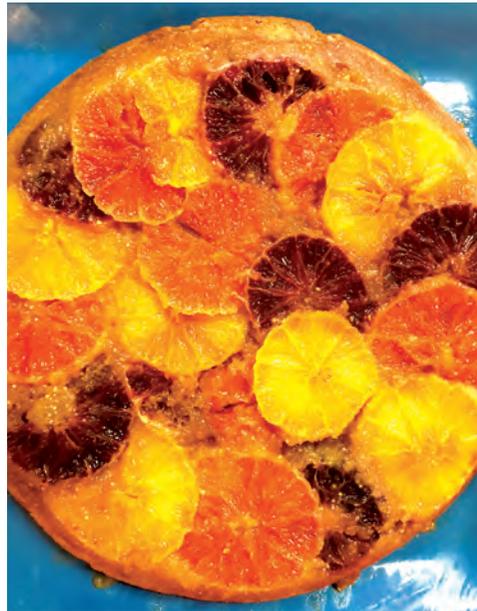




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# Mary Miller takes on Rodney Davis

Two GOP incumbents are running in the new 15th Congressional District

POLITICS | Scott Reeder

The new 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District borders three states, encompasses one-third of Illinois' counties, is overwhelmingly Republican and is the new battleground between two GOP incumbents: Rodney Davis and Mary Miller.

"Conventional wisdom says this is Rodney Davis' race to lose, but I'm not so sure. I wouldn't write Mary Miller off. She has the endorsement of Donald Trump," said Mike Lawrence, former director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and a longtime observer of Illinois politics.

Lawrence, a usually diplomatic former senior adviser to Gov. Jim Edgar, added that he does not consider Miller to be a "nice person." He said he bases this assessment on her incendiary public statements.

On Jan. 5, 2021, two days into her House term, Miller gave a prepared speech to the group Moms for America. She said, "Each generation has the responsibility to teach and train the next generation. You know, if we win a few elections, we're still going to be losing unless we win the hearts and minds of our children. This is the battle. Hitler was right on one thing: He said, 'Whoever has the youth has the future.'"

She later apologized for quoting the Nazi leader and murderer of millions. The remark was condemned by Jewish and civil rights groups.

Illinois Democrats who controlled the redistricting process placed Davis in the horseshoe-shaped 15th District that stretches across wide swaths of south-central Illinois — all or part of 35 of Illinois' 102 counties. They drew Miller's Coles County residence into a district in southern Illinois where Congressman Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, also lives.

The U.S. Constitution only requires members of Congress to be residents of the state, not necessarily the district they represent.

Taylorville resident Davis is in his 10th year

in Congress. Miller, who lives near Oakland, is finishing her first term in the U.S. House. Both identify as "conservative." But Davis fits far more into the mainstream of the party, said his campaign manager, Matt Butcher of Rochester. Recent polling shows voters breaking more toward Davis' style of conservatism, he said.

"The question has been: 'Are you part of the



PHOTO BY E. JASON WAMBSGANS

people we are in Illinois."

Representatives of Miller's campaign did not immediately respond to interview requests from *Illinois Times*. But Travis Akin, a GOP political consultant based out of Marion and a Miller supporter, came to her defense.

"Where the Republican Party right now is, where the energy is, where the momentum



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Republican Party because of Donald Trump or because of Republican principles? And the Republican principles number has been increasing over the past six months," Butcher said.

Miller is a member of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus along with others including Marjorie Taylor Greene, a Georgian known for comparing COVID mask mandates to steps the Nazis took to control the Jewish population during the Holocaust. Greene is said to have lobbied Trump to endorse Miller.

U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, is a Springfield native and had this to say of Miller: "She's a Marjorie Taylor Greene aficionado. She spoke favorably of Hitler within days of being sworn in. That's not in sync with the kind of

is, is with people who are on the conservative side. Mary speaks to those voters in a way Rodney just can't. It's more than just Donald Trump. People are tired of the Washington establishment attitude that conservatives just have got to be tolerated. They want somebody who's going to not only understand where they're coming from, but take action on it and vote the right way. ... When you go out and embrace people like (U.S. Rep. Liz) Lynne Cheney, you're sticking it to the base of the party.

Cheney, a conservative Republican from Wyoming, voted to impeach Trump. Afterwards, in a vote seen by many as a litmus test to members' fidelity to the former president, fellow Republican House members removed her from leadership.

Davis refused to participate in the vote and issued this statement afterwards, "Liz is a good friend, and I thought she did a good job as conference chair. I'd like to thank her for her leadership."

Davis voted in the House to sustain President Joe Biden's Electoral College wins in Pennsylvania and Arizona. Miller voted to overturn Biden's victories in those states.

Both Miller and Davis have been supportive

of Donald Trump's domestic agenda and neither voted for his impeachment. But on New Year's Day, the former president chose to endorse Miller's candidacy against Davis.

In a prepared statement Miller issued at the time of the January endorsement, she said, "President Donald Trump inspired me to run in 2020 because our country needs principled conservatives in Congress who always put America First. Today, President Trump is endorsing me because I am a conservative fighter who is not afraid to take on the DC swamp."

Robin Johnson, a Monmouth College political science lecturer and an expert on rural voter behavior, said, "Trump is the 800-pound gorilla in Republican primaries, and his endorsement could mean a lot. But the open question is: Will his bedrock supporters who don't normally vote, now vote in any significant numbers if he's not on the ballot?"

"I haven't seen evidence of that. That would tell me that Davis would be the favorite. Now, if Trump were to come into the district and make an appearance on her behalf, that might make some difference. We saw evidence of that when Trump came into certain areas; the numbers and turnout went up. Barring that, I think it will take on the character of a conventional race where Davis' name identification and contacts with the Republican establishment give him the edge."

Democrats who oversaw the redistricting process sought to concentrate as many Republican votes as possible into three of the state's 17 congressional districts, and the 15th Congressional District is one of them. Quincy is the largest city in the sprawling district that borders Indiana, Iowa and Missouri.

But what does this mean for those living in Sangamon County? The county is divided between two congressional districts. Most of the city of Springfield and Chatham will be in the 13th Congressional District, which leans Democratic. Most of the rest of the county is in the 15th.

The Princeton Gerrymandering Project says the 15th Congressional District will likely vote 67% Republican. This means it is unlikely voters will have a choice of viable candidates in general elections. The next representative for the district almost certainly will be determined in the June 28 primary. □

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## Editor's note

On a recent cold morning the Springfield temperature was zero, but the "feels like" temperature, we were told, was 11 below. It was sunny with no wind, so if this is what 11 below feels like, maybe it's not too bad. How do they even know? There used to be talk of a wind chill factor. It's understandable that wind can make cold more miserable, but "feels like" apparently doesn't need wind. Sometimes the storm team gets so excited over the "feels like" temperature they forget to tell us the real temperature. Have you noticed the "feels like" temperature is always colder than the thermometer temperature? Wouldn't it be refreshing if when it's really 11 below we were told it "feels like" only 5 below? To me it feels like somebody is exaggerating the misery index just to give us something more to complain about. — Fletcher Farrar, editor

## Dispute between city and Springfield Airport Authority continues

No lawsuit filed yet, but disagreement over aviation fuel sales taxes isn't resolved

**AIRPORT | Dean Olsen**

The Springfield Airport Authority hasn't followed through on its threatened lawsuit against the city of Springfield to obtain disputed sales tax revenue on the sales of aviation fuel at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport.

But lawyers for both sides have started to talk, and the SAA has filed a Freedom of Information Act request to determine how much the city has received in aviation fuel sales tax revenue since 2012 and how that money has been spent.

Mayor Jim Langfelder sent a letter Jan. 4 asking for a meeting between city officials and the airport authority board to avert a potential lawsuit authorized by the board in a Dec. 21 vote.

A Jan. 7 letter to city attorney Jim Zerkle from Don Craven, a lawyer representing the board, said such a meeting "can wait for a later date." Discussions between the lawyers "is more appropriate at this time," Craven wrote.

The Springfield Airport Authority, a local unit of government that operates the airport with an annual budget of about \$5 million – an amount that includes revenue from property taxes – contends the city owes the authority at least \$808,000 from sales taxes on aviation fuel sales between July 2004 and November 2019.

The authority backed up its claim in a legal analysis that says Federal Aviation Administration regulations require "local taxes on aviation fuel be expended for the capital or operating costs of the airport."

The analysis says the regulations began affecting the city's portion of sales tax that exceeded the tax rate in place after Dec. 30, 1987. The Illinois Department of Revenue adopted a change in how these taxes were recorded in 2017 to make it easier for taxing bodies to keep track of sales taxes that should be spent for airport purposes.

The state in 2019 ended the collection of local sales taxes on aviation fuel at Capital Airport beyond the rate authorized in 2004.

The authority said in its analysis that it first notified city officials of the city's "noncompliance with FAA airport revenue-use policies" in 2014. At that time, the city's obligation to repay the authority would have been \$584,422 in sales tax revenue, according to the authority's calculations.

City officials, however, have a different interpretation of the federal regulations and state law.

Langfelder says in his letter that lawyers for the city and authority agree the federal rule didn't become effective until a "grace period" expired in December 2017.

The authority disputes the mayor's claim.

Langfelder also said the FAA, in an Oct. 22 status report, indicated the city doesn't owe the authority



anything. The authority also disagrees with this interpretation by the mayor.

The two sides even disagree on whether the SAA has the authority to sue the city. Only the federal government can file enforcement actions based on federal regulatory requirements, the mayor said.

"The national federal regulations involved do not allow for enforcement by local governments or private citizens," Langfelder wrote.

Airport authority chairman Frank Vala, a frequent critic of the mayor, previously said he would personally file a lawsuit to recover the sales tax revenue if the SAA board declined to authorize a suit.

Langfelder did offer in his letter to spend \$48,000 in city funds, pending city council approval, from sales tax receipts to hire a consultant who would "provide a strategy to increase services and flights to the airport to benefit the citizens of Springfield and surrounding areas."

Langfelder, who appoints four of the seven airport authority board members, has been critical of airport officials in the past for not doing enough to increase the number of commercial flights in and out of the airport.

"While I believe the city is well-positioned to defend against any such lawsuit, I am concerned that the proposed legal action is wasteful of taxpayers' money," Langfelder wrote. "I would rather avoid this waste of time and resources, and instead, work together to improve public services at the airport to benefit the community."

Craven said the airport board shares the mayor's concerns about efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

"The board simply wishes to ensure the city has been following state and federal laws that require the tax it collects from sales of aviation fuel be spent for airport-related purposes," Craven said.

He said the board disagrees with Langfelder's

view on when federal law restricting the use of sales tax on aviation fuel to airport-related purposes became effective.

But, he said, "The board is hopeful that an amicable resolution to this matter is feasible."

Despite Langfelder's criticism, airport officials say they are doing their best during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has depressed business- and leisure-related travel and caused staffing challenges for airlines.

They point to \$20.7 million in infrastructure upgrades and other improvements during the pandemic, as well as plans to complete \$45 million more – 90% of it funded by the federal government – as examples of preparations to make the airport more attractive to the general public and to current and future tenants.

The \$21 million removal and decommissioning of the airport's rarely used third runway is expected to begin this spring and be completed in 2023, airport executive director Mark Hanna said. The project will pave the way for development of a commerce park at the runway's southern edge.

Because of COVID-19-related trends in the industry, the airport's two United Airlines flights per day will drop to one in late March, Hanna said.

Hanna has said commercial air traffic overall is rebounding. He said numbers were up 59% in 2021 through November compared with a similar time period in 2020.

The 75-year-old airport, at Illinois Route 4 and Route 29, covers 24,000 acres, directly accounts for 2,630 jobs and has an annual total economic impact of \$370.8 million, according to a recent Illinois Department of Transportation report. □

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"Honey," drawing by Sophia Corredato, Williamsville High School.

## Student art on display

It's well-documented that participation in the arts has a positive impact on the cognitive development and well-being of children and young people. Local organizations and volunteers are partnering with District 186 and surrounding schools to showcase the creative talents of our youth.

*Art for the Ages*, at the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum (SCIAAHM) through March, includes drawings, three-dimensional figures and paintings created by District 186 students in first through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Intended as a tribute to Martin Luther King, the museum collaborated with District 186 to showcase art by African American students and work by any student depicting the Black experience. Also included in this first-time exhibit is work by several African American teachers. The SCIAAHM framed and mounted the pieces with support from the Community Foundation's Community Grants Program.

A public reception was held on Jan. 14, at the Springfield Art Association (SAA) for *Art is Exceptional*, an exhibit of artwork by District 186 special education students. This is the fifth annual collaboration. Lynn Gilmore, Fine Arts Coordinator for District 186, said it was wonderful to see the students' faces light up when they saw their creations mounted and displayed in a professional art gallery.

The **Mid-Central Illinois Region of the Scholastic Art Awards exhibition** will hang at the SAA from Jan. 31 to Feb. 24. The juried artwork was selected from 770 submissions by high school and junior high school students from a 33-county area in central Illinois. Art by students from Glenwood, Springfield, Gillespie, Williamsville, Pleasant Plains and Washington High Schools will be included in the exhibit. –Karen Ackerman Witter



Dee Clay, owner of Clay's Popeye's BBQ, hopes to use money from the city's new cannabis grant program to make improvements to her restaurant on Springfield's east side. PHOTO BY MICHELLE OWNBEY

# New grant program for minority business owners

City's revenue from sales tax on cannabis to fund business projects on east side

**BUSINESS** | Dean Olsen

Dee Clay hopes to acquire adjacent land so she can install a drive-through window and make other improvements to her restaurant on Springfield's east side with a grant from the city's share of recreational marijuana tax revenue.

Clay, the owner of Clay's Popeye's BBQ, 1121 South Grand Ave. East, said devoting some of the revenue to help minority-owned businesses is "a great use for the money."

Clay is among numerous business owners and entrepreneurs Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory has talked with who plan to apply for the city's Business Assistance Cannabis Grant Program.

Applications opened Jan. 18, and the deadline for submitting proposals is 5 p.m. Feb. 28, with grant award announcements expected a few weeks later.

Gregory said there has been a "high level of interest" in the program among his constituents.

"I talk to at least five people a day about it," he said. "We're looking for good, sound businesses."

The program offers yearly grants for a cumulative total of \$100,000 for new and existing businesses with at least 51% minority ownership and bricks-and-mortar sites within a designated area

on the east side.

That area is bounded by the 10th Street rail corridor on the west, Dirksen Parkway on the east, Carpenter Street on the north and Ash Street on the south.

The program, which will have at least \$400,000 to give out this year, requires a 10% match by the business.

"I think that probably will be a pretty good deal," Clay said.

Added Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams Jr., "I think there's excitement out there, and we will see who applies. ... There are a lot of people with vision out there."

Grant funds must be used for specific items, such as equipment and inventory purchases, land acquisition, new construction or renovation, and labor costs with prevailing wage.

"We really want to make it as flexible as possible," said Ravi Doshi, the city's economic development officer. "It's very exciting. This is a way for us to directly meet with business owners and listen to their needs."

Home-based businesses aren't eligible under the grant program. Neither are businesses in which a

majority owner or member of the immediate family is an elected official or employee of city government.

Nonprofit organizations generally won't be eligible for the program, though there can be exceptions, Doshi said.

Grant recipients must agree to continue operating their business, and not sell it, for a 10-year period. If they don't comply with the agreement, the city could try to "claw back" the grant amount through a lien on the property, city spokeswoman Julia Frevert said.

Current plans call for grant applications and allocations once a year, though the frequency could increase if the city's marijuana-related sales increase, according to Frevert.

The launch of the grant application period comes two years after Illinois first allowed the sale and consumption of marijuana for recreational use by adults 21 and older.

The Springfield City Council has decided to devote half of the city's 3% sales tax revenue on recreational marijuana sold by three privately owned dispensaries in Springfield to help pay off city government's pension-related debt. The

council is directing the other half for economic development on the east side.

Most of the economic development dollars from marijuana revenue is funding the business grant program. The remainder is being used for a home-improvement grant program on the east side.

The city had allocated about \$99,000 for the home-improvement grants. It has awarded about \$53,000 so far. Applications for that program are closed for now, and city officials are still evaluating applications, Frevert said. That program provides up to \$25,000 in assistance, and grant recipients must match 5% of the total repair cost.

Applications for the Business Assistance Cannabis Grant Program can be completed online at [springfield.il.us/cannabis](http://springfield.il.us/cannabis). Questions about the program can be directed to the city's Office of Planning and Economic Development, which can be reached at 217-789-2377 or [oped@springfield.il.us](mailto:oped@springfield.il.us). □

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# Mayor fires director of Lincoln Library

Rochelle Hartman says no specific reason given for her termination

LIBRARY | Dean Olsen

The director of Lincoln Library, who moved to Springfield from La Crosse, Wisconsin, when she was hired two-and-a-half years ago, says she was fired by Mayor Jim Langfelder Jan. 20.

Rochelle Hartman, 59, told *Illinois Times* the following day that she was surprised and bewildered when Langfelder summoned her to City Hall and told her city officials wanted to use the beginning of a new fiscal year to “go in a different direction.”

“I asked him, ‘Are you firing me?’” Hartman said. “He said, ‘Well, things haven’t worked out like we thought they would.’” Hartman said she asked for more specifics, but the mayor didn’t provide any. She said Langfelder offered her the option to resign, but she declined.

Hartman, whose hiring for the \$85,000-a-year job was approved by the Springfield City Council in August 2019, said no one from City Hall ever evaluated her performance.

She said she never received any feedback or direction on her leadership of a public library and wing of city government with 40 staff members and an annual budget of about \$5 million. “Communication from City Hall has been thin,” she said. Langfelder initially declined comment, but on Jan. 22, a day after *Illinois Times* reported the firing, he issued a written statement.

“It was becoming evident that more quality and qualified staff were leaving the library,” the statement said. “This, along with previously documented employee issues, required change before we lost other employees. Ms. Hartman did not have plans to stay long-term, which she openly shared and was looking to move elsewhere.”

Langfelder’s spokeswoman, Julia Frevert, said the “previously documented employee issues” involved “employee and union concerns” communicated to the city’s human resources department “due to management issues that did involve Hartman.”

Asked to respond to Langfelder and Frevert’s statements, Hartman said she remained committed at the time of her firing to working at least another six or seven years and completing her career as director of Lincoln Library.

She said long-standing challenges facing the library, combined with “a lot of deeply challenging personnel issues that I handled to the best of my ability” during the COVID-19 pandemic, prompted her to wonder whether she was “the best person to lead the library and support the staff.”

As a result, Hartman said she applied in fall 2021 for two different library leadership positions in Iowa – becoming a finalist for one job there –

and one position in Minnesota. None of those job opportunities worked out, she said.

Hartman said she then recommitted herself to leading Lincoln Library through retirement, though she said she did not notify the mayor of her decision to stay for the long term.

Regarding the employee issues, she said she sought but received no direction or coaching from her boss, Langfelder, “so I just proceeded.”

Hartman said the mayor’s apparent dissatisfaction with how she handled employee issues could have been resolved if she reported to a board that had more understanding of day-to-day issues facing the library. Gene Mitchell, a staff representative for Council 31 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represents Lincoln Library workers, said he didn’t know details of the employee issue to which the mayor and Frevert referred.

“We remain committed to working with whoever represents the city of Springfield,” Mitchell said. “We work with every director in the city and the mayor.” Hartman was born in the Ford County community of Paxton, grew up in Bloomington-Normal and earned a bachelor’s degree in anthropology from Illinois State University and a master’s in library and information sciences from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

She worked 13 years as adult services manager for the La Crosse library before landing the job in Springfield. She also previously worked as a librarian at the Bloomington Public Library.

Hartman replaced William O’Hearn, who left in March 2019 after just two years as director to become director of the public library system in Eugene, Oregon. Hartman said the Springfield job appealed to her because she was missing central Illinois, where longtime friends and relatives lived, and because of the legacy of Abraham Lincoln.

“I have always loved Abe Lincoln,” she said. The COVID-19 pandemic has been hard for Lincoln Library – like many public libraries across the state and nation – as the library dealt with periodic closures and a switch to virtual programs to prevent disease transmission, she said. “It’s been challenging and frustrating,” she said.

Hartman said she struggled to adjust to the unusual model under which Lincoln Library operates – as a city government department rather than as a separate governmental unit that has its own decision-making board of directors and designated property tax revenues.

The library’s downtown location at 326 S. Seventh St., and its funding level in a city of

114,400 people, have also been a challenge, she said.

“Lincoln Library is one of the most understaffed and underfunded libraries for its size in the state,” Hartman said.

Public libraries in many midsize communities in central Illinois, including Peoria and Champaign, operate branch libraries. Lincoln Library used to



Rochelle Hartman PHOTO COURTESY ROCHELLE HARTMAN.

but doesn’t any longer.

Its west-side branch at 1251 W. Washington St. and its southeast branch at 2500 South Grand Ave. East closed in 2010. The north branch at 719 North Grand Ave. East, closed in 2005.

The library’s website says “financial considerations and the conditions of the buildings” led to the branch closures.

The downtown library’s location – a place where homeless people congregate and often sleep outside, and not close to residential neighborhoods – was a “big liability” in promoting more use of the library’s services, Hartman said.

She said she had planned to continue working with local nonprofits and community leaders on long-term strategies for addressing homelessness. And since it’s unlikely the library will be moved to another building, she said she had hoped to bring more library programs and services to city neighborhoods.

“There’s so much more we could be doing,”

she said. Hartman, who is divorced and lives with her two adult children, said she doesn’t know what she will do next. She said she enjoyed working with other city department directors, and she called the library’s staff “the gem of that place. They are the library’s best asset.”

Langfelder removed another city department head, former planning and economic development director Val Yazell, in March 2021.

Yazell, who had been director three years, told *The State Journal-Register* at the time that the mayor said he wanted to go in “a different direction.” Yazell told the *SJ-R* there had been “no conversation, no discussion” about the mayor’s dissatisfaction with her job performance before the firing. Yazell’s position hasn’t been filled.

Ward 8 Ald. Erin Conley said Hartman’s firing took her “completely by surprise.” Conley said she has received “a lot of positive feedback from constituents” about the library’s efforts to continue programs and services during the pandemic. Referring to Hartman’s statements about her firing, Conley said she would “like to know the ‘new direction’ for the library.”

“I am completely shocked,” Conley said. “I’ve gotten no negative feedback from anyone about the library director.” She said she enjoyed working with Hartman.

“The library is a really important resource in this city,” Conley said, adding that it is “unfortunate” Langfelder has fired two female department heads since Conley was elected to the city council in 2019.

“I genuinely find it interesting that women are the ones fired,” she said. Conley said she wasn’t privy to the reasons behind Yazell’s termination. The alderman said she is concerned the city is approaching one year without a director over a department through which millions of federal dollars flow annually.

“Long-term planning and economic development is a critical function of our city,” Conley said. Langfelder’s statement said: “I do not believe personnel matters should be played out publicly. And as city council members already know, they can contact me anytime with questions. ... I, along with HR, have been meeting with the remaining staff one-on-one. Once these meetings are complete, I will make the determination for next steps at Lincoln Library which will be shared with the library staff, city council and the public.” □

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### conjecture poem #1

sometimes something defines a life (besides one's being itself) my cousin, a post grad from ohio working in israel was alone in the office of antiquities all those in charge off at a meeting when a group of bedouins showed up with an arm full of scrolls they'd found in an unexplored cave my cousin had enough training and knowledge to realize these discoveries were ancient; these men needed to be welcomed with respect the scrolls subsequently intensively studied came to be known as "the dead sea scrolls" the rest of my cousin's life was dedicated to the interpretation and importance of this find you can note his name john c trever on dust jackets read his words I sometimes wonder what his life might have been were he not in the right place at the right time I also sometimes wonder what time, place I might have missed or any of us for that matter but it's of course just idly wondering

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### LOTS OF OPTIONS

Hold art festivals, music festivals, food festivals or car shows and create or renovate meeting rooms for conferences and special events ("Dreams of a year-round fairground," Jan. 13). Create a wedding/special events pavilion. Create a retreat center for youth groups with onsite lodging and camping. Create a plan for Happy Hollow. Renovate and update the carnival area at the main gate with mini-golf and go-carts and have open evenings in spring, summer and fall. Oh, and don't forget to fix the big fountain.

Thomas House

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### NO ROOM

Have none of these people looked at the schedule of year-round events already held at the fairgrounds? Where are they planning to put these new events? The Illinois, Exposition and Orr buildings, as well as the Coliseum, are already used about 75% of the weekends.

Kathy Trager

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### BUILD NEW

Demolish the old Junior Home Economics building that is condemned and put up a new,

usable space. Now, I believe the building is only used for storage and the basement is where all of the horticulture supplies are for the gorgeous flowers and plants all over the grounds. Make sure that the horticulture folks have somewhere to keep their plants over winter and prep for the fair each year, but get a space that is multifunctional – for example, a building with large meeting spaces that can be divided and bunk rooms with bathroom and shower facilities. It could be utilized by people coming to show on the grounds, staff during the fair or youth retreats.

I remember many years ago when the Junior Home Economics building was first condemned, the Illinois 4H tried to raise money to put up a steel building to use as show and event space. Now, all our general projects have a great home in the Orr Building, but the space as described above could still bring value to the fairground.

Rebecca Jo Luke

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### PROVIDING FOOD

I would like to thank *Illinois Times* for drawing attention to food insecurity in your cover story, "Where does the next meal come from?" (Dec. 16). The issue of hunger in our midst never goes away in our society even in the best of economic times. I am grateful for your efforts to highlight those organizations and individuals whose heroic efforts seek to relieve the suffering of so many people who cannot put

adequate food on the table for themselves and their families.

I would also like to point out that Catholic Charities in Illinois has been at the forefront of hunger relief efforts in central Illinois for almost 100 years. Inspired by the words of Jesus in the Gospel, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat," Catholic Charities operates food pantries year-round in Springfield and other communities, serving thousands of men, women and children annually. Over the last decade, the Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry program has operated a fleet of seven refrigerated trucks, making hundreds of trips to dozens of central Illinois rural communities in our 28-county diocese. This unique program has delivered several tons of food to hundreds of families living in the hidden world of rural poverty.

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## OPINION

# Aurora mayor enters governor's race

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Richard Irvin is a Republican. Period.

Irvin might not be enough of a Republican for the purists. And Democrats might want to weaken Irvin in the Republican primary for governor by pointing to some of the nice things he's said about Democrats (including the governor) over the years. But Richard Irvin is still a Republican.

I've covered and watched the Aurora mayor for years and it's always been obvious to me that he's a Republican.

If he was a Democrat, why would then-US Sen. Barack Obama, Sen. Dick Durbin, Sen. Tammy Duckworth and House Speaker Michael Madigan all campaign against a Black candidate over the years and instead work to elect various white, openly Democratic opponents? Those Democrats were trying to stop Irvin from gaining any kind of foothold because they all knew he was talented enough that he could eventually do something really damaging to their party, like running for governor as a Republican with plenty of cash to spend. Oops.

Maybe he's not a pure Republican for gubernatorial candidates like Sen. Darren Bailey, who took a Democratic primary ballot in 2008; or Jesse Sullivan, who appeared to back Obama in 2008; or Gary Rabine, who financially supported Ald. Ed Burke and his ward organization. But if somebody tells you for two decades that they're a Republican while fending off numerous, well-funded, high-profile Democratic attacks, I'd believe them.

And, while I'm at it, Gov. JB Pritzker needs to stop helping and enabling the far-right wing of the GOP in this state. No way would Jeanne Ives have given Gov. Bruce Rauner such a run for his money in the 2018 Republican primary had it not been for the generous intervention of the Democratic Governors Association (funded by Pritzker) on Ives' behalf.

The governor regularly bemoans the fact that Republicans here are too tied to Donald Trump and Bruce Rauner and that they don't want to come to the table and negotiate. Yet, he seems fully prepared to unsubtly support the ultra-right Republican Darren Bailey.

I get that Pritzker doesn't want to have to face someone backed by Ken Griffin, who is worth almost 10 times what Pritzker is. But if he wants to stamp out the far right, then don't fund it.

I also get that Pritzker and pretty much everyone else have good reasons to suspect that

Irvin won't be his own man. Irvin could very well turn out to be a wholly owned subsidiary of the billionaire Griffin who once said that rich people have "insufficient influence" over politics in this country. Irvin should definitely have to answer for that on a constant basis. Not to mention that almost his entire campaign team elected Bruce Rauner in the first place. Who are they bringing us now?

Irvin should also expect to get a much closer once-over than any of the other announced Republicans have received. Hardly anybody has so far taken any of the other Republican hopefuls seriously. The election would effectively end on primary day, so why even bother vetting them?

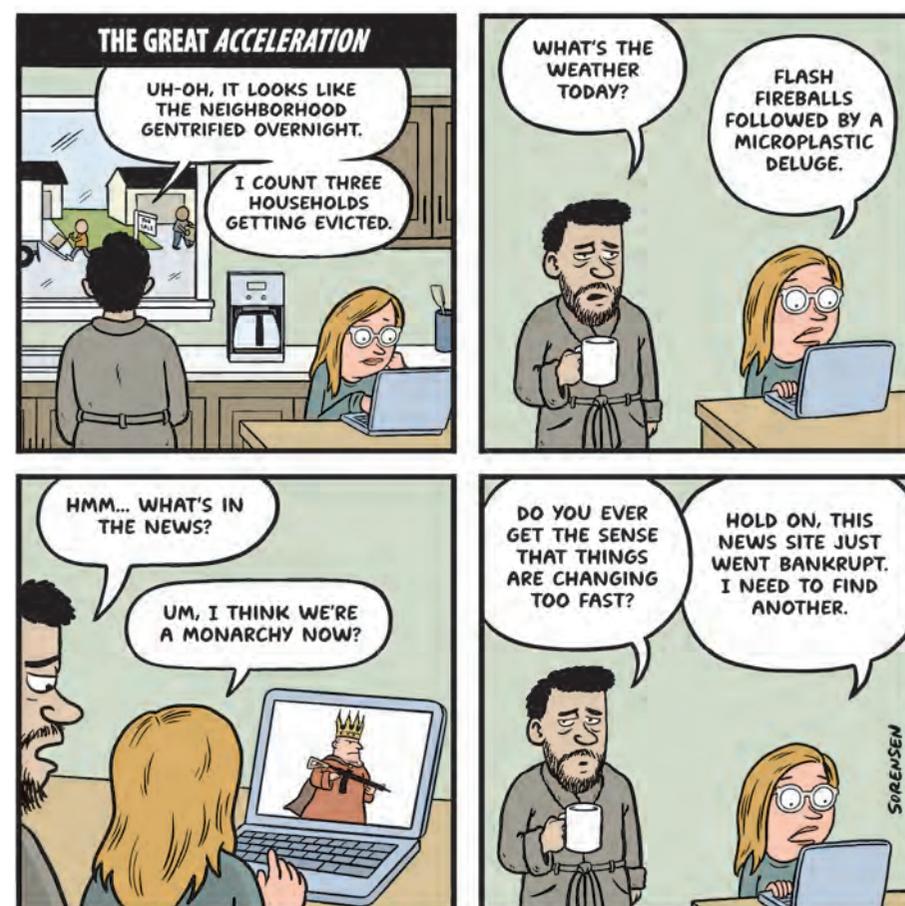
Irvin, though, is the opposite of that. He may not make it through the primary, but if he does win, he has a shot at giving Pritzker a run for his money. And so he will likely be vetted much more closely.

And how can Irvin win the primary? Griffin's money, for one. He also threw around some buzzwords in his kickoff video about children being "indoctrinated" and how "All lives matter" and crime is skyrocketing, and

the state is broke, and all those other things written by Griffin's people. Much of it seemed out of place, because that's not the Richard Irvin we've seen over the years. But every consultant's dream candidate is one who says and does whatever he's told.

Slightly more than half the Republican primary electorate lives in Downstate, but former Gov. Jim Edgar pointed out to me that if you count the exurban counties within the Chicago media market, that's most of the primary vote. Even so, it's still an uphill climb.

It's also past time for Ken Griffin to publicly account for the tens of millions of dollars he's spent on campaigns here. Whatever else you can say about the billionaire Pritzker, he (and the self-funding Rauner before him) regularly takes questions from reporters on whatever subjects they want to talk about. Griffin's money defeated a Supreme Court justice and killed a graduated income tax, and he is now reportedly trying to elect a governor and several others without once ever having the guts to submit himself to public questions. That's the opposite of democratic. □



# Letters get results

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

I mail letters to get results.

This month, I noticed a leak under my kitchen counter and called a plumber. He told me how much it would cost and asked for payment in advance. Over the next week, plumbers visited our house multiple times but the project was never quite done.

My wife and I were sick of the continual visits without resolution. So, I went to the hardware store, bought some parts and finished the project myself.

I then sent a letter to the CEO of the Collinsville-based plumbing contractor relating our experience and asking to be reimbursed for the cost of the \$23 in parts I purchased. He did me one better and mailed a \$400 check, compensating me for the inconvenience of the multiple visits and my own labor.

My dad taught me about the power of letters many years ago. When he was a young farmer in the 1960s, railroad workers would clean out boxcars near our field. Swarms of rats would leave the trains and devour rows of our crops.

Dad went to the Galesburg Public Library and looked up the name and address of the CEO for the Burlington Northern railroad. He typed a letter explaining the problem and asked for it to stop.

The crews quit cleaning out the railcars at that spot and the rats disappeared. Sometimes you just need to ask.

In July, I took my family on a trip. We arrived at the airport early but the person at the ticket counter was new and couldn't quite figure out how to check our luggage. We stood at the counter for more than an hour and eventually missed our flight. We also were charged for 15 or 20 bags when we only had five.

We ended up driving from Springfield

to O'Hare International Airport to catch an alternate flight. I wrote a letter to the CEO of United Airlines explaining the situation and was reimbursed \$3,000 for our trouble.

In 2020, our two Labrador retrievers became violently ill after eating dog food. They were vomiting blood. My wife, a veterinarian, thought they could die. They ended up spending two nights in an intensive care unit. We believe a



toxin caused by mold was in the bag of dog food.

So, I sent a letter along with the vet bills to the CEO of a giant pet food company. They responded with a check for \$3,000.

These experiences happened in a little over a year and they illustrate the power of letter writing.

Here are my rules on how to write a letter that gets results:

• Aim high. Write the letter to someone with

the power to solve your problem – and that usually isn't anyone in customer service. I start with the CEO or owner of the company and let them delegate.

• Always write a letter – not an email, text message or social media post. Send an honest-to-goodness epistle in an envelope adorned with a stamp. When it comes through the U.S. Postal Service, it is taken

more seriously and is less likely to be ignored.

• Stick to the facts and present them in a reasonable, non-emotional manner.

• Never threaten legal action. If you do, the letter will be shuffled off to the legal department where the jackals will use it to line their litter box.

• Bolster your case with supporting evidence and

attach corroborating documents such as receipts and medical records.

• Make sure the letter is typed and the grammar and spelling are excellent.

I'd also suggest that one not only write letters to help themselves but to help others. Back in 2019, I upgraded my hearing aids to ones that are compatible with my cellphone. I offered the old ones to anyone in need and ended up giving them to a woman suffering a 50% hearing loss who cleans houses for a living and cares for her elderly mother.

Unfortunately, the store where I bought them wanted to charge \$650 to reprogram them for her to use.

So, I sent a note to Bentonville, Arkansas, to one John Furner, the CEO of Sam's Club. I explained my predicament and my desire to help someone. The next morning, I received a call from his assistant informing me they would waive the \$650 fee and would provide a gift card to cover the cost of six months' worth of batteries for the woman in need.

A well-placed, persuasive letter can benefit many people.

Also, I write letters to CEOs not just to complain, but to praise when things go well. Last summer, a nurse at my doctor's office really went out of her way to help my family through a predicament. I thanked her and sent a letter to Ed Curtis, CEO of Memorial Health System.

He contacted her and praised her for her conscientious effort. For the nurse, I'm sure that letter from the boss carried more weight than anything I would have written.

Letters get results. □

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# Russian bear is on the prowl

GUESTWORK | Roy Wehrle

Seventy-seven years of relative world peace since 1945 is now at risk. After the First World War the Versailles peace compact failed. After the Second World War the U.S. succeeded with its allies in keeping the peace among major nations for three-quarters of a century.

Russia, by taking the Crimea in 2014 and invading the Donbass region of the Ukraine, broke the peace compact. No nation may use force to change international borders. Now Russia threatens to completely shatter this international understanding by again invading its neighbor, the Ukraine. President Putin states that his demands are defensive, to ensure the security of Russia. This is nonsense. Neither the West nor the Ukrainians have any desire to attack Russia. Putin's real security danger is his lack of support back home in Russia.

Based on Russia's recent actions, Putin's objectives are clear. He despairs over Russia's loss of empire and seeks to partly restore it by ensuring control over the Near-Abroad, those countries proximate to Russia. He insists on this control to ensure that none of these countries, formerly part of the Soviet Union, develop into prosperous democracies. This, in Putin's view, would set the wrong model for the Russian people. And he will use every trick to sow discord among European countries, encourage and support authoritarian countries like Poland and Hungary to help weaken the European Union, and further political dysfunction in the United States by intervening through social media.

His tactics of using Russian troops in a crackdown on peaceful demonstrations and revolts are working in Belarus and Kazakhstan. This keeps these dictators dependent on Russia. However, Putin is paying a high price. Russian threats have achieved the opposite of his objective, namely,

uniting the people along his border with contempt and fear of Russia. The Ukrainian people are of one mind in opposing Russia, even the Russian-speaking Ukrainians who formerly favored Russia. Putin has also galvanized many Europeans into fervent rejection of Russian intimidation.

President Biden has led a unified Western

both will support the sanctions. Disunity would encourage the Russian bear to prowl. So far Europe appears to be united.

If military actions commence, Russia – with thousands of troops, armor and artillery deployed – has superior strength, especially since it can simultaneously attack from many positions along



policy of imposing severe sanctions if invasion takes place. This includes Germany not opening the new Russian gas pipeline, denying Russia access to the dollar currency world and maybe partly to transactions in Euros, as well as probably blocking the dollar fortunes held by Russian oligarchs in safekeeping abroad. President Biden's foremost task now is to specify what sanctions will be imposed and make sure the U.S. and Europe agree and

the Ukraine border and now also from Belarus. The Ukrainian people are united in defense of their homeland, even many of those who speak Russian and were formerly favorable to Russia. Therefore, the only favorable outcome for Ukraine and the West of this Russian crisis is a peaceful, diplomatic solution.

The stakes are high. History tells us that in an international "balance of power" setting,

only unified resistance to an aggressive power can maintain the status quo balance. After the Napoleonic Wars, both the victors and defeated France agreed in the Paris Treaty of 1815 that they would gang up on any country that aggressively forced changes in international borders. This concord kept the peace for almost 100 years, except for the short Franco-Prussian war. In a balance of power, if an unruly nation senses weakness in the resolve of countries to act to keep the balance, it will often act as Hitler did in the late 1930s when he sensed weakness in France and England.

Today both Russia and China have decided that the United States is a declining power, beset by internal schisms and deadlock. This invites both countries to consider making mischief, throwing the existing international system into disarray. Russia is clearly testing Western resolve by its threats and cyberattacks on the Ukraine, and its prohibitions on NATO in order to place a government favorable to Russia in Kyiv. As discussions between Russia and the West revealed during the week of Jan. 18, Russian demands were designed to be rejected, thus giving Russia an excuse to invade. Likewise, China is watching in the wings at Western resolve and unity as it daily threatens Taiwan with its Hong Kong treatment.

No one can know what consequences will follow if Russia acts in a reprehensible and unprovoked invasion of the Ukraine. Also, no one – perhaps not even Putin himself – can know if Russia will strike a match to the dry tinder along the Ukrainian border. □

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Community health care workers Abigail Invancicts, left, Bobby Baker and Eva Santucci are part of the SIU School of Medicine team that reaches out with health care help to people where they live. PHOTO COURTESY SIU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

# Taking health care to the streets

Survey shows needs hospitals can't meet

**PUBLIC HEALTH** | David Blanchette

“The sad part is, I never smoked.”

Zevernett Holloway had been inhaling the equivalent of 28 cigarettes per day for the past 43 years by simply living in her Springfield home.

“I did not know about radon until I heard about it about five years ago,” Holloway said. “Then I met Nick through this program, he came out and tested. I tested very high, and he equated that to being very dangerous.”

Nick is Nicholas Benning from Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine, who is part of a team formed by SIU, Springfield’s two hospitals and the Sangamon County Health Department called the Access to Health Collaboration. Benning helps area residents to measure the level of radon gas in their homes and then remediate the gas if necessary.

“You are constantly in that gas, you are living in it, and in Ms. Holloway’s case

the level was 14 picocuries, well above the state’s action limit of four picocuries,” said Benning, who noted that a picocurie is the rate of radioactive decay of radon. “For every one picocurie the lung cancer risk equates to smoking about two cigarettes per day. So to test at 14 picocuries is equivalent to smoking 28 cigarettes each day.”

Thanks to the Access to Health Collaboration, Benning was able to get a radon remediation system installed free of charge in Holloway’s north end Springfield home.

“They installed this system that runs in the dirt part of my basement and there is a system on the outside too,” Holloway said. “I just got the results back from the new system and it is now at 0.4 picocuries, which is acceptable.”

“I like to keep passing the word on, I have another friend that just had a system put in,” Holloway said. “I think the more



(Left) Springfield resident Zevernett Holloway and SIU Medical School's Nicholas Benning examine a radon remediation system installed on Holloway's home as part of the Access to Health Collaboration between the major health care providers in the city. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE (Right) During the pandemic summer of 2020, health care workers delivered food boxes in the Enos Park neighborhood. PHOTO COURTESY SIU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## Taking health care to the streets

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this gets out by word of mouth, we are going to make our lives safer.”

Holloway's story is a small but important outcome of the Community Health Needs Assessment, an in-depth survey and resulting action plan performed every three years by HSHS St. John's Hospital, Springfield Memorial Hospital and the Sangamon County Department of Public Health. The results of the 2021 assessment were released to the public last month.

The assessment's findings continue to show that health care encompasses many facets of citizens' lives, and a holistic approach is necessary to improve citizens' overall health. That could mean radon remediation, rent assistance, transportation and a host of other services that people normally don't think of as “health care.”

The assessment partners point to significant progress in addressing Sangamon County's health care needs, but admit there's still a long way to go. And the largest hurdle seems to be that health care in all of its forms is not equally available to everyone.

### “Racial inequities woven through every one of the health care measures”

“The disparity in household income between Black and white families here is the greatest

disparity of any metro area in the whole country,” said Becky Gabany, system director of community health for Memorial Health.

Gabany said that Black households in Sangamon County have a \$26,000 median household income, whereas the average median household income in the county is \$60,000 and for white households it is \$65,000. This economic disparity was a recurring theme in all of the focus groups the health care partners conducted for the 2021 assessment.

“One person said ‘disparities in economy are disturbing but it's not shocking to us, we are living it every day,’” Gabany said. “We see racial inequities woven through every one of the health care measures we studied. So it's important for us to look internally as well as externally for what we can do to improve the situation.”

Kimberly Luz, the division director of community outreach for the HSHS Illinois Division, said the assessment partners deliberately looked at health care through an “equity lens.”

“Instead of just addressing high blood pressure or any other chronic condition, we are looking at why certain subsets of the population are impacted more by high blood pressure,” Luz said. “We are examining why some people have a better chance at early diagnosis, management, treatment and lifestyle changes for these very manageable chronic conditions.”

Gail O'Neill, county public health director, said that educational attainment is also divided along racial lines, which exacerbates the gap between the health care services that are available and the ability of certain people to learn about and access those services.

“We have plenty of health care in our community, so saying ‘access’ sounds kind of

silly when you know there is plenty of health care,” O'Neill said. “But some people haven't learned how to use the system, are underinsured, are unaware of the services available or of the risk factors for certain health conditions.”

“These things seem simple, like people with diabetes being sent home with insulin, but what if they don't have a refrigerator in which to store it?” O'Neill said. “What if they don't have the basic things to help with their situation? Using the emergency department as a health care provider is not the best way for anybody to manage their illnesses and their risk factors.”

### “Trying to put food on the table”

All of the assessment partners have long realized that health care isn't limited to patients visiting doctors or hospitals. The 2021 assessment affirmed this holistic approach to health.

“Only 20 percent of your health is determined in health care settings,” said Lingling Liu, the community health and equity, diversity and inclusion coordinator for Memorial Health. “The other 80 percent is your physical environment, your job status, education and health habits that all happen outside of the health care environment.”

For those on the lower end of the economic spectrum, health care often takes a back seat to basic daily survival needs.

“It's very hard to be focusing on healthy eating or mental health when you're trying to put food on the table,” said Memorial's Gabany. “It's very hard to prioritize cooking a certain meal if you don't have a working kitchen.”

“We have to change our thinking and recognize that health care isn't always provided within the walls of our hospitals,” Gabany said. “We really have to understand what people's

environment is at home and work, what kind of stressors are they under, what kind of resources do they have available.”

Luz, of HSHS, agreed.

“When we diagnose somebody with an issue and we put them on a treatment plan, we need to consider whether they have transportation to get the prescription we are putting them on, do they have the money or insurance to purchase that prescription,” Luz said. “They might be a single parent working three jobs to provide for their family, or their lifestyle might not allow them to take this medication on a timely basis.”

The Access to Health Collaboration, the group that got the radon remediation system installed in Zevernett Holloway's home, was formed to knock down as many of those holistic health barriers as possible. The collaboration sends community health care workers into underserved neighborhoods to assist residents with a host of health-related issues. Erica Austin is the deputy director of SIU School of Medicine's Office of Community Care and is the co-coordinator of the Access to Health Collaboration.

“Our community health care workers help our clients find primary care physicians, help them to alleviate burdens by locating different social agencies in our community who can help them with other needs they may have,” Austin said. “We help find rent assistance, help to remediate radon, perform pest control, remediate mold. Our job is to help them be independent in their health but also to help guide them to reach that.”

“Health is wealth. A lot of times people put their actual health needs on the back burner, not realizing that all of this ties together,” Austin said. “If you are in a house that has radon or



In pre-COVID November 2019, community health worker Abigail Ivancics and Springfield resident Rosie Jackson shop together at the Salvation Army food pantry. PHOTO COURTESY SIU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

mold, that's detrimental to your health. If you can't pay your rent, that undermines your mental health. Health goes far beyond just going to a doctor."



Continuum of Care coordinator Josh Sabo feels that homelessness affects many aspects of peoples' lives and hopes to "end homelessness in our community."

PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

### "If there's a need and we're not aware of it, shame on us"

The assessment partners point to continued progress that has been made toward holistic health and narrowing the disparity gap since the previous Community Health Needs Assessment three years ago.

"I think health care providers are learning

what we have known for years in the health department, trying to take the services to where people are and try to develop trust," said O'Neill, public health director. "If there's a need and we're not aware of it, shame on us, but every person's opinion and thoughts can help us go in the right direction."

Luz, from HSHS, pointed to the expanded Access to Health Collaboration through SIU School of Medicine that has helped the residents of Enos Park and Pillsbury Mills neighborhoods in Springfield. Other initiatives that were formed or expanded by the assessment partners based on the triennial health assessment include homeless services, child welfare services, mental health responder teams, human trafficking protocols, maternal and infant health initiatives, substance use and case management.

"I'd like to show people that this is what we've done over the last six years to address some of these issues," Luz said. "These are the successes that we have had, and this is the platform that we are going to move forward from. But to really move the dial on health care, it takes time."

Memorial's Liu said individual citizens can join the effort to improve health across the board.

"Really be a strong advocate within your own circle when it comes to equitable access to health care, and de-stigmatizing some of the health issues that might be taboo topics for certain populations," Liu said. "Be outspoken, educate yourself on those issues, and influence your own circle so we get to a place where where mental health, HIV-AIDS and other things are no longer stigmatized."

One of those issues that traditionally has borne a stigma is homelessness. For several

years the two local hospitals and the health department have actively participated in the Heartland Continuum of Care to address the unique health issues facing the homeless population.

The Continuum of Care began a strategic planning process last fall that coordinator Josh Sabo said has a lofty goal.

"We want to reach a consensus about how we can actively work together to get to a place where we can end homelessness in our community," Sabo said. "There are 13 communities across the country, including Rockford, Illinois, that have reached that functional zero mark and that's what we are after."

"The experience of homelessness decreases life expectancy and touches so many aspects of peoples' lives," Sabo said. "We've had agencies doing great work but they are all under-resourced. Our goal is to bring the data and best practices to the table and demonstrate that people in our community can measurably improve the care of people over the next five years."

### "There really is a distrust issue"

Despite the evidence that the Community Health Needs Assessment has caused incremental but important changes to area health care, residents remain skeptical.

"We were hearing that people really didn't want another survey," Memorial's Gabany said. "Overall, there was quite a bit of lack of trust

level, which is why all of the assessment partners have tried to identify community leaders within certain ethnic and religious populations to carry the health care message forward.

But O'Neill, director of public health, admitted that trust has to be earned, and the misinformation surrounding the pandemic hasn't helped the cause.

"People are a lot more educated and have access to a lot of information quickly, but whether it is correct information or not is one thing," O'Neill said. "Overall, the trust factor is something we really have to work on."

"COVID pulled us together and we learned a lot about how people get information, how important it is to have people answering the phones and answering questions," O'Neill said. "As a society I think we want things black and white and when things change, we are not used to that."

### The Sangamon County Community Health Needs Assessment

Since 2015, HSHS St. John's Hospital, Springfield Memorial Hospital and the Sangamon County Department of Public Health have collaborated on the Community Health Needs Assessment.

Nonprofit hospitals must complete an assessment every three years as mandated through the Affordable Care Act. Every five years, county health departments must complete the Illinois Planning for Local

"What if they **don't have** the **basic things** to help with their situation?"

*Gail O'Neill - county public health director*

and folks really expressing that they need to see action. One of the quotes was, "This is not new, so why do we only keep talking about it?"

Luz, from HSHS, said the COVID-19 pandemic "has given us a better opportunity to observe that there really is a distrust issue, but those of us in the health care profession see this constantly."

"Often people who are working in higher positions in health care don't always make that connection between community and distrust," Luz said. "So the pandemic is bringing to light what people distrust, why they distrust, and how that is different by population."

Luz said that trust begins at the grassroots

Assessment of Need as mandated by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

The HSHS St. John's version of the assessment can be found at: <https://www.hshs.org/StJohns/About-Us/Community-Health-Needs-Assessment>.

Visit 2021-CHNA-Report-Sangamon-County-SMH.pdf (memorial.health) to view the Springfield Memorial Hospital version of the assessment. □

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# Citrus for sunshine

When life gives you lemons, make dessert

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

If 2022 has you wanting to crawl back into bed and pull the covers over your head, let me invite you instead to whip up one or all of these sunny citrus desserts. Citrus is in peak season right now, so it's a perfect time to take make some lemonade out of whatever lemons life continues to hurl around. These cheerful key lime pie-inspired Sunshine Bars keep well and are perfect for gifting to an overworked friend, as is this elegant orange upside-down cake. Or indulge yourself with a cozy lemon pudding cake, an heirloom recipe that's been a family favorite for four generations.

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 ¼ cup flour  
 A pinch of salt

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly butter a two-quart baking dish. Cream together the butter and sugar. Separate the eggs. Add the egg yolks and lemon zest and juice and mix thoroughly to combine. Mix in the flour and salt, followed by the milk. In a clean bowl beat the egg whites to stiff peaks before gently folding them into the batter. Pour into the buttered baking dish and set in a pan of hot water in the preheated oven. Bake in the water bath for 45 minutes. A lovely light golden crust will form on top with a luscious layer of sauce on the bottom. Serve warm.

## Sunshine Bars

For the crust:

1 1/3 cup graham cracker crumbs (from about 10 whole graham crackers)  
 1/3 cup sugar  
 5 tablespoons butter, melted

For the filling:

1 each whole lemon and orange  
 4 whole limes  
 3 egg yolks  
 1 14oz can sweetened condensed milk

For the whipped cream:

½ cup heavy whipping cream  
 2-3 tablespoons powdered sugar  
 ½ teaspoon vanilla, optional

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter an eight-inch glass baking dish and line with parchment paper. Combine the graham cracker crumbs, sugar and butter and mix well. Press this mixture evenly into the bottom of the baking dish and transfer to a preheated oven and bake for 12 minutes, or until lightly brown. Remove from the oven and set aside. Leave the oven on.

While the crust is baking, make the filling. Wash and thoroughly dry the fruit. Zest half the orange and half the lemon and one of the limes to yield a heaping tablespoon of zest. Juice the orange, lemon and limes to yield 2/3 cup juice. Set aside.

Remove from the oven and cool completely on a rack before covering and refrigerating for at least six hours or preferably overnight.

When ready to serve, whip the cream and powdered sugar until stiff peaks form. Cut the bars into two-inch squares and top with a dollop of whipped cream.

Bars keep in the fridge for up to five days (wait to put the cream on until just before serving) and can be frozen, well wrapped, for up to two months.

## Orange Polenta Upside-Down Cake

For the caramel:

1 ½ teaspoons baking powder  
 ¼ teaspoon salt  
 2 eggs, at room temperature  
 6 tablespoons whole milk, at room temperature

Position the rack in the center of your oven and preheat to 350 degrees. First make the caramel. In an ovenproof 10-inch diameter skillet combine the sugar and water and whisk to dissolve over medium heat. Once dissolved, stop whisking and increase heat to medium high. Bring the mixture to a boil without stirring (this will cause your caramel to crystallize) and cook until the syrup is a golden amber color. Remove the skillet from the heat and whisk two tablespoons of butter into the caramel. Set aside.

Using a sharp knife, slice the oranges into 1/16-inch slices and arrange them in overlapping concentric circles on top of the caramel in the skillet. Brush the sides of the skillet with olive oil and set aside.

Whisk the flour, polenta, baking powder and salt in a bowl to blend. In another bowl beat together the butter, olive oil and sugar until light and fluffy. With clean hands, separate the eggs. Add the egg yolks one at a time to the butter mixture. At low speed add half the flour mixture, followed by the milk, and finally the last half of the flour, mixing until just incorporated.

Using a clean bowl and whisk, beat the egg whites until foamy, then, with mixer running, slowly add the sugar. Increase the speed to high and beat until stiff peaks form. Gently fold about a third of the egg whites into the batter to lighten it, then fold in the remaining egg whites in two additions. Spread the batter over the orange slices. Transfer to a preheated 350-degree oven and bake for about 45 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean when inserted into the middle of the cake.

Let cool five minutes, then run a thin knife around the edges of the skillet to loosen the cake. Place a large plate upside down on top of the skillet and, using oven mitts, quickly invert and gently rap the plate on the counter to dislodge the cake. Cool completely at room temperature. Serve with unsweetened whipped cream or Greek yogurt. □

*Ashley Meyer lives and writes in Springfield, where she is currently enjoying the ethereal aroma from the blossoms on her potted Meyer lemon tree, with hopes that this year it will finally bear fruit.*



Orange upside-down cake. PHOTO BY ASHLEY MEYER

Add the egg yolks to the bowl of a food processor (or use a mixer fitted with the whisk attachment). Process for one minute (beat on high for three minutes if using a mixer and whisk), then scrape down the sides of the bowl and add the zest. Turn on the machine and add the sweetened condensed milk in a slow stream. Process for 30 seconds, then stop and scrape down the sides once more. With the machine running, add the juice and process for a final 30 seconds.

Pour the filling over the baked crust and smooth with a spatula. Transfer to the oven and bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes, or until the filling is just set.

6 tablespoons sugar  
 3 tablespoons water  
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

For the cake:

3 whole oranges (I like to use one each of a blood or raspberry orange, cara cara orange and a regular orange.)  
 3 tablespoons butter at room temperature  
 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
 ¾ cup sugar plus one tablespoon, divided  
 ¾ cup plus one tablespoon all-purpose flour  
 3 tablespoons polenta, or coarse cornmeal

## MUSIC



The Hangovers come to play the Blue Grouch this Friday.

# Hot 'n' cool music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Here we are and here we go through the last weekend in January for 2022 and we have a bang-up bunch of stuff going on. After this week of chilling temps, do I contemplate using the “cold weather, hot music” cliché to discuss upcoming live music in our fair city? Then again, isn't music good when it's sounding cool, especially when hot licks are played? I know, it's not fair or polite to ask a question you already know the answer to, so let's just drop this line of questioning and see what's happening out there.

Thursday brings us right back to the Curve Inn hosting these continued diverse and interesting excursions into live music not generally featured on weekends. This week marks a night of what's listed as Slasher Metal, featuring three bands awash in the sounds of metal music. Now anyone in any music genre knows that within each specific style there are sub-genres and the like, but sometimes those not familiar with such an art form might be caught saying, “Hey, man, it all sounds the same to me,” and that's just not true. What I'm getting at here is, I've heard people who don't know hip-hop, bluegrass, polka or blues say it all sounds the same, while those within the genre can identify a singer or even an instrumentalist with one listen. So for those prone to saying metal music (or any style) all sounds the same, be prepared to understand that it most definitely does not. Perhaps this is a pointless point to some, but I think it's valid to identify the issue and hopefully open up some ears, eyes, minds and attitudes.

So take a moment here to look up and listen to First Jason (Chicago-based group featuring Ari Lehman, the first and original Jason in the Friday the 13th film series),

Ciraxis (self-identified as a “Progressive metal power trio” with new music out on Drift Loud Records) and Robot Army (Springfield group saying they play “music from the middle of metal land” with recorded tunes available on digital platforms and a new EP in the works for 2022). I'm waiting for you to listen and see what you think, but in the meantime, why don't you just go hear them live Thursday at the Curve, since it's almost always better that way anyway, in any way of music being made.

Here's another style of music that falls into a sub-genre, as The Hangovers, a Decatur-based group calling themselves “a psychedelic rock band” rolls into the Blue Grouch on Friday. A quick check on their Facebook page took me to their really nice, recently updated band website, which lists a gig last week at the Main Gate and a few other past places, plus this Saturday and Sunday at The Back Bar in Edwardsville, after Friday at the Grouch, all in support of their latest record, *Planet Hangover*, available on all your favorite streaming sites. That's some nice work in getting the band out and going so early in the year and, I'm assuming, with a hangover, too (or even three?).

Here's a reminder that Wayward Motel drops a new single, “Weary Hearts,” this Friday, then hits the stage with special guests The Lovelorn and Spencer Stokes at the Gin Mill on Saturday night. There is all kinds of music being played all over town this weekend and my best advice is to go to our live music listings and get to making your own list of who, what, when and where to keep it all straight and un-narrow.

Until the next time... stay cool and be warm. □



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**Thursday  
Jan 27**

**Open Mic with Sam & Kortney**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6-10pm

**Open mic with Jess Cloyd**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**Slasher Metal**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

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

**J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke**  
La Fiesta Chatham, 7-11pm

**Brandon Santini Band**  
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 7-10pm

**Friday  
Jan 28**

**Colin Helton Band**  
Anchors Away, 8-10pm

**The Hangovers**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-10pm

**it Virgil Rhodes with Jazz by Footprints**  
Boone's, 5:30pm

**J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke**  
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8pm-1am

**White Lightnin'**  
Curve Inn, 6am-10pm

**Fool House 90s Band**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 9pm

**The Red Ribbon Revue**  
George Rank's, 7:30-10:30pm

**Joel Honey**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

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

**Karaoke**  
Pier 55 Lounge, 8pm



Robot Army plays at the  
Curve Inn on Thurs., Jan. 27 at 7pm.

**Off the Wall**  
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum,  
8-11pm

**Saturday  
Jan 29**

**No Back-Up Plans**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

**Dylan Scott**  
Boondocks, 8pm

**Broken Stone**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**it Wayward Motel and The Lovelorn**  
The Gin Mill, 8pm

**RockHouse**  
Koo Koo's Nest, 8pm-12am

**Rod Grant Acoustic**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

**Last Minute Band**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

**James Armstrong**  
The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 6-9pm

**Chris Camp and his Blues Ambassadors**  
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 7:30-  
10:30pm

**Sunday  
Jan 30**

**Not Petty & California Jeff**  
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

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

**Monday  
Jan 31**

**Rich McDonough**  
The Alamo, 7pm

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

**Tuesday  
Feb 1**

**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

**Wednesday  
Feb 2**

**Open mic with Silas Tockey**  
Boone's, 6-10pm

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

## THE CALENDAR



### Edwards Place Archaeology

Thursday, Jan. 27, 6 p.m.  
Edwards Place  
700 N. Fourth Street  
217-523-2631  
Free

### HISTORY | Archaeology in Sangamon County

**it** Edwards Place is presenting a new lecture series on local archaeology. Floyd Mansberger, director of Fever River Research, will present the first lecture in the series and will discuss his work on the Edwards Place privy site. In anticipation of the construction of the new Springfield Art Association studio workshop, investigations were conducted in October 2017 to determine if any significant archaeological resources would be impacted by the proposed construction. The archaeological investigations uncovered the well-preserved remains of a brick-lined privy pit from which a large and diverse assemblage of artifacts was recovered. These artifacts contribute significantly to our understanding of the Edwards family during the pre-Civil War Years, and give us new insights into the daily lifestyle of the upper class and politically connected Springfield family. Mansberger, who holds degrees in anthropology and history, has participated in a variety of cultural resource management projects such as archaeological and architectural surveys, archaeological excavations and archival research as well as preparing structure reports for historic buildings. This event is in person and can also be viewed online on Facebook Live.

## THE CALENDAR

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### Special Music Events

#### ABBA Mania

Sun., Jan. 30, 2pm. Experience the flamboyance of the 70s and all the uplifting, dance-inducing, and sometimes heart-breaking songs from the Swedish supergroup, fully live with fantastic costumes, staging, lighting and effects. \$19-\$49. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

#### it First Tuesday Brown Bag Concert

Tue., Feb. 1, 12pm. Masterclass with Suzanne Segredo. UIS Student Union Ballroom, 2251 Richard Wright Dr., 217-206-4782.

#### Incredibly Italian

Sat., Jan. 29, 7:30pm. Performance by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

[ilsymphony.org](http://ilsymphony.org). \$21-\$63. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

### Art & Architecture

#### "Art for the Ages"

Tue.-Sat., 12-4pm through March 2022. An exhibit of work by District 186 students including drawings, paintings in tempera, oil and watercolor and three-dimensional figures. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

#### "Charismatic Fauna"

Thu., Jan. 27. Through Feb. 10. A selection of works from the last 10 years by artist and curator Doug Stapleton. A reception will be held on from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at the gallery. Masks are required in the gallery and at the reception. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6506.

#### "Home Again: A ten year retrospect"

Sat., Jan. 29, 6-9pm. One night show. Music by legendary blues musician James Armstrong. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

#### "Made to Create"

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Both having life experiences with cancer, Scott Day and David Ross reflect with gratitude to living life to the fullest by expressing themselves through photography and ceramic art. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

#### Photography exhibit

Through Jan. 30. Work by Charles Dana. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-243-9390.

### Film & Television

#### Spoor

Sun., Jan. 30, 1, 4pm and Tue., Feb. 1, 7pm. Part of the Springfield Art Association's Molly Schlich International and Independent Film Series benefiting the Michael Victor II Art Library. \$10 or \$5 for students with ID. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Drive. 217-523-2631.

### History

#### "Black Trooper"

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 12-4pm. This exhibit highlights Black and Hispanic troopers in Illinois. On loan from the

Illinois State Police. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

#### it Edwards Place Archaeology

Thu., Jan. 27, 6-7:30pm. Floyd Mansberger will present his archaeological findings at the Edwards Place privy site. Part of the Archaeology in Sangamon County lecture series. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

### Faith & Philosophy

#### Remembrance Ceremony

Fri., Jan. 28, 10:30am. Music, prayer services, remembrance readings and refreshments. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

### Fundraisers

#### Light the Way

Sat. Feb. 3, 6-9pm. Hosted by Julie Staley. Learn how Girls on the Run is empowering young girls to become strong women. Food, complimentary beer and wine, silent auction and raffle. R.S.V.P. by Feb. 2. [gotrcentralillinois.org](http://gotrcentralillinois.org). Ace Sign Co.,

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### Children's Corner

#### Simple weaving

Sat., Jan. 29, 9am-12pm. Using a small frame loom, learn basic weaving terminology and how to design patterns. Participants will take home a completed project. Event includes a free tour of Edwards Place on the day of the workshop. For children ages 7-12. Their adults may also sign up. [edwardsplace.org](http://edwardsplace.org). \$20-\$30. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

### Nature, Science & Environment

#### Herbicide training

Sat., Jan. 29, 10am. With the Friends of the Sangamon Valley. This training session is required if you wish to volunteer to use herbicides on FOSV property. Classroom session (masks required) followed by field demo. Wear closed-toe footwear, long pants, long sleeves and bring gloves. Call for reservations. Nipper Wildlife Sanctuary, Loami, 9560 Withers Road, 217-525-1410.

### Lectures & Meetings

#### Gamblers Anonymous

Wednesdays, Sundays, 6:30-8pm. Do you or a family member have a gambling problem? Gamblers Anonymous of Springfield can help. No dues or fees and the only requirement is to have a desire to stop gambling. Call 217-414-6690 for more information. Hope Presbyterian Church, 2211 Wabash Ave.

#### McBrien Lincoln-Douglas Toastmaster Club

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### Bulletin Board

#### APL pet adoptions

Sundays and Saturdays. Cats are available 12-4pm and dogs are available 12-3pm. PetSmart, 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-544-7387.

#### Biggs and Brews

Thu., Jan. 27, 5-8pm. Hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois. Meet for free food and drinks, and learn what it means to be a mentor and how easy it is to ignite the potential in our children. [bbbscil.org](http://bbbscil.org). Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Company, 619 E. Washington St., 217-494-6200.

### The Elegant Bridal Expo

Sun., Jan. 30, 12-4pm. Vendors, door prizes, inspirational tablescapes, photo booths, swag. BoS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 800-745-3000.

### Legal aid

Wed., Feb. 2, 9am-3pm. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides eligible seniors free civil legal help in the areas of power of attorney, Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, housing, eviction, etc. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

### Springfield Chess Club

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### Springfield Comic Book Convention

Sun., Jan. 30, 10am-4pm. A huge variety of new and old comic books, as well as toys and related collectibles for sale. Bring in your old comics books for the dealers. Free. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St., 309-657-1599.

### Winter Soirée

Fri., Jan. 28, 6-11pm. Music by 90s Daughter. Advance tickets \$30 or \$300 per table. Call for reservations. Hosted by Bob Freesen YMCA. 217-245-2141. Hamilton's, Jacksonville, 110 N. East St., 217-675-2720.

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### Sports

#### The Chicago Cub Shot for Love

Tue., Feb. 1, 7pm. A showgirl's crime of passion and the 1932 World Series. Join Jack Bales as he uses original photographs, newspaper articles and interviews with Popovich and Jorges family members to profile the life of the ill-fated couple and the Chicago Cubs' tumultuous 1932 season. Free. Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, 201 W. College Ave., 217-243-5435.

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### Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee of the New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-1 PLAINTIFF

Vs. Andrew James Antonacci; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2021CH000059

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 10/20/2021, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 1, 2022 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: SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 15-09.0-486-013

15-09.0-486-014

Improved with Residential

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

521 E Jefferson 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 (g)(4).

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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For 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 14-21-01861. 13185087

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Marine Bank PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Amanda L. Boone; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

No. 2020CH000053

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 01/05/2022, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 1, 2022 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 22-10.0-132-004

Improved with Residential

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

2460 S 11th St

Springfield, IL 62703

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 (g)(4).

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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For 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 14-20-01377. 13185377

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Pamela L. Smith; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

2018CH000254

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 10/19/2018, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 1, 2022 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 14-23-453-012

Improved with Single Family Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

2156 East Converse Street

Springfield, IL 62702

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 (g)(4).

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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For 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 14-18-08244. 13185086

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

HEIRS AT LAW OR LEGATEES

OF MARGARET A. PIKE,

UNKNOWN OWNERS,

and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

IN CHANCERY

Case No. 2021-CH-56

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Suzanna Scherf  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD  
3400 West Wabash Avenue

Springfield, IL 62711

(217) 529-5555

(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:

15 Windsor Road, Springfield, IL 62702

(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:

Lot Seventeen (17) of Morningside Place, Springfield, Illinois, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Sangamon County, Illinois in Book 16 of Plats, Page 22. 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. Common address or location of mortgaged premises:

15 Windsor Road, Springfield, IL 62702

Parcel Number: 14-29-105-017

(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:

Single-Family Residence

(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, in the Sangamon County Board Chambers (2nd Floor) of the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois.

(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.

(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, Plaintiff  
By: /s/ Brian D. Jones  
One of Its Attorneys  
Sorling Northrup  
Brian D. Jones, of Counsel - Reg.  
#6286510  
Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel - Reg.  
#2793369  
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One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P. O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: (217) 544-1144  
E-Mail: [bdjones@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:bdjones@sorlinglaw.com);  
[satagge@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:satagge@sorlinglaw.com)

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of December, 2021, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Kyle T. Killebrew intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: BAHA Gaming, LLC and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 2605 E North Grand Ave, Springfield, IL 62702

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In Re the Estate of: LORI JO McTAGGART, Deceased.

No.: 2022PR3  
CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Lori Jo McTaggart, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 14, 2022, to James D. McTaggart, as Independent Administrator, whose address is 419 E. Lincoln St., Edinburg, Illinois 62531, and whose attorney of record is Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration, at any time, by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Christian County Courthouse, 101 S Main St, Taylorville, Illinois 62568, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 11, 2022, 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2022. James D. McTaggart  
Independent Administrator  
Barry O. Hines - 01220918  
Attorney at Law  
1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Telephone: (217) 698-8444  
Facsimile: (217) 698-9444

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the estate of: Roger D. Cullers, Deceased  
Case No. 2022-PR-01  
Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Roger D. Cullers. Letters of Testamentary were issued to Rebecca Klatt, 4024 Oakview Drive, Springfield, Ill. 62712 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, with the Executor, on or before, July 20, 2022. 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

Estate of DUONG CUNG HONG, Deceased.

NO. 2022-PR-15  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Duong Cung Hong of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2022, to Andy Trinh, 2269 E. Eleanor Ave., Springfield, Illinois 62702, and Ben Trinh, 1208 Dani Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, 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 representatives or both, on or before July 26, 2022, 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 representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2022. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
(217) 544-4868  
matthewcate@barberlaw.com  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of PATRICIA LOUISE TRUEBLOOD, Deceased.

NO. 2022-PR-23  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Patricia Louise Trueblood of Divernon, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2022, to Monica L. Harmon, P.O. Box 362, Divernon, Illinois 62530, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, 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 26, 2022, 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 19th day of January, 2022. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
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P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
(217) 544-4868  
matthewcate@barberlaw.com  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

## SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of: JANET RUTH COLE, Deceased.

NO. 2022-PR-16  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Janet Ruth Cole of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2022, to Tonya D. Sandstrom, 108 Verona Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, 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 26, 2022, 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 19th day of January, 2022. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
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Springfield, IL 62705  
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matthewcate@barberlaw.com  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF IONA MAE HUMPHREY

DECEASED

Case No. 2021-P-719  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of IONA MAE HUMPHREY. Letters Testamentary were issued on January 6, 2022, appointing HOPE HUMPHREY-WALKER, 1821 South 15th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, as Executor, whose attorney is Creighton R. Castle of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., One West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 600 ~ Myers Building, Springfield, Illinois 62701, Phone: (217) 525-1571.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated: 01/18/2022  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sangamon County Complex  
200 S. Ninth Street  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Prepared By:  
Creighton R. Castle, ARDC No. 6215856  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAWRENCE HUELSMAN, Deceased

NO. 2021-P-722  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate

of LAWRENCE HUELSMAN, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on December 30, 2021 to Li Ye, 10 Bridge Terrace, Springfield, IL 62704-3306 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, 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 day of June, 2022 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 03rd day of January, 2022. Alex B. Rabin  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of IONA YVONNE SAPP, Deceased.

IN PROBATE  
NO. 2021-P-725

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of IONA YVONNE SAPP, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on December 30, 2021, to AARON SAPP, Executor, whose attorney is Dwight O'Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. 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 15, 2022, 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. Dated this 30th day of December, 2021.

Dwight O'Keefe, of Counsel  
Brown, Hay & Stephens  
1000 US Bank Building  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 544-8491

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of ZACHARY TAYLOR, Deceased.

IN PROBATE  
NO. 2022-PR-000013

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE -  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given of the death of ZACHARY TAYLOR. Letters of office Under Independent Administration were issued on January 13, 2022, to HANG THI DUONG, whose address is 505 Hilltop, Sherman, Illinois 62684, and whose attorney of record is Robert A Stuart Jr, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Notice is given to unknown heirs who are named in a Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered by the Court on January 13, 2022 admitting the Will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in

open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21) You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.

Notice is given that the Estate will be administered without court supervision, unless any interested person terminates independent administration 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. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701 or with the representative of the estate, or both, on or before July 23, 2022, 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 to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days of filing.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2022  
Hang Thi Duong, Independent Executor  
Robert A Stuart Jr.  
Registration No. 2761122  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
205 S. 5th Street, Suite 1000  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 544-8491

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased

NO. 22-PR-11  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 13, 2022 to Susan Wells, 617 Washington Avenue, Dunkirk, NY 14048 as Independent Administrator, 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 13th day of July, 2022 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 14th day of January, 2022. 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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY P. HEMP, deceased.

2021-P-715  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of MARY P. HEMP, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 28, 2021, to MARK R. HEMP, 213 Quarterstaff Road, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Executor of the Estate, whose attorney is Timothy M. Shay, of SHAY & ASSOCIATES, 1030 Durkin Drive, Springfield, IL 62704. Claims against the Estate may be filed

in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with a representative or both within six months from the date of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

The Estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) of the Probate Act any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Dated: December 28, 2021. MARK R. HEMP,  
Executor of the Estate, MARY P. HEMP, Deceased  
BY: /s/ Timothy M. Shay  
Timothy M. Shay  
Shay & Associates  
1030 Durkin Drive  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Phone (217) 523-5900

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT REYNOLDS, Deceased

NO. 2022-PR-000021  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Robert Reynolds, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 18, 2022, to Yvonne C. Miller, 718 S. Park Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, 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 1st day of August, 2022, 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 20th day of January, 2022. Gregory P. Sgro  
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

In the Matter of the Estate of SHELBA BURRIS, Deceased.

IN PROBATE  
NO. 2021-P-651

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of SHELBA BURRIS, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 20, 2022, to Darren Burris, Executor, whose attorney is Dwight O'Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. 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 August 1, 2022, 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.  
Dated this 20th day of January, 2022.  
Dwight O'Keefe, of Counsel  
Brown, Hay & Stephens  
1000 US Bank Building  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION ESTATE OF Yvonne Ann James, Deceased  
Case No. 2022 PR 12  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Yvonne Ann James. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2022 to JAMES J. JAMES SCOTT MAYER, whose post office address is 1900 Providence Lane, Springfield, IL 62711 as INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR, and whose attorney is David Patrick Hall, Attorney at Law, 1118 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative of the estate, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
January 27, 2022  
David Patrick Hall  
Attorney for Administrator  
1118 South Sixth Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62703  
217-544-7370  
davehall@motion.net  
Registration No. 6225105

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS – IN PROBATE  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: KAROL JEAN FRANKLIN, Deceased.  
No. 21-P-572  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of KAROL JEAN FRANKLIN, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 13, 2021, to Mark Alex, 59 Lamar Court, Spaulding, Illinois 62563, as Independent Administrator of the Estate, whose attorney is Timothy M. Shay, of SHAY & ASSOCIATES, 1030 Durkin Drive, Springfield, IL 62704. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with a representative or both within six months from the date of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.  
The Estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) of the Probate Act any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to terminate to the Clerk.  
Dated: October 15, 2021.

MARK ALEX,  
Independent Administrator of the Estate,  
Karol Jean Franklin, Deceased  
BY: /s/ Timothy M. Shay  
Timothy M. Shay  
Shay & Associates  
1030 Durkin Drive  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Phone (217) 523-5900

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of  
Monique Garrison, Petitioner  
And  
Robert Garrison Jr. , Respondent  
Case No. 2012-D-258  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Robert Garrison Jr., 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 13th day of February, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Kianna S. McGraw-Bohannon  
For change of name to  
Kianna S. McGraw  
Case No.: 21-MR-1556  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 8, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kianna S. McGraw-Bohannon to Kianna s. McGraw pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Jan. 13, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Sarah Jonelle Skeeters  
For change of name to  
Sarah Jonelle Coy  
Case No.: 21-MR-1713  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 8, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Sarah Jonelle Skeeters to Sarah Jonelle Coy pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Jan. 13, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Benjamin Jeremy Grafton  
For change of name to  
Alice Faith Triano  
Case No.: 21-MR-1097  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 8, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Benjamin Jeremy Grafton to Alice Faith Triano pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Jan. 13, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Gracelynn Rose Ishmael  
For change of name to  
Gracelynn Rose DeGroot  
Case No.: 21-MR-1617  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 8, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Gracelynn Rose Ishmael to Gracelynn Rose DeGroot pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Jan. 13, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Tiffany Constance Marie Gentry  
For change of name to  
Ahyoka Reinettes Carselowey  
Case No.: 21-MR-1463  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 8, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Tiffany Constance Marie Gentry to Ahyoka Reinettes Carselowey pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Jan. 13, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Marcia Carol Kemp  
For change of name to  
Marcia Carol Sheppard  
Case No.: 21-MR-1604  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 8, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Marcia Carol Kemp to Marcia Carol Sheppard pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Jan. 13, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Romell LeBron Jackson  
For change of name to  
Romell LeBron Jay Reed  
Case No.: 21-MR-1603  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 22, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Romell LeBron Jackson to Romell LeBron Jay Reed pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Jan. 13, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Haley Renee Phillips  
For change of name to  
Tevin Robert Phillips  
Case No.: 21-MR-1480  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 8, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Haley Renee Phillips to Tevin Robert Phillips pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Jan. 20, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Amanda M. Sarver-Nichols  
For change of name to  
Kinley M. Nichols  
Case No.: 21-MR-1575  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 8, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Amanda M. Sarver-Nichols to Kinley M. Nichols pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Jan. 20, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Ja' Mahrie Newsom  
For change of name to  
Ja' Mahrie Brooks  
Case No.: 22-MR-1  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 7, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Ja' Mahrie Newsom to Ja' Mahrie Brooks pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Jan. 27, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Danielle Danee Petty  
For change of name to  
Daniel Danee Seales  
Case No.: 22-MR-7  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 19, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Danielle Danee Petty to Daniel Danee Seales pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Jan. 27, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee of the New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-1 PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Andrew James Antonacci; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS  
2021CH000059  
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 10/20/2021, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 1, 2022 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:  
LOTS FIVE (5) AND EIGHT (8) IN BLOCK TEN (10) IN THE TOWN OF RIVERTON. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOTS AS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
PIN 15-09.0-486-013  
15-09.0-486-014  
Improved with Residential

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
521 E Jefferson 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 (g)(4).  
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 POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
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 14-21-01861.  
I3185087

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
Marine Bank  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Amanda L. Boone; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2020CH000053  
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 01/05/2022, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 1, 2022 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 SOUTH 35 FEET OF LOT 492 AND THE NORTH 10 FEET OF LOT 493 OF HARVARD PARK SECOND PLAT. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AD MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
PIN 22-10.0-132-004  
Improved with Residential  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
2460 S 11th St  
Springfield, IL 62703  
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 (g)(4).  
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 POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
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 14-20-01377.  
I3185377

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
Owren Loan Servicing, LLC  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Pamela L Smith; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS

2018CH000254  
 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 10/19/2018, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 1, 2022 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 WEST FORTY (40) FEET OF LOT 122 IN WANLESS' SPRINGFIELD HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AS PLATTED BY PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 37 IN THE OFFICE THE RECORDER OF DEEDS, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
 PIN 14-23-453-012  
 Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
 2156 East Converse Street Springfield, IL 62702  
 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 (g)(4).  
 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 POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.**  
 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 14-18-08244.  
 I3185086

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
 BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
 v.  
 HEIRS AT LAW OR LEGATEES OF MARGARET A. PIKE, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
 IN CHANCERY  
 Case No. 2021-CH-56  
 NOTICE OF SALE  
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to

the highest bidder.  
 (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Suzanna Scherf  
 BANK OF SPRINGFIELD  
 3400 West Wabash Avenue  
 Springfield, IL 62711  
 (217) 529-5555  
 (B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:  
 15 Windsor Road, Springfield, IL 62702  
 (C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:  
 Lot Seventeen (17) of Morningside Place, Springfield, Illinois, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Sangamon County, Illinois in Book 16 of Plats, Page 22. 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. Common address or location of mortgaged premises:  
 15 Windsor Road, Springfield, IL 62702  
 Parcel Number: 14-29-105-017  
 (D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:  
 Single-Family Residence  
 (E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.  
 (F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, in the Sangamon County Board Chambers (2nd Floor) of the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois.  
 (G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.  
 (H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

**IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.**  
 BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, Plaintiff  
 By: /s/ Brian D. Jones  
 One of its Attorneys  
 Sorling Northrup  
 Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – Reg. #6286510  
 Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel – Reg. #2793369  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
 P. O. Box 5131  
 Springfield, IL 62705  
 Telephone: (217) 544-1144  
 E-Mail: bdjones@sorlinglaw.com; satagge@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
 THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 DAVID G. COOLEY, TOWN AND COUNTRY

BANK, AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
 No. 21-CH-86  
 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment will be sold to the highest bidder.  
 A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Kevin Barnai  
 Assistant Corporation Counsel  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 800 E. Monroe, Room 327  
 Springfield, IL 62701-1653  
 (217) 789-2375  
 B. The common address or other common description of the real estate is: 3005 Clifton Drive, Springfield, Illinois.  
 C. The legal description of the real estate is:  
 Lot 170 of Colony West, Sixth Addition. Parcel ID: 22-07.0-183-019  
 D. The following improvements are located on the real estate: Single Family Residence.  
 E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale.  
 F. The time and place of the sale are: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., County Board Chambers, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.  
 G. The terms of the sale are 10% cash or certified funds down payment on the day of sale and the balance payable by cash or certified funds within 24 hours.  
 H. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are now or past due and a lien upon the real estate, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.  
 James K. Zerkle  
 Corporation Counsel  
 Kevin Barnai, Assistant Corporation Counsel (#6329422)  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 800 E. Monroe, Room 327  
 Springfield, IL 62701-1653  
 (217) 789-2375  
 Kevin.Barnai@springfield.il.us

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
 THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 LAKESHA JONES, KEVIN B. HOSKINS A/K/A KEVIN B. HOPKINS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
 No. 18-MR-776  
 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
 NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, LAKESHA JONES, kevin b. hoskins a/k/a kevin b. hopkins, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on October 9, 2018 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 2139 E. Jackson, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:  
 L 27 B 2 John Howes Brown Sub M PT W1/2 NE 35-16-5  
 (Permanent Parcel No. 14-35.0-251-027); and for other relief.  
 UNLESS LAKESHA JONES, kevin b. hoskins a/k/a kevin b. hopkins, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon

County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before February 28, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.  
 /s/ Paul Palazzolo  
 Clerk of Court  
 James K. Zerkle  
 Corporation Counsel  
 Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668  
 Assistant Corporation Counsel  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 800 E. Monroe, Room 327  
 Springfield, IL 62701-1653  
 (217) 789-2375  
 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
 BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
 v.  
 VICKI L. MCGUAR, HEIRS AT LAW OR LEGATEES OF CAROL LYNN MCGUAR, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
 IN CHANCERY  
 Case No. 2021-CH-123  
 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
 NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/15-1218 and 15-1502 and Sec. 2-206 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 said Defendants is February 17, 2022.

The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on December 10, 2021:  
 (i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation - Case No. 2021-CH-123  
 (ii) The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois  
 (iii) The name of the title holder of record: Carol Lynn McGuar and Vicki L. McGuar  
 (iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows:  
 Leasehold Estate created by lease dated December 27, 2007 and recorded January 14, 2008 as Document Number 2008R01474, from City of Springfield to Carol Lynn McGuar, for a term of 99 years beginning January 2, 2008 and ending January 1, 2107 demising the property more particularly described as follows: Tract B-10, Oak Lane Area of Lake Lands in Section 03 in Capital Township.  
 The tract herewith is described as follows: Commencing at a stone at the Southeast corner Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 14 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, thence North 7 degrees 26 minutes West 2547.2 feet, thence South 84 degrees 43 minutes East 168.7 feet, thence South 70 degrees 09 minutes East 49.0 feet, thence South 50 degrees 25 minutes East 97.0 feet to an iron pipe, the point of beginning, thence North 50 degrees 25 minutes West 97.0 feet, thence North 29 degrees 57 minutes East 101.5 feet, thence South 60 degrees 03 minutes East 6.0 feet, thence North 29 degrees 57 minutes East 50.0 feet, thence North 60 degrees 03 minutes West 6.0 feet, thence North 29 degrees 57 minutes

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East 277.8 feet, more or less, to the shore water line of Lake Springfield, thence in a Southeasterly direction following the meanderings of said shore water line of said Lake 176.6 feet, more or less, to a point which is distant North 38 degrees 53 minutes East 385.3 feet, more or less, from the point of beginning, thence South 38 degrees 53 minutes West 385.3 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. All in the South Half of the Northeast Quarter and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section. 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. Parcel Number: 29-03-401-009. Common address or location of mortgaged premises: 37 Oak Lane, Springfield, IL 62712 (v) Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of mortgagors: Carol Lynn McGuar and Vicki L. McGuar Name of mortgagee: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation Date of mortgage: November 29, 2010 Date of recording: December 3, 2010 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 2010R47291. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SORLING NORTHROP, Attorneys Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – ARDC #6286510 Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel – ARDC #2793369 Attorneys for Plaintiff 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, Illinois 62705 Telephone: (217) 544-1144 E-Mail: bdjones@sorlinglaw.com; satagge@sorlinglaw.com

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Diana Brunner J-17  
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Delmar Flournoy 10-20  
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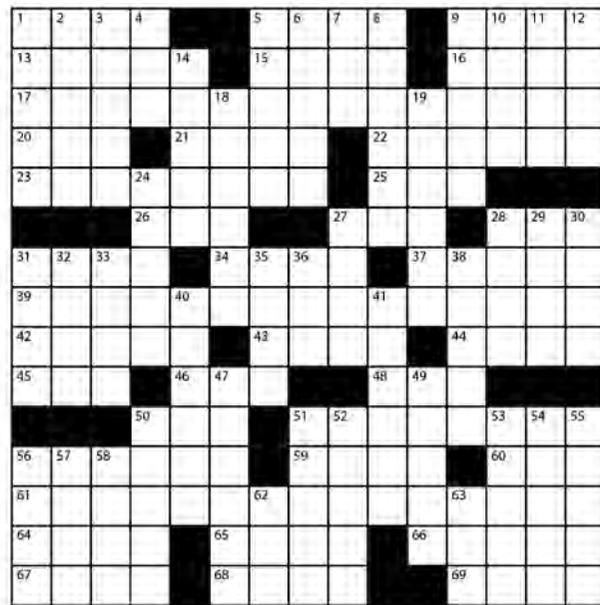
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Clerk of the Court  
Date: Jan. 13, 2022

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Willbright P. Dilante, Respondent  
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### Across

1. Almond
5. Taj Mahal's city
9. The Kennedys, e.g.
13. Engine sounds
15. What nomads do
16. Experience
17. Home run requirement
20. Decide to leave, with "out"
21. Lacking slack
22. Short-straw drawers
23. Stop on the way
25. An end to sex?
26. Parenthesis, essentially
27. "Gee whiz!"
28. "The Black Cat" writer
31. Disparage
34. Stratified snack
37. Agenda entries
39. Half a quartet
42. Bind
43. Liberals, with "the"
44. Top-rated
45. Banned pesticide
46. Hot spot
48. Balloon filler
50. Afflict
51. British (1964ish)
56. Chinese temple
59. Appear
60. Car accessory
61. Often
64. "Don't bet \_\_\_!"
65. \_\_\_-friendly
66. Cold shower?



67. Pro \_\_\_
68. Beanery sign
69. No Clue
14. Ravi Shankar's instrument
18. Bust officers
19. 1990's war site
24. Divination deck
27. Fashion
28. 100 centavos
29. Black cat, maybe
30. Sum. \_\_\_ fui
31. Fastener
32. Advance
33. Newton, e.g.
35. Big Indian
36. Hydrocarbon ending
38. Autocrats
40. Live
41. More daring
47. One of ten in Exodus
49. Poetic feet
50. Blood carrier
51. \_\_\_ of Langerhans
52. Approaches
53. "A Doll's House" playwright
54. Architectural projection
55. Foul
56. "D"
57. "The King and I" role
58. Bearing
62. \_\_\_ Today
63. "Aladdin" prince

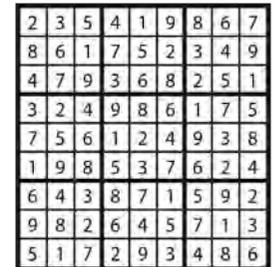
### Down

1. Overthrow, e.g.
2. Two-door
3. Carries on
4. Ashes holder
5. Bicker
6. "\_\_\_ go!"
7. "Go!"
8. \_\_\_ Island, Fla.
9. Gorge
10. Beam intensely
11. Allege
12. 1987 Costner role

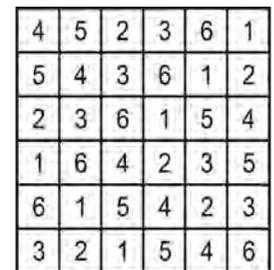
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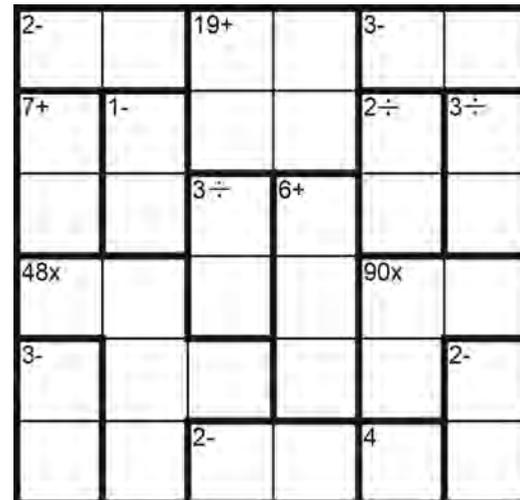
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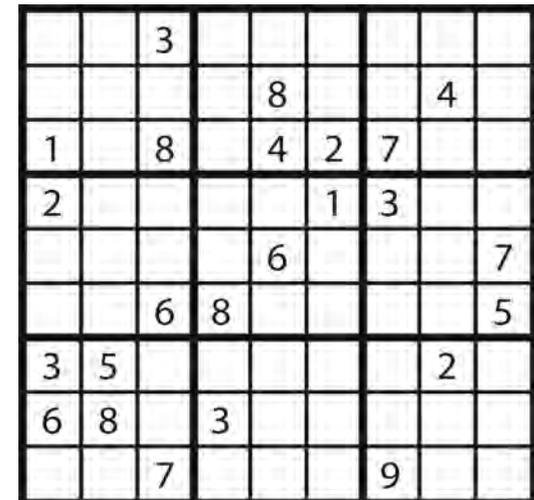
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



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