 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 AS-SESSMENTS 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

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Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF SANGAMON TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that on the 6th Day of January, 2026 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County stating that Crystal Micheletta, Courtney Stubbs

Intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Clean Worx

and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business; and that the principal place of said business is located at:

1304 N. Patton, Springfield, IL 62707

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDI-CIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF William Michael Fuiten, Deceased 2022 PR 481 CLAIMS NOTICE Notice is given of the death of William Michael Fuiten. Letters of Administration were issued on December 29, 2022, to Kevin N. McDermott, Attorney, 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 62701, or with the representative, 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 1st day of January, 2023. Kevin N. McDermott, Attorney

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: Carol Meadows. Deceased. No. 2023-PR-4 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of Carol Meadows, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on January 5, 2023, to Earl Meadows, 2901 Biscayne Drive. Springfield, Illinois 62707, as Administrator, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield.

109 South Seventh Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

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Illinois, 62701.

III. Rea. No. 6196497

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Carol Meadows of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Earl Meadows and Joseph Meadows as the only heirs of Carol Meadows.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 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 the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published. and any claim not so 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. Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court Alan J. Jedlicka - 6291659 DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC Attorneys for Administrator One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217-544-2703 Fax: 217-544-4664

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: Joseph Ringold, Deceased. No. 2022-PR-469 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of Joseph Ringold, of Springfield, Illinois, Letters of Administration were issued on January 5, 2023, to Joseph Ringold, Jr., 2008 N. 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Administrator, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Joseph Ringold of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Joseph Ringold, Jr and Rolanda M. Acosta as the only heirs of Joseph Ringold.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so 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. Clerk of the Circuit Court Sarah Delano Pavlik — 6269250 DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC Attorneys for Administrator One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217-544-2703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY. ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: Margaret Stewart. No. 2022-PR-475 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND

Fax: 217-544-4664

sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of Margaret Stewart, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on January 12, 2023, to Kevin Stewart, 1600 East Jackson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, as Administrator, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Margaret Stewart of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Kevin Stewart. Ernest Stewart, Celia Ingram, Laura Taylor, Oscar Stewart, III, Terrie Hardy, Chelsea Allen and Alyssa Allen as the only heirs of Margaret Stewart.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published. and any claim not so 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. Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250 DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC

Attorney for Executors One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217-544-2703 Fax: 217-544-4664 sdpaylik@delanolaw.com IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: Richard L. Smothers, Deceased. No.: 2023-PR-8 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of Richard L. Smothers, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on January 12, 2023, to Linda Lauwerens, 195 South Tower Road, Dawson, Illinois, 62520, and Debra Smothers-Champley, 4001 Lincoln Trail, Taylorville, Illinois, 62568 as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Richard L. Smothers of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Gary Smothers, Faye Hay and Beverly Wiggs as the only heirs of Richard L. Smothers.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 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 the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representatives, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published. and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250 DELANO LAW OFFICES LLC Attorney for Executors One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217-544-2703 Fax: 217-544-4664 sdpaylik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Leo Locricchio, Deceased Case No. 22-PR-327 Notice is given of the death of Leo Locricchio. Letters of Office were issued on June 10, 2022 to Theresa Miller, 6847 Curran Road, Chatham, III. 62629 as Executor, 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 Executor, on or before, July 12, 2023. 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. Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS MARILYN ELAINE MCCANN, Deceased. NO. 2022-PR-489 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Marilyn Elaine McCann of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 29, 2022, to Matthew Q. McCann, 1769 Jostes Road, Rochester Illinois 62563, 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 6, 2023, 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 30th day of December, 2022. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF MARTIN J. ROGERS, SR., Deceased Case No. 2022-PR-462 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of MARTIN J. ROGERS, SR., Letters of Office were issued on January 9, 2023 to JOSEPH A. ROGERS, 2638 Schooner, New Lenox, IL, as Independent Executor whose attorney is Donald M. Craven, 1005 N. 7th Street Springfield, IL, 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse.

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Springfield, Illinois 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 of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. /s/ Donald M. Craven Donald M. Craven (#6180492) Attorney for Independent Executor Craven & Craven, P.C. 1005 North Seventh Street Springfield, IL 62702 Telephone: (217) 544-1777 Facsimile: (217) 544-0713

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF CATHERINE LOUISE TAYLOR, Deceased. No. 2023PR000026 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Catherine Louise Taylor, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on December 29, 2022. Kevin William Taylor, whose post office address is 494 Belle Isle Court, Springfield, Illinois 62711. was appointed executor of her estate on January 19, 2023. The attorneys for the executor are Hart. Southworth & Witsman. One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street Springfield Illinois 62702 or with the executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is

clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 19th day of January, 2023. Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite Springfield, Illinois 62701

later. Any claim not filed before that date

is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: BARBARA FRANKIE, Deceased CASE NO. 2023-PR-10 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of BARBARA FRANKIE, Letters of Office were issued on January 9, 2023 to THERESA FRANKIE PICKFORD, 304 Cartwright Dr., Springfield IL 62704 as Independent Executive whose attorney is Donald M. Craven, 1005 N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL, 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Sangamon County Courthouse. Springfield, Illinois 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 of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. /s/ Donald M. Craven

Donald M. Craven (#6180492) Attorney for Independent Executor Craven & Craven, P.C. 1005 North Seventh Street Springfield, IL 62702 Telephone: (217) 544-1777 Facsimile: (217) 544-0713 don@cravenlawoffice.com joe@cravenlawoffice.com maralee@cravenlawoffice.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In re the Estate of GERALD A. REYNOLDS, Deceased. Case No. 2022-PR-497 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Gerald A. Reynolds. Letters of office have been issued to Charlene M. Reynolds, 2016 N. 19th St., Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is R. Phillip Reed, Attorney at Law, 1129 S. Seventh St., Springfield, IL 62703, Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Administrator, or both, on or before July 12, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. 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 http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of URSULA S. MCKEGNEY, Deceased. IN PROBATE No. 2022-PR-498 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Ursula S. McKegney, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 4, 2023, to Anne C. Grotbo, as Independent Executor, 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 10th day of July, 2023, 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 6th day of January, 2023. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Brandon R. Clark Registration No. 6329553 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLOTTE E. LOCKHART. Deceased IN PROBATE No. 2023-PR-01 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Charlotte E. Lockhart, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 5, 2023, to Douglas A. Davis, as Independent Executor, 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 15th day of July, 2023, 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 9th day of January, 2023. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Brandon R. Clark Registration No. 6329553 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 bclark@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD E. OFFER, Deceased NO. 2023-PR-3 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of RICHARD E. OFFER, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 09, 2023, to RANDY OFFER, 12 Carlsbad Court, Springfield, IL 62712 as Administrator of the Estate, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 10th of July, 2023 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 09th day of January, 2023. Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA J. ROBINSON, Deceased No. 2023-PR-015 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of DONNA J. ROBINSON, Deceased.

217-789-1200

Letters of Office were issued on January 12, 2023, to Karen Gerlach, 9625 Wildwood Land Chatham II 62629 as the Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr Rabin & Reinhold LLP 1119 S Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before July 12, 2023, or six (6) 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 12th day of January, 2023.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2023. Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP

1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD GANSKY, DECEASED Case #2023-PR-2 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of RICHARD GANSKY. Letters of Office have been issued to ARMAND PROSPERING 4210 McGregor Lane, Springfield, IL 62711, 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 25, 2023, 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

Dated this 6th day of January, 2023. Patrick J. Sheehan 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 LULABELLE WOODRUM, DECEASED Case #2023-PR-9 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of LULABELLE WOODRUM. Letters of Office have been issued to DEBRA KAY JONES, 1454 Keim Circle, Geneva, IL 60134, 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 25. 2023, 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 9th day of January, 2023. Patrick J. Sheehan, III 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 BERNARD F. RENNIER, DECEASED Case #2023-PR-12 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of BERNARD F. RENNIER. Letters of Office have been issued to DAVID J. RENNIER, 2004 West Road Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, 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 25, 2023, 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 9th day of January, 2023. William P. Sheehan 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 WILLIAM W. BERCAW, DECEASED Case #2023-PR-25 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of WILLIAM W. BERCAW. Letters of Office have been issued to CRYSTAL R. BERCAW, 7 Marshall Court, Springfield, IL 62712, 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 August 10, 2023, 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 19th day of January, 2023.

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF:
DARLA J. WILSON, Deceased
CASE NO. 2022PR496
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of DARLA J.
WILSON, Letters of Office were issued
on January
5, 2023 to DAWN E. MILLER, 1802 N 7ths
St., Springfield, IL 62712 as Independent
Executive
whose attorney is Donald M. Craven, 1005

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

William P. Sheehan

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 544-0701

N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL, 62702.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 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 of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
/s/ Donald M. Craven (#6180492)
Attorney for Independent Executor

Donald M. Craven (#6180492) Attorney for Independent Exect Craven & Craven, P.C. 1005 North Seventh Street Springfield, IL 62702 Telephone: (217) 544-1777 Facsimile: (217) 544-0713 don@cravenlawoffice.com joe@cravenlawoffice.com maralee@cravenlawoffice.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Randy Karrick, Petitioner
And
Lori Moore, Respondent
Case No. 2022-DN-315
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Lori Moore, 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 12th day of February, 2023, a judgment

of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Kendra Dionne Cutler, Petitioner And

Eric Wesley Cutler Sr., Respondent
Case No. 2022-DC-196
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Eric Wesley Cutler Sr.,
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

12th day of February, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo

Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Mark Vaughn, Petitioner
And
Michelle Lorinitis, Respondent
Case No. 2022-0N-285

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Michelle Lorinitis, 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

19th day of February, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo

Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Terrell J. Florence, Petitioner And

Megan Grace Jennings, Respondent Case No. 2022-DC-309 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Megan Grace Jennings, 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

26th day of February, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Shayla Staggs, Petitioner
And
James Staggs, Respondent
Case No. 2022-DN-328
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Shayla Staggs,
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 26th day of February, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.

Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

ADOPTION NOTICE - STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Baby Boy Overturf, a male child. Adoption No. 2023-AD-4. To Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Baby Boy Overturf. Now, therefore, unless you Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield Illinois on or before the 27th day of February, 2023, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.
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/FAO/ gethelp.asp/s/Paul Palazzolo, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk
Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioners
1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Jeremy Michael Snyder Jr. For change of name to Elijah Snyder Case No.: 2022-MR-552 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on March 7, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jeremy Michael Snyder Jr. to Elijah Snyder, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Jan. 12, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Mark Daniel Basallote Ofreneo For change of name to Mark Roberto Basallote Leander Case No.: 2022-MR-543 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on March 7, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Mark Daniel Basallote Ofreneo to Mark Roberto Basallote Leander, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Jan. 12, 2023

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Angela Beth Antonucci
For change of name to
Angelina Raiya Tonucci
Case No.: 2022-MR-000210
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on
March 7, 2023 I will petition in said Court
praying for the change of name from
Angela Beth Antonucci to Angelina Raiya
Tonucci, pursuant to the statute in such
case made and provided.
Dated: Jan. 26, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAI CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC **PLAINTIFF** Robin Perkins: et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2022FC000079 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/09/2022, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on February 21, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place

otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN

BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 8 OF ROSE MEADOWS FIRST ADDI-TION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 3, 1990 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 90J011340 IN PLAT CABINET

TOGETHER WITH ALL EASEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES IN FAVOR OF SAID ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MIN-ING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF

RECORD. PIN 15-09.0-230-022 Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 17 Carl St

Riverton, IL 62561 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated 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, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007. purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Potential Bidders: For sale information visit www.realtyBid.com or call 877-518-

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-01191

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFF

Heather Ann Hicks as Administrator of the Estate of Patricia Ann Walty; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patty Walty a/k/a Patricia Ann Walty; United States of America - Department of Rural Housing Service; Heather Ann Hicks: Nicole Walty: Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS

No. 2022FC000247 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patty Walty a/k/a Patricia Ann Walty Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claim-

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

404 Lexington Drive Rochester, IL 62563 and which said Mortgage was made by: Patty Walty a/k/a Patricia Ann Walty the Mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2008R31120 modified with 2016R26697: and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court.

Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405 Springfield, IL 62701 on or before February 14, 2023, A DE-FAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDG-MENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300

DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531

Our File No. 14-22-09227 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK. an Illinois banking corporation, Successor Merger to Illini Bank

Plaintiff, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF

JOYCE L. RAY, Deceased, DAWN M. CARR, SEAN M. WHITLEY, SHANNON M. MCALLISTER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Case No. 2023-FC-000015 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOYCE L. RAY and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND

NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real

estate described below, Defendants in the

above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is February 28, 2023.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on January 17, 2023.

 The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; 2023-FC-000015

2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois

3. The name of the title holder of record is: Heirs at Law and Legatees of Joyce L. Ray 4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Lot 7 in Block 2 of STROTT & KIDD'S SUBDIVISION of Blocks 1 and 2 of Robert Allen's Subdivision

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1147 N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL 62702 6. The Tax Identification Number(s) for the real estate is/are as follows: 14-27.0-128-026

7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of Mortgagor: Joyce L. Ray Name of Mortgagee: Illini Bank Date of Mortgage: September 19, 2016 Date of recording: September 20, 2016 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Docu-

ment No. 2016R25859 /s/ Paul Palazzolo CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhslaw.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,

JACK L. SKAGGS, SR., UNKNOWN OWN-AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants. No. 2022-FC-163 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure

entered by the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure 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 hiahest bidder. (A) The name, address and telephone

number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitigation, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL 62615; Telephone: (217) 438-5467. (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 28 W. Kenney Street, Divernon, IL (C) The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot Four (4) in Block Seven (7) of Charles G. Brown's Subdivision. Except the coal and 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, (D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence. (E) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.

(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on March 7, 2023 in the 2nd Floor Board Chambers, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield.

(G) The terms of the sale are: Cash in hand on day of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. (H) Title will be conveved subject to real estate taxes for 2021 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street - Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF.

Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491

efairfield@bhslaw.com

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ELIZABETH TAYLOR A/K/A ELIZABETH J TAYLOR A/K/A FLIZARETH J WLIEST A/K/A ELIZABETH WVEST; WISE FINANCE OF SPRINGFIELD, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. DEFENDANTS.

NO. 19 CH 000299 30 DIEUDONNE DRIVE NEW BERLIN, IL 62670

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDG-MENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on August 3, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 02/14/2023, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Sprinafield. IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: LOT ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO (142) IN WINDROW SUBDIVISION, PLAT 2. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETO-FORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINER-ALS IF ANY SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY.

ILLINOIS

TAX NO. 20-19.0-376-028 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 30 Dieudonne

New Berlin, IL 62670 Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, one story single family home, attached two car garage The Judgment amount was \$184.516.14.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds: balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate water bills etc. and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, 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

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at http:// ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago II 60602 Tel No (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-04097IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-TION PRACTICES ACT. THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13207414

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF.

LINN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DELORES M SULLIVAN, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MARY SMITH; THEODORE BISHOP A/K/A TED BISHOP: ANTHONY BISHOP A/K/A TONY BISHOP: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HELEN HOLDER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHIRLEY BISHOP: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MELVIN BISHOP, JR.; UN-KNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF FRANK BISHOP: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOHN BISHOP; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LOREN BISHOP: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DELORES M SULLIVAN, **DEFENDANTS** NO. 22 FC 000122 2461 GRIFFITHS AVENUE

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Claimants

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Helen

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Shirley Bishop Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Melvin

Bishop, Jr. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Frank

Bishop Unknown Heirs and Legatees of John Bishop

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Loren Bishop

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Delores

M Sullivan

defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows to with LOT THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY (370) EXCEPT THE WEST 34 FEET THEREOF AND THE WEST 45 FEET OF LOT THREE HUN-DRED SEVENTY-ONE (371) OF CHARLES S. WANLESS' NORTHGATE ADDITION SIXTH PLAT, EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASE-MENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.

Commonly known as: 2461 Griffiths Avenue

Springfield, IL 62702 and which said Mortgage was made by, Delores M Sullivan Mortgagor(s), to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2018R20895: and for other relief. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before February 21, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

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

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-TION PRACTICES ACT. THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICAL CIRCUIT ¬SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOSEPH P. MCKEAN; KELSIE LYNN BRUNING
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH
PATRICK MCKEAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2022FC000068 Property Address: 2329 S. 11TH ST. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOSEPH P. MCKEAN: UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 65 OF HARVARD PARK, BEING A SUB-DIVISION SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP 15

NORTH. RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS P.I.N.: 22-03.0-378-024 Said property is commonly known as 2329 S. 11TH ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2016R04785, and for other relief: that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County on or before FEBRUARY 13, 2023, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file. you must first create an account with an

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

¬SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
AMERISAVE MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff.

vs.
BRIAN WALTON; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
LEGATEES OF LANE R. WALTON; KIMBERLY
WALTON; BRIAN WALTON AS EXECUTOR
OF THE ESTATE OF LANE R. WALTON;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS:

Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2022FC000233 Property Address: 217 Glenn Drive Chatham, IL 62629
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you,
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LANE
R. WALTON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants
in the above entitled cause, that suit has
been commenced against you and other
defendants in the Circuit Court for the
Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying
for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage
conveying the premises described as
follows, to wit:
LOT 5 OF FITE'S SUBDIVISION PLAT 1

LOT 5 OF FITE'S SUBDIVISION PLAT 1
CHATHAM, ILLINOIS, BEING PART OF THE
SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7,
TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF
THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM IN THE
COUNTY OF SANGAMON, IN THE STATE
OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N.: 29-07.0-355-010 Said property is commonly known as 217 Glenn Drive, Chatham, IL 62629 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2021R13597, and for other relief: that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein. in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County on or before FEBRUARY 13, 2023, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint F-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 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 www.illinoiscourts.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF CHRISTINE M SEITZ. DECEASED. UN-KNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE M SEITZ, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIM-ANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF CHRISTINE M SEITZ, DECEASED, GEORGE LANCASTER AND STATEWIDE INDEPEN-DENT LIVING COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS, Defendants. CASE NO. 22-FC-257 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 700 S. NEW STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU. Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Christine M Seitz, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Christine M Seitz, deceased and Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Christine M Seitz, deceased, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 700 S. New Street, Springfield, IL 62704, more particularly described as: i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

brought is identified above. iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs and Devisees of Christine M. Seitz, deceased

iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

The South 40 feet of the North 220 feet of Lot 30 of the ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION of the Northeast Quarter of Section 33 and part of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index Number: 14-33.0-255-001 aka 14-33-255-001

v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows: 700 S. New Street, Springfield, IL 62704 vi. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of the Mortgagors: Christine M. Seitz

Names of the Mortgagee: Town and Country Mortgage Services Inc Date of the Mortgage: August 4, 2006 Date of the recording: August 10, 2006 County where recorded: Sangamon County

Recording document identification: Document No. 2006R30729
UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701-1629 on or before February 27, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.
CLERK OF THE COURT
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT,

AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL
BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee
For Structured Asset Securities Corporation
Pass Through Certificates, Series 2007BC2,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
No. 2022-FC-221
Robert Grogan, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF
PATRICK D. GROGAN:

Notice is given of the death of Patrick D.

Grogan. The Court has appointed Dan E.

Way as Special Representative for Patrick

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

D. Grogan, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 11854 Catholic Cemetery Rd., Glenarm, IL 62536. The address of the Special Representative is Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S, Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. 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 e-file.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 www illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. /s/ Dan E. Way Special Representative for Patrick D. Grogan, deceased Dan E. Way, #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Tel. 217-525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

-SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff.

Fax. 217-525-7012

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LAURA B. PALAZZOLO; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: UTILITY DE-PARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF JEROME. DOMINIC A. PALAZZOLO AKA DOMINIC PALAZZOLO; BELINDA J. PALAZZOLO FKA BELINDA ARNOLD: JENNIFER PALAZZOLO AKA JENNIFER SPONSLER AKA JEN-NIFER K. PALAZZOLO AKA JENNIFER K. SPONSLER: ELIZABETH PALAZZOLO AKA ELIZABETH MOLUMBY AKA ELIZABETH A. PALAZZOLO AKA ELIZABETH A. MOLUMBY: DOMINIC PALAZZOLO AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF LAURA PALA770LO: LINKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS: Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2022FC000038

Property Address: 1818 REED AVE. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 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 December 21, 2022, I Jack Campbell. Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on February 7, 2023, commencing at 9:00AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 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 WEST 50 FEET OF LOT 19 OF LELAND ADDITION. 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: 1818 REED AVE., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 P.I.N.: 22-08.0-151-004 First Lien Position; Single Family Residence: Judgment Amount \$143,070,38 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 AS-

SESSMENTS 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 ILL INDIS 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 8051-929305

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff, vs. 2012 FORD FUSION

VIN# 3FAHP0HA6CR213461 The Estate of Christopher Overall No. 22-MX-000759 22-AF-050 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Daniel K. Wright, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on May 31st, 2022. 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 FORFEI-TURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFFITURE LAW /s/Paul Palazzolo Clerk of Court (SEAL) J.W. Pierceall Assistant State's Attorney

Assistant State's Attorney 200 S. 9th Street, Room 402 Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 753-6690 Sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.1 WHEREAS, The Village of Illiopolis Board of Trustees (the "Village") has determined that it is necessary to sell certain surplus real estate pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11 -76-4.1: and WHEREAS, the Village has established the terms of said sale. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Illiopolis, Illiopolis, Illinois, AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1: The Mayor and his authorized Village representatives are directed to sell the real estate identified as: Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7 Township 16 North, Range 1 West of the 3rd P.M., described as follows: Beginning at a point 30 feet East and 268 50 feet South of the Northwest Corner of said Quarter Section and running thence East

184 feet, thence South 197.50 feet to the North Right of Way line of Matilda Street, thence West along the said along the said North Right of Way line of Matilda Street, 184.00 feet, to the East Right of Way line of a public road, thence North along the said East Right of Way line of said public road, 197.60 feet, to the point of beginning, Sangamon County, Illinois, Together with an Easement for purposes of roof over-hang of building now located in the Northeast Corner of the above described premises, said Easement extending 9 inch wide to the East, along the North 61 feet of the East Boundary of the above described premises; together with an Easement for purposes of repair, painting re-construction and other general maintenances of the North and East elevation, walls, and foundation of the building now located in the Northeast Corner of the above described premises, said Easement extending 5 feet wide to the North, along the East 105 feet of the North Boundary, and extending 5 feet wide to the East, along the North 65 feet of the East Boundary, of the above described premises: Together with the industrial fence now located upon and extending along a part of the East Boundary of the above described premises. Commonly known as 500 Block of West Matilda Street, Illiopolis IL 62558 Property Tax ID Number. 18-07.0-301-004 The total acreage of the real estate is approximately 0.83 acres, has 2 buildings and the real estate is presently zoned B-1 (Neighborhood Business District). SECTION 2 -TERMS OF SALE: The sale shall include the following terms and conditions: I The asking price is One-Hundred Twen-

- ty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00)

 2. Offers to Purchase shall be submitted in writing to the Village Clerk of the Village of Illiopolis at 302 5th Street, Illiopolis, Illinois. Offers shall be accepted for Forty-Five (45) days after the date of publication of this Resolution in the newspaper.

 3. The real estate is being sold AS-IS, with no warranties expressed or implied. Environmental and engineering studies and the appraisal are available upon request.

 4. The offer to purchase shall not be contingent on financing or any other contingencies.
- 5. Buyer to receive possession at closing.
 6. Seller shall provide title insurance for the purchase price from Prairie Land Title Company, subject to the permitted exceptions and the Title Company's usual and customary exceptions.
- 7. The closing to occur within Forty-Five (45) days of the execution of the Contract to Sell Real Estate by the Village's Board of Trustees.
- 8. Twenty percent (20%) of the sales price (earnest money) is due at execution of Contract to be held by Title Company as Escrowee.
- Closing to be subject to the customary prorations for the sale of commercial real estate in Sangamon County, Illinois.
 10. Real Estate Taxes to be prorated through date of closing.

through date of closing. ADOPTED BY THE Board of Trustees of the Village of Illiopolis, Illiopolis, Illinois at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of January, 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Village of Illiopolis Board of Trustees of the Village of Illiopolis, Illinois, and filed in the office of the Village Clerk of Illiopolis, Illinois on the 16th day of January, 2023.

Mayor Attested to: /s/ Lori Correa Village Clerk

Note: An open house of the property is planned Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,

DAVID J. GERMAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS

AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant(s) CASE NO. 2022FC000121 Property Address: 3213 S. Palmer St. Springfield, IL 62703 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Public notice is hereby given that in pursu-

ance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on November 9, 2022, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on March 7, 2023, commencing at 9:00AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 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 56 OF SOUTHLAWN. 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 MINER-ALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 3213 S. Palmer St. , Springfield, IL 62703 P.I.N.: 22-14.0-127-015 First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$96,100.74 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 AS-SESSMENTS 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 col-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS LONGVIEW COMMUNITY BANK, successor to The Farmers Bank of Mt. Pulaski.

TODD S. PULLIAM, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants No.: 2022-FC-53 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE Notice is given to defendants TODD S. PULLIAM, UNKNOWN OWNERS and

NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is FEBRUARY 27, 2023. The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on October 14, 2022, and is now pending.

(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above. (iii) The name of the title holder of record

Todd S. Pulliam.

(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

The South 75 feet of Lot 97 in Wanless Springfield Heights Addition. Except all coal and minerals together with

the right to mine and remove same. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax Identification Number: 14-23.0-479-034

(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 2377 East Converse Avenue, Springfield,

(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: (A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage, as

(B) Date of mortgage: Mortgage: September 18, 2019; Modification: April 10, 2021. (C) Name of mortgagor: Todd S. Pulliam. (D) Name of mortgagee: Longview Community Bank, successor to The Farmers Bank of Mt. Pulaski.

(E) Date and place of recording: Mortgage: September 25, 2019; Modification: June 1, 2021, all in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois.

(F) Identification of recording: Mortgage: Document No. 2019R20490; Modification: Document No. 2021R14689.

LONGVIEW COMMUNITY BANK, successor to The Farmers Bank of Mt. Pulaski. Plaintiff

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6225930) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 trigby@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com 8051-929715

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- 1. Word that could follow the last word of each starred answer
- 6. Greek letter
- 11. Collector's goal 14. From the East
- 15. Without (quietly)
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- hear that," in modern lingo
- 17. Stallone title role 18. *** Preakness
- Stakes, for one 20. Other, in Madrid
- 22. Heartthrob's fan
- 23. "Horton Hears
- 26. Locales 29. Fr. holy women
- 30. *** "Slow down!" 32. Porgy's woman
- 33. Uncover 34. Bistros
- 36. AOL, e.g. 37. Contents of
- some bags 39, 24 horas
- 40. Certain investment, for short
- 43. Twig, to a bird 45. Spooks
- 47. Snow structure 49. *** Part of a Hugo title
- 51. Window section 52. Neighbor of Turkey
- 53. Aardvark's fare 54. 2001 title role for Audrey Tautou
- 56. Flamboyance

- 58. *** An American musical variety
- show 61. "Don't get any 9. Tablelands
- funny _ 65. Dine 11. Kicks off
- 66. Kick out 67. Sonata section
- 68. Part of a car test course
- 69. Free-for-all 23. "The King 70. Golfer Sam

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- 1. Driveway material 2. Mandela's land: Abbr.
- 3. Order between "ready" and "fire"
- 4. The very end 5. Granny

- 6. "The English Patient" setting 7. Nasdaq debut: Abbr.
- 8. Neighbor of Aus.
- 10. Acted like
- 12. Hosts
- 13. Levels 19. Kentucky Derby
- prize 21. Roof support
- 24. Troubles
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- 35, Financial 38. Sore

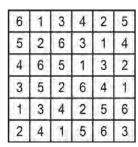
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- 43. Shampoo brand
- 44. "Ben-
- 46. Leave high and dry 47. Rich's partner
- 48. Tops 50. Nothing, in
- Napoli
- 51. Out of fashion
- 52. Wait on 55. Part of a list
- 57. Broadcasts 59. Be sick
- 60. Diamonds, slangily
- 62. Opposite WSW 63. Toothpaste tube letters
- 64. Landscaper's need

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week





Sudoku answers from #773



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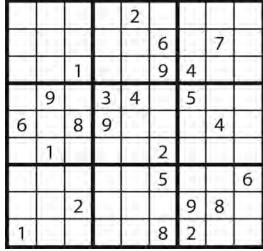
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Sudoku No. 774

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