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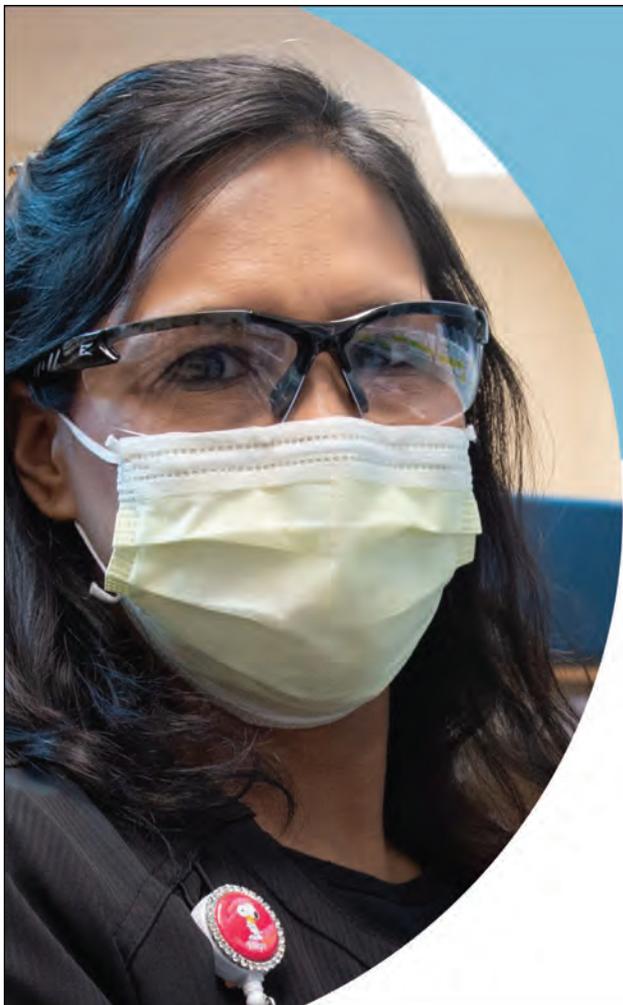
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# COVID surge strains health care workers

HEALTH CARE | Dean Olsen

Springfield's health care workers say they are exhausted as the COVID-19 pandemic enters its third year.

They say they've never seen more death, and they've fought politics that hindered efforts to contain the spread of coronavirus.

Based on that experience, they say the public should temper any optimism about the latest drop in new COVID-19 cases and indications that the omicron variant is less severe overall than the delta variant.

"I'm cautiously optimistic that we're seeing signs of decreasing activity in the community," said Dr. Rajesh Govindaiah, senior vice president and chief physician executive for Memorial Health.

But he said, "Coronavirus has taught us the value of humility. It has fooled us once, and it could fool us again."

Govindaiah and others in the local health care industry said people who are ignoring the statewide indoor mask mandate, shunning vaccinations and attending maskless parties and other similar events are inviting illness and prolonging the pandemic.

The average number of new COVID-19 cases in Illinois has dropped from an all-time daily high of more than 37,000 in mid-January to 17,687 on Jan. 28, with more declines expected, though it's uncertain when or whether other variants will become prominent.

Hospitalizations statewide and in Sangamon County also are on the decline. But Springfield hospitals were at or near record levels in early January, and hospitalizations began to drop only in the past two weeks.

At 500-bed Springfield Memorial Hospital, 83 people with COVID-19 were inpatients in late January compared with all-time highs of more than 100 in early January and in November 2020.

At 422-bed HSHS St. John's Hospital, the number of COVID-19 patients has been in the "low 50s" compared with a record of 83 in early

January, according to Dr. Gurpreet Mander, chief medical officer at St. John's.

The 31 reported deaths of Sangamon County residents related to COVID-19 in January exceeded the 27 deaths recorded in September 2021 during the delta variant surge, according to Jeff Wilhite, spokesman for the Sangamon County Department of Public Health.

The highest numbers of monthly fatalities were recorded before vaccines were widely available: 60 in December 2020, 43 in January 2021, and 35 in November 2020.

In many ways, the level of suffering nurses are seeing now is "as bad as it was in the beginning," St. John's Hospital intensive-care unit nurse Sally Tamizuddin said.

Added Dr. Vidya Sundareshan, a Springfield-based infectious-diseases specialist at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, who practices at both Springfield hospitals: "It's been a hard time all the way around for everybody – our nurses, our respiratory therapists, food service in the hospital, case managers, discharge planners – everybody that's in the hospital was stretched thin."

Govindaiah said omicron is infecting more people than other variants, and patients requiring hospitalization with the omicron variant are just as sick as patients with delta, he said.

The majority of hospitalized patients have either had no vaccine or lack the recommended doses or boosters, he said.

About 62% of Sangamon County residents are fully vaccinated, similar to the percentage of Illinois residents who are fully vaccinated. More than one-third of Sangamon County adults ages 18 through 64 aren't fully vaccinated, and most of those adults have received no vaccine, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Govindaiah said he had hopes for "broad adoption of vaccination when it was first rolled out a year ago. ... What we've seen is that



HSHS St. John's nurse Sally Tamizuddin

vaccination is no longer about the merits of vaccination. It's a proxy for the societal divisions we have right now."

Today's hospitalized patients, on average, are younger – in their 50s and 60s – than the patients in their 80s and older during the November-December 2020 surge, Tamizuddin said. And children are not immune to complications.

Betsy Vogt, 34, of Sherman, blames her 2-year-old son Gabe's recent hospitalization for COVID-19 on a lack of precautions in the community that kept transmission levels high.

Gabe, who is too young to be vaccinated, apparently was infected while he was at day care, said his mother, a speech pathologist in the Ball-Chatham School District. Gabe was hospitalized at HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital for COVID-related breathing problems Jan. 16-20.

Betsy Vogt said it's unfortunate, but understandable, that masking and vaccinations aren't more widely accepted.

"I know everyone is tired and they want the 'normal' to come back," she said. "But know that your actions have repercussions, and that your actions could put a small child in the hospital."

Registered nurse Mandy Myers, 45, cares for children with COVID at St. John's and is fully vaccinated, but some of her relatives won't get a shot or wear a mask.

"It has become such a political issue," she said.

The children's hospital has seen an increase in COVID-19-related admissions in recent weeks, with a half-dozen children hospitalized at any one time, according to Dr. Douglas Carlson, an SIU faculty member who is the hospital's medical director.

Carlson said he knows some parents are resistant to COVID-19 vaccinations and booster shots for their children 5 and older, as well as masks for the youngsters when in school, but he is a proponent of all of those measures.

"While most kids do well with COVID, you don't want your kids to get COVID," he said.

Nurses are hearing unvaccinated COVID-19 patients say they feel guilty about minimizing the risks of COVID-19 and downplaying the value of vaccinations based on what they read on the internet, Tamizuddin said.

"They feel like they've been misled," she said. "A lot of them felt they would never get sick."

Memorial Urgent Care locations were deluged with patients in early January who worried they had COVID-19, clinical director Dr. Anna Richie said. Almost 3,000 COVID-19-positive cases were diagnosed in one week, the busiest of the pandemic, she said.

Urgent Care staff members still encounter resistance to a potential COVID-19-positive test result "every five minutes," Richie said. "There's still some disbelief or even resistance to being tested."

Health care workers continue to stress the benefits of vaccinations and boosters, Mander said, noting that unvaccinated people are 20 times more likely to die from COVID-19 than those who are vaccinated.

Nurses continue to care for COVID-19 patients regardless of their vaccination status, Tamizuddin said, "but it's just disappointing that we cannot save some people who could have been saved."

The staff at St. John's continues to put forth its best effort through teamwork that has drawn everyone closer, she said.

Richie said her Memorial Health staff's "dedication to help others – it doesn't matter if the patients are vaccinated or not vaccinated, present with simple symptoms or have a complicated presentation, or if it's the provider's third shift in a row – the compassion for helping others is as strong as ever. There is a dedication that has become more transparent during the recent surge."

Tamizuddin said St. John's staff members renew their spirits when they applaud for a COVID-19 patient who leaves the ICU or the hospital, she said.

"It's a gift from God or whatever you believe in," she said, "because some people don't get out alive." □

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## Editor's note

I was taken aback when President Joe Biden said he would appoint a black woman to the Supreme Court. Can he do that, just name a category then go find somebody to fit it? Isn't that discrimination? Then again, maybe he's the only one who could do it. A younger president might be too worried about reelection to go up against public opinion, which is against Biden on this. A black president might be too concerned about the race issue to be this bold about promoting racial diversity; a woman president might be shy about saying she's not going to consider men. But here's old white Joe Biden, ignoring the way we've always done things. History gives him an opening, and he steps right in. — Fletcher Farrar, editor

# Apartment complex to get overhaul

Pine Woods receives significant funding from Illinois Housing Development Authority

HOUSING | Dean Olsen

Families looking for affordable housing will be the beneficiaries after state officials approved low-interest financing for \$10 million in renovations at Pine Woods Apartments in Springfield, according to Ward 7 Alderman Joe McMenamini.

“This will be really attractive to folks who have a modest income,” McMenamini said after St. Louis-based Bywater Development Group received Illinois Housing Development Authority approval for the project.

Through IHDA, Bywater will receive \$18 million through the sale of federal tax-exempt bonds – a form of lower-than-market-rate borrowing – to be repaid over 19 years, according to president Aaron Burnett.

Another \$11 million will be generated for the project through IHDA’s issuance of dollar-for-dollar tax credits to PNC Bank in exchange for an equity stake in the Pine Woods project for 10 years, Burnett said.

In addition to the \$10.1 million for renovations, the \$29 million raised through IHDA will finance Bywater’s \$11 million purchase of the complex from a St. Louis-based investment group known as Springfield Housing Associates.

The remaining approximately \$8 million will be used for interest, consulting and legal costs, as well as for a reserve to fund future repairs and capital improvements, Burnett said.

Approval from IHDA’s board on Jan. 21 represented Bywater’s third attempt at financing through IHDA since 2013. Burnett and McMenamini said competition for funding through the agency has been fierce for years.

Bywater’s plans call for \$10.1 million to be spent for rehab on all 168 units in the 31-year-old complex at 1665 Seven Pines Road on Springfield’s west side. That works out to about \$60,000 per unit among the one-, two- and three-bedroom units in the complex’s 14 three-story residential buildings. All units will receive new appliances, flooring, carpeting, countertops and kitchen cabinets, and there will be improvements to the heating and air conditioning systems.

The clubhouse and adjacent swimming pool also will be upgraded, Burnett said, who noted that the complex had been deteriorating and getting close to the end of its useful life.

“It’s an ideal location, and this will ensure this is a high-quality place to live for decades to come,” he said.

The work will begin in about 45 days and go on for 14 months, Burnett said, with vacant



Pine Woods Apartments on Seven Pines Road will undergo \$10 million in renovations, thanks to funding from the Illinois Housing Development Authority. CREDIT: BYWATER DEVELOPMENT GROUP.

units renovated first. Tenants will be moved into the rehabbed units, then their units will be rehabbed in turn, as part of a rolling schedule over the next year.

Monthly rents for the rehabbed units will be slightly higher than the current units but still an average of 20%-25% lower than market rates, Burnett said. In addition, the installation of new windows and other energy-efficiency measures are expected to save tenants money on their electric heating and cooling bills.

After renovations are complete, a one-bedroom unit will rent for \$615 per month. A two-bedroom unit will rent for \$730 per month, and a three-bedroom unit will be \$835 per month.

People moving into the new units will have to qualify as moderate-income renters with a maximum annual household income of \$35,940 for one person, \$41,040 for two people, \$46,200 for three people, \$51,300 for four people and \$55,440 for five people.

The original complex was built for moderate-income tenants. Because current tenants qualified for their apartments just once based on their income at the time of move-in under the previous owners, some may not qualify to live in Pine Woods going forward, Burnett said.

If any tenants have to leave, Pine Woods will offer them financial assistance in moving, he said.

Many Pine Woods tenants are looking forward to the improvements, Burnett said, adding that the property management company at the site, Sugar Creek Realty, will

not change.

He said Bywater – which has developed moderately priced rental housing in Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky and South Carolina – is grateful for the support of local elected officials and organizations that wrote letters of support for the project.

Those writing letters to IHDA included McMenamini, Mayor Jim Langfelder, the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

“We’re really thrilled to take on this rehab,” Burnett said.

“We place a very high priority on ensuring that the economic benefits of our development activities stay in the local community,” he said. “We commit to and will work hard to make sure the vast majority of all subcontracting, trade work and material-supplying opportunities created by the rehabilitation of Pine Woods go to Springfield-area businesses and trades.”

McMenamini said areas along Seven Pines Road, which include the Orchard Park and Westbrook complexes, make up the largest cluster of apartments in Springfield.

The city has financed improvements in sidewalks and streets in the area over the past decade, McMenamini said.

“It’s really important to keep that whole area viable and strong,” he said. □

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## Plans for a downtown master plan

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

A revitalized and resilient downtown is a priority in *The Next 10, A Community Visioning Plan for Greater Springfield* released in spring 2021. The report identified the need for a downtown master plan that addresses a strengthened connection with the Mid-Illinois Medical District. Downtown Springfield Inc. (DSI) recently solicited proposals for a multidisciplinary planning effort over the next 12-18 months. This is a collaboration among DSI, the City of Springfield, Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance and Mid-Illinois Medical District.

Proposals were due Jan. 31. Firms will be interviewed in late February. The goal is to develop a plan with a clear and concise vision and actionable steps for implementation to guide development and activities for the next 10-20 years. The coalition will appoint a steering committee to work with the selected contractor.

The plan is to address development opportunities, recommendations for urban design, including placemaking and branding, gaps in current available housing and needed amenities, and organizational capacity and sustainability.

The downtown project area is bounded by Carpenter Street, Edwards Street, Eleventh Street and First Street. Boundaries of the Mid-Illinois Medical District are North Grand Avenue, Madison Avenue, 11th Street and Walnut Street. The northern boundary of downtown overlaps with the southern boundary of the medical district by six blocks. DSI executive director Kayla Graven says, in comparison to other cities, Springfield’s downtown has a large geographical area for its population size.

Graven said she is pleased with this first master plan for downtown and the medical district and is optimistic the plan won’t sit on a shelf. She cites the cohesive partnership that is doing this together, the momentum of The Next 10 and leadership of the community foundation, and number of people who are engaged to see it through. □

# Former Vibra Hospital sold

Developer Chris Stone says new tenant will be in by July 1

**BUSINESS | Dean Olsen**

A Springfield developer has acquired the shuttered former Vibra Hospital of Springfield and says he plans to rent it to an undisclosed tenant involved in “ancillary health care.”

Developer Chris Stone told *Illinois Times* he finalized the \$1.43 million purchase from Pennsylvania-based Vibra Healthcare on Dec. 6 and plans to have the tenant move in by July 1.

The 40,000-square-foot building cost \$25 million to construct and housed a 50-bed, for-profit specialty hospital owned by two different companies since it opened in 2010.

Stone was vague when asked about the new tenant and whether patients would be served on-site.

“They could have clients on the property, but it’s not like they would be there for days on end,” he said without elaboration. The new tenant may wait until March to go public with its plans, Stone said.

Earlier in the COVID-19 pandemic, the Vibra Hospital site was temporarily acquired by the state for potential use as overflow space to care for COVID-19 patients.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency, which took possession of the building using Gov. JB Pritzker’s emergency powers, later determined the building wouldn’t be needed and returned it to its owners in June 2020, IEMA spokesman Kevin Sur said.

“We did negotiate an amount to pay the owners as just compensation in connection with the legal proceeding,” Sur said in an email.

The former Vibra Hospital, 701 N. Walnut St., a three-story building just west of the Mid-Illinois Medical District, shut its doors as a long-term acute-care (LTAC) hospital in January 2019. The closure put



**Vibra Hospital was constructed at a cost of \$25 million and opened in 2010. The facility has been vacant since January 2019. PHOTO BY STACIE LEWIS**

about 130 employees out of work.

Vibra officials said at the time that “reductions in health-care reimbursements and changes in referral patterns” led to the closure.

The facility opened in 2010 and was constructed by Kindred Healthcare, a publicly traded company based in Kentucky that operates LTACs. Kindred won out over two other companies to receive state “certificate-of-need” approval from the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

Kindred later sold the building in 2013 to Vibra for \$10.5 million.

Although it’s now been vacant for three years, Stone said the building is in “phenomenal shape” and contains a “significant amount of stuff.”

*The State Journal-Register* reported in 2020 that the Army Corps of Engineers said the site contained 50 patient beds, 15 ventilators and other equipment commonly found in hospitals.

Ryan McCrady, president and chief executive officer of the Springfield Sangamon County Growth Alliance, told *Illinois Times* he heard the building was sold but didn’t have specifics and didn’t know anything about Stone’s prospective tenant.

“It’s a really good building,” McCrady said. “It’s a good property. We would be excited to see it used.”

He noted that the site is within a mile of Springfield Memorial Hospital, HSHS St. John’s Hospital, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and other medical facilities.

The Vibra property generated \$48,737 in property taxes in 2021 and was listed in Sangamon County records with a fair market value of \$1.66 million. The highest property tax bill paid by the site was \$204,540 in 2019, based on its 2018 assessment. □

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# Fancy Nancy illustrator donates artwork

**ART | Scott Reeder**

An annual art show to raise money for Sangamon County foster children is stepping it up a notch and getting fancy.

Fancy Nancy, to be precise.

In early January, *Illinois Times* published a story about a local ministry, The James Project, hosting its sixth annual Artsy: An Art Fair for Kids in Care! to raise money to help foster children. The art show had its inception when 4-year-old Hollis Snyder read a book about a girl called Fancy Nancy, who raised money by selling art she created.

At her Springfield church, Hollis learned about foster kids in need and started an art show in her yard to raise money for them. The show, which has grown, now features the work of children and adults, ranging from professionals to amateurs.

Robin Preiss Glasser, who has illustrated more than 50 Fancy Nancy books, read the *Illinois Times* article after her sister, who lives in Illinois, brought it to her attention. Glasser, who lives in California, contacted the newspaper and said she wanted to donate some of her original artwork, including Fancy Nancy drawings, to The James Project for them to sell to help foster kids.

“I’m involved with two schools for kids with disabilities, and I do art and theater and music and that sort of thing, Glasser told *IT*. “I’ve gotten such joy out of helping the families and the children. So, when I saw that article, I thought I need to encourage this child, who’s been doing this for a few years now.”

Olivia Hayse, director of The James Project, said her ministry is thrilled to be receiving Glasser’s art and plans to auction it online. Because the number of people infected with COVID-19 has spiked in Sangamon County, the date of the art show has been moved to May 1. It will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at The Pharmacy, 623 Adams St., Springfield.

The James Project currently provides five foster families with houses to live in at no cost. The Closet, which is one of the James Project’s branches of ministry, provides new and gently used clothes for any of the county’s 625 foster kids. □

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# Tarantula attacks, Hades and Napoleon's old violin

All in a night's work for the Illinois Symphony Orchestra

**MUSIC | Scott Faingold**

The Illinois Symphony Orchestra took to the Sangamon Auditorium stage on Saturday, Jan. 29, for "Incredibly Italian," its first concert of 2022.

The evening's exciting and energetic program featured works by three notably non-Italian master composers – Mendelssohn, Schumann and Mozart – with the theme instead reflected in the content of Mozart's "Don Giovanni" and Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 in A Major, Op. 90, "Italian," which was composed by the German-Jewish maestro during an 1830 stay in The Boot.

Guest violinist Sayaka Shoji is a prominent soloist on the international scene and a former prodigy, having won the prestigious Paganini Competition at the age of 15. Her forceful and emotionally stirring performance of Schumann's Violin Concerto in D Minor this weekend would have been plenty to inspire the ISO's audience, even without a pair of intriguing back stories offered by the orchestra's conductor and musical director, Ken Lam, during introductory remarks.

Lam explained that the violin concerto has been performed rarely, compared to Schumann's other works, as it remained unpublished and hidden for nearly a century. Written not long before mental illness drove Schumann into the asylum where he would pass away in 1856, the concerto followed a convoluted anecdotal and legal path to eventual public performance, including alleged instructions received directly from Schumann's spirit by his musician grandniece during a 1930s séance.

The piece has since been embraced by contemporary violinists, including Shoji, who personally requested to perform the concerto during her visit to Illinois. The audience, whether in person or at home watching the ISO's first ever fully livestreamed concert for ticketholders – was treated to a breathtaking interpretation of the work, resulting in an extended ovation and an unaccompanied encore which showcased the virtuoso's playful and astonishingly forceful "hammer on" fingering technique, seamlessly integrated with delicate bowing. Adding yet another layer of fascination, the Stradivarius played so beautifully and aggressively by Shoji was reportedly once owned by none other than Napoleon Bonaparte.

Previous to the delight of Schumann a la Shoji, the concert had gotten underway with the Overture from Mozart's opera "Don Giovanni," which, Lam explained, makes a musically and thematically appropriate companion to



Sayaka Shoji performs with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. CREDIT: ILLINOIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Schumann's almost-lost work. This is due to the dark emotionality of the two pieces, their matching dark key (both are in D minor) and identical opening notes. Thematically, the Mozart opera depicts its antihero's descent into Hell, and Schumann's work has been interpreted as a musical representation of the composer's fight against insoluble mental and emotional agonies.

The second half of the program proved much lighter, with a spirited rendition of Mendelssohn's irrepressibly jubilant and celebratory "Italian" symphony. Jam-packed with joyful melodies – many of which would likely prove familiar to even non-classical music buffs – the only problem encountered by Mendelssohn while composing the piece, according to Lam, was reigning in his ebullience during the traditionally slower and contemplative second movement.

The symphony – and the ISO's performance – reached its frenzied climax during the final movement of the Italian symphony, a blindingly fast tarantella – an Italian dance inspired by the involuntary, spastic movements witnessed in victims of tarantula bites. Indeed, the speed and fury of the sound, combined with the literally poisonous inspiration, made the end of Mendelssohn's symphony feel akin to a classical equivalent of heavy metal. All in all, a fitting ending to an enjoyable and bracing evening of music. □

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### Bored of the Rings?

I resisted reading Tolkien's LOR – feared I'd not like it or I'd like it so much I couldn't put it down but how could I refuse reading the greatest fantasy since Alice when as new teacher new college new class "fantasy literature" I was forced to tackle it: found I could both enjoy it, set it down now as an elder I'm reading it again: so many copycats make the original hackneyed, repetitious inventions, inverted language, constant sword smiting (one needs a scorecard) but hey! in volume 2 JRRT carried away by his story forgets noble narration, simply tells the tale: when inferiors implode LOR will remain rabbit hole its immortality inevitable

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### LETTERS

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### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

I would like to thank Cinda Klickna for her wonderful column in the Jan. 13 issue ("Creating a culture of historic preservation"). Our community has certainly stepped up to help save the historic Leland Farm summer kitchen and we appreciate their generosity.

As of the Jan. 19 Springfield Park Board meeting, we have been given the OK to move the structure to Washington Park. Thankfully, the Vala family gave us an extension of one month, so we now have until March 15 to raise the money and get the structure moved.

Local businesses have been amazing, and Anvil & Forge is having a "last push" fundraiser on Feb. 26 to hopefully help us raise the remaining \$12,000 we need. It is open to the public and all are invited.

Once again, thank you Springfield and the surrounding area, as we most certainly couldn't have done it without you.  
*Lisa Moffett, Friends of the Original Leland Farm House*

### WHO NEEDS CURSIVE?

Scott Reeder is an enjoyable writer, but I find his resentment of the next generations are too prevalent. This got to the point that I needed to respond when he said that a young man had not been taught

to read cursive ("The lost art of cursive," Jan. 20).

First, I find that hard to believe. Second, I'd love to shake that young man's hand because he is so smart that he agrees with me, a person a year older than Scott.

I lost the ability to write in cursive over 30 years ago because I simply find it irrelevant and inane. Then, I learned almost 10 years ago, I can no longer read cursive – a fact I am proud of.

Cursive is an abomination that is no longer wanted or needed. But more importantly to me, the young are smarter than we ever dreamed of being. When they talk, listen.

Sorry if this is curt, but you know, that's how us old people are sometimes.

*Rick Campbell  
Springfield*

### LOST ARTS

What a great article. Thank you for writing it. Writing in cursive tells so much about a person. Another lost art is the thank you note. I remember when attending Ursuline Academy in 1958, Mother Victorine teaching this as part of her English class. Maybe someday Scott will write a column on the thank you note.

*Sandy Pecori  
Springfield*

### OUR FAULT TOO

I respectfully disagree with Professor Wehrle's analysis of the Russia-Ukraine crisis ("Russian bear is on the prowl," Jan. 27). I agree with the author that the only favorable outcome of this crisis is a

peaceful and diplomatic solution, but I disagree that this is a crisis of Russia's making; on the contrary, the US/ NATO alliance bears the lion's share of fault in this instance. Decades of Western military expansion has finally reached the doorstep of Russia in Ukraine.

In the 30 years since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the US/ NATO alliance has carried out bombing campaigns against Yugoslavia, has destroyed the nations of Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria, and actively supports the Saudi-led genocide in Yemen. The US also routinely meddles in Latin American elections, a region we see as our sphere of influence.

The US and other NATO allies' security services have also actively fomented coups in Eastern Europe; as is now a common practice in US foreign policy, the US supported the unconstitutional overthrow Ukraine's democratically elected leader in 2014. After the putsch, Crimean citizens voted in support of a constitutional referendum to join the Russian Federation. More recently, the US supported unsuccessful color revolutions in Belarus and Kazakhstan.

Exquisite diplomacy requires one to analyze the situation from the opposing party's perspective. To achieve a peaceful and diplomatic solution to this crisis, the US needs to empathize with Russia's red-line security concerns and refuse the military industrial complex's undue influence on US/ NATO policy.

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# New ways to pass petitions

POLITICS | Rich Miller

I've been fascinated by election petition-gathering season this year because of the adjusted primary schedule, the crazy omicron variant and the prevailing fear of crime, not to mention the awful weather.

Petition season was always during the fall. But because the primary was moved to June 28, petition circulators now have to get out there in the dead of winter, during the omicron and crime surges.

As Rep. Nick Smith (D-Chicago) said recently on Rep. Mike Zalewski's (D-Riverside) "Have All Voted Who Wish" podcast, voters have been increasingly reluctant to come to their front doors for years, long before the pandemic. And, these days, it's far more difficult to convince folks to answer when the canvassers knock.

Rep. Smith's solution was to ask his volunteers to work their own blocks, with the expectation that each person would gather 10 signatures.

But that only works for someone with an experienced and fairly large network like Smith has. What about others?

Rep. Kelly Cassidy (D-Chicago) is also the 49th Ward Democratic Committeeperson and threw a boozy "petition party" in mid-January, advertising it on social media. She said the event was "amazing," netting 625 signatures in three hours for 18 different candidate petitions.

I've also been told of members doing things like setting up shop in their local Starbucks and collecting signatures from people while they were waiting on their orders.

But Rep. Dan Didech (D-Buffalo Grove) is being hailed by some of his colleagues as a "signature machine" for what one legislator calls his "house calls" program.

Didech came up with the idea of scheduling home visits with voters in his district to collect petition signatures. "Sometimes," a fellow House Democrat said, people even "grab a few neighbors so you can get a group."

Didech pushed back hard against some fellow House Dems who wanted to reduce the statutory signature requirements during the early January session. "But I got 1,000 signatures in 10 days, so I feel vindicated," Didech told me. "I'm not special. Everyone can do that." He said he finished so fast that he's now helping others, including those who wanted to reduce the signature requirement.

Didech explained that, because of the pandemic, he had already transitioned his voter outreach away from in-person contact at the doors and toward Facebook and direct mail. "People are used to communicating with me on those channels," he said.

Didech posted a photo of a map of his new district on Facebook and told his followers that he still needed some signatures. "Please comment or send me a message if it's ok for me to stop by your house this weekend," Didech wrote in the Facebook post.

"That one post generated 150 signatures," Didech said.

Didech also sent a direct mailer to his supporters and strong Democrats in his new district to ask people to email him when it would be convenient for him to stop by their homes. Didech said his email inbox "completely blew up."

Didech's formula worked so well for one Chicago Democrat that she only half-jokingly called Didech "the master" last week.

47th Ward Democratic Committeeperson Paul Rosenfeld is using Didech's methods "with a lot of success." Rosenfeld said he's collected "over 500 signatures on 14 different petitions" that way.

But maybe not everyone can replicate this effort. First-time candidates or newer members with small supporter networks can't always just magically generate home visits. And some districts aren't as "connected" online as they

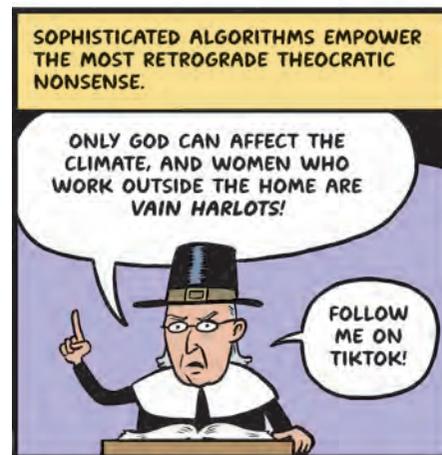
are up in Buffalo Grove or the 47th Ward.

Even so, longtime Statehouse operative Mike Cassidy told me the story of how his 13-year-old daughter Cate finally took an interest in politics in January, so he agreed to help some friends gather signatures as a way of getting her involved.

Cassidy asked Cate to text her friends the night before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, when they figured people would be home, to ask if she and her parents could come by with petitions.

"She not only went through her middle school phone book and social media contacts, but we pulled names from our Christmas card list," Cassidy marveled. "We drove around town for about four hours collecting close to 100 signatures."

"I have circulated petitions my entire career," Cassidy said, which used to involve going door-to-door. "But unlike waiting for people to get home from work or targeting weekends, these days more people work from home due to COVID." And he said people were "happy" to have guests who they knew and were confident were masked and vaccinated. □



# Preferential treatment

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

Colleges should admit the most qualified applicant. That's the way many of us were taught life is supposed to work. But we know it often doesn't.

The U.S. Supreme Court is taking up the issue of university admissions in its upcoming term. It will look at the admission formulas used by Harvard University and University of North Carolina that give extra help to Black and Hispanic applicants who apply.

Some Asian and white applicants were turned away from these universities while Black and Hispanic candidates with lower test scores were admitted. And they say it isn't fair. But it also is unfair that many African American and Hispanic kids reside in neighborhoods with underperforming schools that fail to adequately prepare them.

There are strong arguments on both sides but something that is rarely discussed is a different set of preferences that are inherently wrong – but legal. I'm talking about "development admits," the children of wealthy donors.

*Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Golden won a Pulitzer Prize looking at this phenomenon and went on to write the 2006 book, *The Price of Admission*. It's one of my favorite works of investigative journalism.

I first became aware of the issue when I read a *Wall Street Journal* story in 2003 about a prominent family with roots deep in Illinois: the Bunns.

Here are the first few paragraphs of the story:

"DURHAM, N.C. – Despite her boarding-school education and a personal tutor, Maude Bunn's SAT scores weren't high enough for a typical student to earn admission to Duke University.

But Ms. Bunn had something else going for her – coffeemakers. Her Bunn forebears built a fortune on them and, with Duke hoping to woo her wealthy parents as donors, she was admitted.

Afterward, her parents promptly became co-chairmen of a Duke fund-raising effort aimed at other Duke parents. 'My child was given a gift, she got in, and now I'm giving back,' says Maude's mother, Cissy Bunn, who declines to say how much the (Lake Forest) family has contributed to the university."

Later in the story, Cissy Bunn acknowledges her daughter didn't fit the academic profile of a Duke student saying, "She's bright, she had good grades, but she doesn't meet the superstar status."

She then added, "Did my normal child take the place of somebody who could really make a difference in the world? Sure, yes, to an extent. But there are so many things you can lose sleep over. I'm happy for me and my child."

When I first read that quote, I was outraged. It had never occurred to me that rich people received preferential treatment when applying to colleges.

The story made me think of Danny, my roommate my junior year at Iowa State University. Danny was a bright, motivated student who dreamed of being an aerospace engineer. But he graduated from a failing high school in a poorer

Chicago neighborhood.

My roommate, who happened to be African American, had many of the precursors associated with academic success: a loving, stable, two-parent family that valued hard work.

Perhaps the biggest drawback was the high school he attended. The institution didn't adequately prepare him for college. For example, it didn't offer the advanced math classes necessary for a budding engineering student to succeed. While his college peers were taking calculus, he was enrolled in remedial math.

In many ways, the future academic performance of college students isn't determined just by effort or intellect but by their home ZIP code. Danny lasted a year on campus and never returned.

That's why I have long favored giving parents vouchers that they can use at either public, charter or private schools. It would give academic choices to families otherwise trapped.

The fact that youngsters in predominantly Black or Hispanic neighborhoods often are forced to attend schools that perform far below the national average is a form of systemic racism.

Another form of racism is interpersonal. For example, in her book *Becoming*, Michelle Obama writes about the mother of one of her white roommates being so appalled that her daughter was assigned a Black roommate that she hectored university administrators until her daughter was moved to a different room.

Along those lines, I remember that my college roommate Danny and I were proud uncles. We both had pictures of our young nieces framed above our desks. My niece was about 3 years old and his was 1.

I can't count the number of times a white person came into our room, saw the picture above his desk and said, "Oh my God, he's got a kid." Never once did anyone look at my desk and say, "Is that your daughter, Scott?"

A recent *New Yorker* article noted that Harvard has more students from families in the top 1% of wealth than in the bottom 60%. And yet this is the university fighting all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court for greater "diversity."

How about economic diversity? Why not admit more kids from the middle and working classes and fewer from ultra-wealthy families? Strange, I haven't heard any groundswell among college administrators to do that.

To be honest, I don't have a ready opinion on how the Supreme Court should finesse the issue of racial preferences this year. It's a terribly divisive issue.

But something most Americans can agree upon is that a group not needing extra help getting into college is the children of the wealthiest 1%. It makes little sense to cut a break to someone because of the size of their parents' pocketbooks. □

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# Lincoln Library is overdue

Fired director reviews her past two years

GUESTWORK | Rochelle Hartman

In spring of 2021, I made a commitment. In my postage stamp yard, I planted rhubarb, asparagus, raspberries and lily of the valley. Any gardener knows that these are plants which take time to establish and that bring reward for years to come. It was a way to renew my commitment to Springfield and Lincoln Library after a pretty challenging year.

COVID was certainly a major part of that challenge, but not unique. As I entered my second year as director, the struggles and frustrations of my first year continued and compounded. Chief among them was continued limited communication from Springfield City Hall and the overarching sense of being an outsider. Emails were sent without response and I was regularly left out of discussions about the library. Wi-Fi, being one of the few services a library could offer at that time, was shut off without consulting me during the early days of COVID, to discourage people from congregating outside. Portable toilets came to and went from the library property without a courtesy notice. One day, a security officer told me that camping spots were being marked off with tape by city maintenance workers outside the library. I did not necessarily disagree with why this was done (to create distance between outside sleepers), but I had no notice that it was going to happen and learned about it at the same time staff did.

There are numerous such examples, but the one that shook me was the disposition of a \$1 million bequest that the library received in 2020. I assumed it would go to the Lincoln Library Foundation, as they are the body set up to handle bequests and memorials. Before I could meet with

the foundation about it, I was asked to bring all the paperwork to the city's Office of Corporation Counsel. For two months, I regularly emailed the mayor and corporation counsel for updates on the status of this gift. At the end of the Nov. 10, 2020, city council meeting, the mayor proudly proclaimed that the city had received this generous gift and that former library director, Nancy Huntley, would chair a committee to determine how the money would be used. This was news to me, and, as I understand it, news to Huntley.

So it continued to go until a Jan. 21, 2022, *Illinois Times* article reported my termination as director of Lincoln Library, effective immediately. In the article, Mayor Langfelder responded that Hartman "did not have plans to stay long-term, which she openly shared and was looking to move elsewhere." It is true that I was actively looking for another library position in late 2021, during the time I was questioning how to unclog the communication pipe between the library and City Hall, and frankly, disappointed over being the most poorly compensated director of a comparably sized library by about \$25,000.

During my search, I became a finalist for a wonderfully supported and well run municipal library in Iowa. The interview process, including a tour of all three lively locations and interviews with several groups of employees, inspired me and made me hopeful about the work I wanted to do at Lincoln Library. I was not selected to lead the Iowa library, but returned to Springfield and made a commitment to continue the work I'd started for at least another year. But, as happened with former Economic Development Director Val Yazell in March 2021, I was abruptly dismissed,



Rochelle Hartman, right, with Deanna Jones, promoting the library at a farmers market.

without specific reason or any prior discussions about my performance. In two years I had not been evaluated or coached by the mayor. I did, however, regularly get positive feedback about the library's direction and my efforts from the library's board of directors.

What's done is done and I am looking ahead to how I can best contribute to making Springfield a better place to live. I do, however, still deeply care about the library, its staff, and the people it serves. Most public libraries are governed by boards. Boards and directors are partners who have a deep knowledge of what public libraries are and do. They are educated about laws particular to libraries. A director communicates with the board and the board evaluates and coaches the director. Lincoln Library does have a board of directors, but they are advisory only. When Springfield became a home rule community, the board lost its power

to govern. The library board members are no less committed to the library than a board with full governance powers, but they do not have their hands on the wheel along with the director. For the health and sustainability of library service that Springfield needs and deserves, something needs to change. This could be either giving the board a seat at the table or the library breaking away from the city to become a self-governed district library. One of those is much easier than the other.

Unless I'm unable to find work that is beneficial to the community, I'll be here, milling around my tiny yard, looking for the first lily of the valley to poke through and hoping there's enough rhubarb and raspberries for a pie. □

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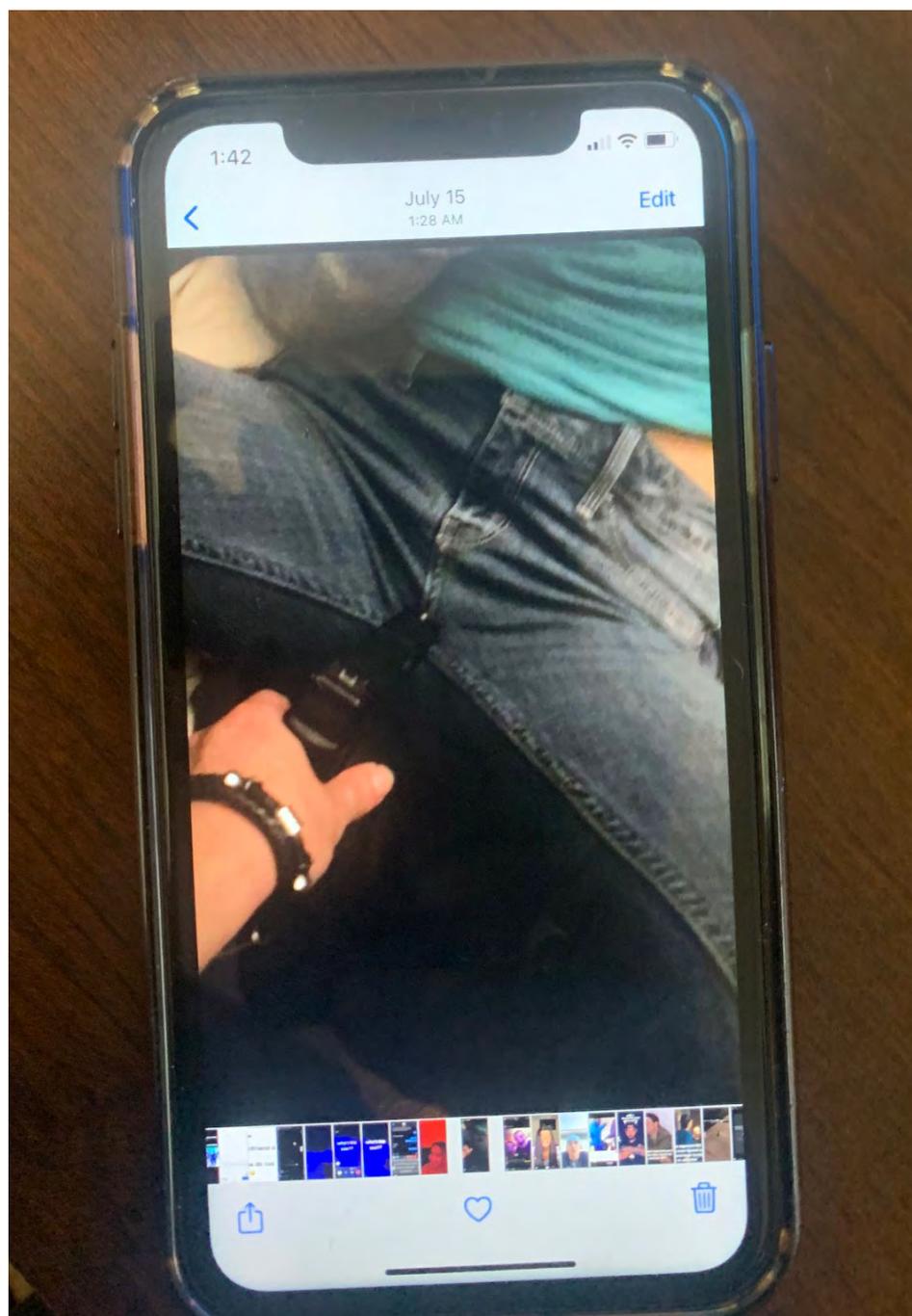
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# More girls accuse detective's son of sexual abuse

Parents say police have been cutting him breaks

SEXUAL ABUSE | Scott Reeder



Zane Merreighn was arrested Oct. 26 on charges of sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl. Her parents showed *Illinois Times* a photo they found on her cellphone of Merreighn allegedly pointing a gun at their daughter.

The girls were 14, 15 and 16; Zane Merreighn, the adult son of a Springfield police detective, is charged with sexually abusing them, and their parents say area law enforcement failed to adequately protect their daughters.

Merreighn, the 22-year-old son of detective Jennifer Oglesby Mack, was arrested Oct. 26 on charges of sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl. After the arrest, Illinois State Police continued to investigate additional allegations, and on Jan. 26 he was indicted on multiple counts of sexual abuse and sexual assault involving the two other girls.

One of those girls, a 15-year-old Lanphier High School student, told *Illinois Times* she was sexually assaulted the morning of July 4, 2021.

The girl's father believes if area police had been more proactive in an encounter with Merreighn earlier that day, the alleged rape never would have happened. The father contends Merreighn was cut a break because his mother is a Springfield police detective assigned to investigate sex crimes.

The 15-year-old girl, who *Illinois Times* is not identifying because she is a minor, said she sneaked out of her north-end Springfield bungalow where she lives with a parent at 11:30 p.m. the night before to see Merreighn, whom she said she met online. They drove to Taylorville to meet two other girls.

The Lanphier student is one of a number of young females the Illinois State Police and *Illinois Times* have separately interviewed who say they have been sexually targeted or victimized by Merreighn.

In Illinois, anyone 16 or younger cannot give consent to have sex. But in reality, if both are willing parties older than 13, charges are rarely filed. However, if one party is over the age of consent and the other isn't, it is a crime. Whether it is felony or misdemeanor depends in part on the difference in age and whether force, intoxication or other factors are involved.

Some of the girls and their parents say area law enforcement has turned a blind eye toward many of Merreighn's transgressions because of his mother's position.

On the night the Lanphier student says she was out with Merreighn, he had an encounter with Taylorville police in which he was allowed to sober up in his car despite, by his own admission, being too drunk to drive. He also told officers he had been smoking marijuana and more than the legal limit of marijuana was discovered in an unsealed container within his car.

When Taylorville police encountered Merreighn at 2:30 a.m. on July 4, they were responding to a report of him threatening a resident with a handgun. Three girls claiming to be 15 were with him. Although four police officers were involved in the half-hour encounter with Merreighn, no incident report was ever written and no arrests were made or citations issued.

*Illinois Times* pieced together what happened by reviewing Taylorville dispatcher logs and reviewing body camera videos of two of the officers who responded.

In addition to depicting possible legal violations, the video footage captures Merreighn telling officers – multiple times – that his mom is a Springfield detective.

While Taylorville officer Jody Grove talks to the girls and bemoans them being out drinking with a 22-year-old man, Merreighn can be heard in the background telling other officers that his mother is working overtime investigating a homicide. He tells them he's thinking of taking the Springfield police exam himself.

When Grove confronts Merreighn about the girls being with him, he again mentions his mother, a sex crimes detective. And he mentions a young relative who he says was sexually abused by his cousin as a reason he would never harm anyone.

Detective Oglesby Mack has not responded to emails and a certified letter from *Illinois Times* seeking comment. During a jailhouse interview with *Illinois Times*, Merreighn declined to discuss anything that happened on July 4.

Taylorville police initially responded to the scene when Carter Sinkhorn told police he was threatened with a gun when he was driving

home. Sinkhorn, who is a race car driver, said he was driving home early July 4 from a race in Lincoln and was turning on to Illini Drive, where he lives.

In an interview with *Illinois Times*, Sinkhorn said, "I accelerated up to speed pretty quick, but I wasn't flying, and I'm a race car driver. So, I obviously have control of my vehicle. But some dude ran out in the road and was cussing at me and screaming. And it was like 2:30 in the morning. So, I stopped. I was like, 'What's going on?'"

"He's like, 'You need to slow the fuck down.' He's cussing and telling me I'm doing this and that. So, I put my car in park because I'm not going to let anyone talk to me like that. But then I saw he had a gun. I could just tell by his build that the chickenshit would probably use it. He waved it at me. So, I just got back in my car and drove to my house and called the police."

When Merreighn heard a police car approaching, he threw the handgun under the Ford Mustang he had been driving, the 15-year-old Lanphier student told *Illinois Times* several months later. The police body camera recording shows when the first police officer arrives, she asks if he has any firearms. He tells her he does not and offers to allow her to search his car – but warns he has "weed" in the middle console.

The car is searched, marijuana is recovered. An officer notes that it is over the legal limit and the dispensary seal was broken on the container.

The marijuana is confiscated but no ticket is issued or arrest made. The car's trunk and backseat are searched, but no one looks underneath the vehicle.

"I'm not worried about weed. We just want to make sure nobody's got a firearm," Officer Grove says.

"My mom's a detective," Merreighn responds.

Grove talks to the three girls who were with Merreighn. They claim they are 15 years old,



**Zane Merreighn, 22, was arrested Oct. 26 and charged with three counts of aggravated sexual abuse. He has now been indicted on multiple counts of sexual abuse and sexual assault involving two other victims.**

although the Lanphier student later said she believes the other two girls were both younger. The officer notes they are drinking alcohol and with a much older man.

Merreighn's car is parked in front of a Taylorville home where two of the girls are spending the night. An officer sends the two into the house. The 15-year-old from Springfield calls her father and asks him to come and pick her up.

Grove then turns her attention to Merreighn. "I'm a mother of kids. And if I ever came home and found out some 21, 22-year-old is at my 15-year-old daughter's house and I'm not there, I'm hunting you down."

Merreighn responded, "I honestly wouldn't

be here, but you want me to be honest with you? I drank, so I don't really want to drive."

He said he had a "pint of E&J" (brandy) and a "couple shots of 99s" (schnapps).

Another officer questions him about when he smoked his last joint.

At the end of the video, after a bit of arguing, Merreighn is allowed to sleep in his car and drive home when it's daylight and he's sober. The Lanphier girl is driven home by her father.

But as Merreighn sat in his parked car and the girl's father drove her home, they texted back and forth, according to the girl. He suggested they get together later that morning and she said she would think about it, the girl

recalled. Sometime mid-morning on July 4, Merreighn stopped at her house in Springfield, she said.

"And he came and picked me up and I was still in pjs, I just had woken up. So, he had picked me up and we were driving. He was like, 'Do you want to go to my house?' And I was like, 'OK.' And so, we went to his house (in the Westchester subdivision) and we had just sat on the couch and everything was normal. He didn't try to do anything with me. Like, he was perfectly fine," she said.

She said she made it clear to him that she was not interested in doing anything sexual.

"We had kissed before, like we're flirting with each other, that was normal," she said.

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She said he then presented her with a gift. "So, he randomly was like, I have an outfit for you. He had bought me clothes. And so, he went into his room and he came out with a white plastic bag with a brand-new Nike outfit in it. Like, everything was in my size, everything. ... It was a cute outfit."

The girl said Merreighn told her to put it on and she entered his bathroom and locked the door.

"And when I was in his bathroom changing, he unlocked it with a butter knife and I was butt naked, and he came in and was like touching on me and feeling. I was like, 'I don't want anything sexual.'

"Like, I don't even want you in the bathroom when I'm naked. There's a reason I locked the door in a whole different room and I was like, 'no.' And he's like, 'Trust me with your body - it's OK.' I was like, 'No I

on the stomach, laughed, put his clothes on and walked out of the bedroom, slamming the door.

"And I just sat up and was like, 'There was nothing more you can do besides accept it.'"

Afterwards she said they sat on the sofa and Merreighn spoke to her after setting his handgun on a glass coffee table and telling her they needed to talk.

She said he told her he was 22, not 17 as he previously claimed. She said she was frightened and told him she had no problem with the age difference but wanted to be taken home.

She said she didn't initially go to the police in part because Merreighn had repeatedly told her his mother was the city's sex crimes detective.

"I think he knew he was going to get in my pants, whether there was consent or not. So, he knew if there wasn't consent, he was going to try to scare me and try to have me think like, oh, if I come out with this, I'm going to get called out as a liar because his mom's a child-predator detective."

When Merreighn was arrested Oct. 26 on charges of sexually abusing a different girl, the Lanphier student said she posted the news article on social media.

"I praised Jesus that he got locked up. I posted and made a celebration post," she said.

The post apparently came to the attention of a state police special agent who is investigating Merreighn. He contacted her and she said she provided a DNA sample to try to match it with material collected from Merreighn's apartment. She said she also was questioned by a forensic interviewer at the child advocacy center in Jacksonville.

The state police investigator declined to discuss the ongoing investigation with *Illinois Times*. During his jailhouse interview with the newspaper, Merreighn denied ever having sex with an underage girl. He also said the only gun he has is one that only fires blanks.

The father of the Lanphier student said, "The state investigator told me, my daughter is his ace in the hole for the whole investigation."

Taylorville police Chief Dwayne Wheeler reviewed the entire body camera video with an *Illinois Times* reporter and two of his senior officers. Afterwards, he said the officers handled the situation appropriately and he could see no evidence that Merreighn was given any preferential treatment. But he acknowledged that officers have discretion on how to handle minor offenses.

Wheeler added, "It's the officer's discretion (as) to what you want to do. If you pull over somebody, you know, who knows a cop ... it's always a discretionary issue. There's professional courtesy in every business, we all know that that's never going to go away." □

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Jennifer Oglesby Mack, a Springfield police detective assigned to investigate sex crimes, took part in a panel discussion about child abuse at SIU School of Medicine in 2017.

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don't know you like that.' I don't want to do anything. Like, I'm not ready for that situation that could end badly."

She said Merreighn picked her up and as he carried her, she ordered him to stop.

"And then he had taken me into his room and there was this light brown air mattress. And he put me on it. And that's when I started actually fighting and screaming for probably around 20 or 25 minutes, while he just sat there and laid on me. And after 20 minutes, I gave up and he fucked me for two hours. He did not pull out once. And I had no emotion past the 20 minutes. He just laid there and said stuff to me. ... Like, he would tell me to moan for him. And I was just like, 'Get off of me.'"

She said when he finished, he patted her

# Evidence gone after cop's son accused of sexual assault

The 16-year-old Rochester girl sat in the room and told a tale of repeated sexual violations as a forensic investigator questioned and a video camera recorded. Behind a one-way window, a Rochester police officer and a Sangamon County deputy took notes. The man she accused of sexual assault in 2018 was Zane Merreighn, the son of Springfield Police sex-crimes detective Jennifer Oglesby Mack.

On other days, Oglesby Mack might find herself sitting behind the same one-way window taking notes as a child related sexual abuses. She's a regular at the Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center, where the interview took place, working closely with its staff and meeting monthly there with her counterparts at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Children and Family Services.

The Child Advocacy Center, located in a squat building behind the Sangamon County courthouse, is a county agency designed to promote cooperation among various governmental organizations, investigate child abuse and help children recover.

The then-16-year-old girl being questioned said the interview was difficult, causing her to relive three incidents in which she says she was sexually violated by Merreighn. In addition to being underage, she alleged that she was incapacitated at the time of the sexual encounters. Although she is now 20 years old, *Illinois Times* does not usually identify alleged sexual assault victims, and she is referred to as A.B. in court documents.

By their nature, forensic interviews are intrusive, painful probings of intimate violations. But a strange thing happened after the June 2018 interview: nothing.

"We never heard anything after that," said her father, a Sangamon County businessman, in a recent interview. "We never received a letter or email from the prosecutor on whether they would pursue the case. No one from law enforcement did any follow-up. We heard nothing at all."

At the time, the family was in crisis. A.B.'s mother was undergoing cancer treatments. Her parents had separated, although they have since reconciled. And their daughter had reported being raped and had been placed in an inpatient psychiatric facility.

Making sure the criminal justice bureaucracy was doing its job was not the family's first priority.

It wasn't until *Illinois Times* began making inquiries three-and-a-half years later that the Sangamon County Sheriff's department contacted them. And law enforcement officials had bad news: a critical piece of

evidence was missing.

The video recording of the forensic interview had mysteriously disappeared. The video was not only missing from the sheriff's department, but so were the investigator's notes. Stranger still, the video recording also disappeared from a computer hard drive at Child Advocacy Center. And the disk sent to the prosecutor's office, purportedly containing the interview, was blank.

Sheriff Jack Campbell, who was not with the department at the time of that interview, contacted the now-retired personnel who were involved in the case. Their recollections are dim at best.

"Our detective does not recall receiving anything," Campbell said. "But it's important to remember that was three years ago, and he has worked a lot of cases since then. We don't know if there was one disk or three. I thought there were three, but if that's the case, I don't know. ... I can tell you that there was never a DVD entered into evidence for us."

*Illinois Times* obtained investigative notes written by the Rochester police officer present for the forensic interview. His final notation is that he turned over the DVD of the interview to the sheriff's department and it was agreed that that agency would continue the investigation.

The same week as the interview, deputies were dealing with flooding, a murder, a missing person case and a lieutenant who was on a two-week vacation, Campbell said. It's possible that amid the confusion the disk was misplaced, he added.

Denise Johnson, director of the Child Advocacy Center, told *Illinois Times* recently the center's hard drive, believed to contain the recording of the interview, crashed. Neither technicians with the Springfield Police Department nor a federal law enforcement agency were able to recover the lost data, she said.

Johnson, who, like Campbell, was not in charge of her agency at the time of the interview, says it's a mystery as to what happened to the recording.

Both Johnson and Campbell said they can't rule out that someone may have deliberately sabotaged the investigation by stealing or destroying the recordings. But both said they don't want to believe anyone working for them would do such a thing.

Johnson said her agency took steps at the time to minimize any potential conflict of interest, since the accused assailant was the son of Oglesby Mack.

The Child Advocacy Center, a county agency, provides counseling, medical referrals

and forensic interviews to minors believed to have been sexually abused. Once a month, sex crimes investigators from the Springfield Police Department, the Sangamon County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services meet at the center and discuss their ongoing cases. Oglesby Mack has been a part of these meetings for many years, director Johnson said. Because of the close relationship between the Springfield detective and the center, a forensic investigator from Decatur was asked to travel to Springfield to conduct the interview.

A.B.'s father said that in May of 2018, he and his wife found their 16-year-old daughter emotionally distraught and uncommunicative about what had happened to her. They took her to Springfield Memorial Hospital's emergency department, where she was referred to an inpatient psychiatric facility. A rape examination was not performed at the hospital because sexual assault was not suspected.

After A.B. had been admitted, her parents found her diary where she wrote about the alleged crimes. On May 18, the Rochester police were notified and, along with the sheriff's department, arranged for her to be temporarily released from psychiatric care so she could be interviewed.

A.B. was 16 at the time, too young to legally consent to sexual intercourse in Illinois. Even if a person is of age, whether they can give consent depends on their ability to make informed decisions free from pressure, coercion and incapacitation. If a person is incapacitated from alcohol or other drugs, consent cannot be given. She said that not only was she underage, but she was also too incapacitated at the time to make an informed decision. A grand jury indictment issued Jan. 26 further accuses Merreighn of "the use or the threat of force."

Looking back, A.B. said she was going through a period of rebellion because her mother was sick, her parents were apart and she was angry. She said the system failed her.

"We heard nothing from anyone. I kept asking my parents if they had heard anything and they kept saying 'No.'"

Although no criminal charges were filed at the time, A.B. was granted an order of protection from Merreighn.

The end of the Rochester officer's 2018 report concerning her allegations notes it was decided that the Sangamon County Sheriff's Department would take over the investigation. A copy of the DVD recording of the interview, along with his notes,

were passed from the Rochester officer to Ben Helton, a detective with the sheriff's department, the report states.

Sheriff Campbell said this is the only written reference they have found to the DVD.

A.B.'s father said he has known Campbell for many years and believes him to be an honorable and good man. But he noted Campbell was not with the sheriff's department at the time of his daughter's interview. The father says he doesn't believe the video disappeared by accident. He noted that Merreighn's mother had a close working relationship with both the child advocacy center and sheriff's deputies who investigate sex crimes.

Because the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office routinely works with Oglesby Mack, it recused itself from involvement with the matter after A.B. made her allegations. The case was referred to the Illinois Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, which often handles appeals but also fills in for local state's attorneys when there is a perceived conflict of interest.

Representatives of the agency declined to discuss the case with *Illinois Times*. But the newspaper obtained the agency's internal emails regarding the missing recordings. The emails indicate that the disk which purportedly contained the forensic interview with A.B. not only was blank but is believed to have never had anything recorded on it.

Merreighn is now in the Sangamon County Jail awaiting trial on multiple counts of sexual abuse and sexual assault involving A.B. as well as two other girls who were 14 and 15 at the times of the alleged crimes. He told *Illinois Times* he has never had sex with anyone underage.

The Illinois State Police is conducting the investigation. The Springfield Police recused themselves because the case involves the son of one of their officers. Initially, the city police asked the sheriff's department to conduct the investigation. But Campbell said his department declined the request, saying his investigators have worked too closely with Oglesby Mack for them to do it. She has not responded to repeated requests for comment from *Illinois Times*.

In a jailhouse interview with *Illinois Times*, Merreighn said he never had sex with A.B. He added she "wasn't his type."

According to her, "My biggest regret is not having a DNA swab done when I was in the emergency room."

—Scott Reeder

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# Get to know farro

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FOOD | Peter Glatz

I doubt that I'll ever become a true-blue vegetarian. I just love bacon, a simple roasted chicken and a nicely seared steak way too much to totally eliminate animal protein from my diet. But I am convinced that a predominantly plant-based diet is what I should be working towards. To that end, I'm always looking for new plant-based ingredients to add to my culinary repertoire. Currently I've become enamored with farro.

Farro is the Italian word for an ancient grain that originated in the Fertile Crescent, a sickle-shaped semicircular area of cultivable land on the fringes of the Sahara and Sinai deserts. The Fertile Crescent, considered the cradle of civilization, is the birthplace of dedicated wheat farming. Farro (correctly pronounced FAHR-oh, not FARE-oh) has been found in the tombs of Egyptian monarchs, and was brought to the region that is now Italy by the Roman Legions, where it has been grown for generations by Tuscan farmers and is featured in many traditional dishes.

Farro is one of our oldest domesticated grains, and has been cultivated the same way for thousands of years. Most other commercially available wheat products, by contrast, have undergone genetic manipulation and crossbreeding to increase production and maximize shelf-life. Though not gluten-free, farro is a great way to introduce more plant-based protein into your diet. Farro is part of the Mediterranean diet, an eating style considered to be one of the world's healthiest.

The term farro actually refers to three different types of ancient wheat grains: *farro piccolo* or *eikhorn*, farro medio or emmer, and farro grande or spelt. In Latin, farro piccolo is *Triticum monococcum*, farro medio is *Triticum dicoccum*, and farro grande is *Triticum spelta*. Farro piccolo is the oldest cultivated grain, dating back at least 10,000 years, and is the rarest of Italian ancient grains. Emmer is what's sold most often in the U.S. To make matters more confusing, farro comes in three different forms: whole farro (in which the hull or bran is left intact, retaining all the grain's fiber and nutrients), semi-pearled (in which part of the bran has been removed), and pearled (which has no bran at all and has the least nutritional benefit). The pearling process reduces the cooking time and increases shelf-life, but also takes away most of the grain's nutritional benefits. Once the



Roasted Sweet Potato Salad with Farro, Pickled Shallots, and Pumpkin Seeds CREDIT: ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

bran is removed, the flavor also goes, and what remains is almost pure starch. In the United States, farro is nearly always sold in pearled form. In Italy, semi-pearled is most common.

Farro is high in fiber and protein, and is also a good source of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. Farro has the same amount of protein as quinoa, but significantly more fiber, which most Western diets are severely deficient in. Fiber is essential for digestive health. Farro is easy to digest, allowing your body to readily absorb the nutrients. Consumption of whole grains like farro reduces the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and other chronic illnesses.

Farro has a chewy texture and nutty flavor with hints of cashew and cinnamon. It is best cooked *al dente*. Its nutty flavor can be enhanced by toasting the grains in a dry skillet until fragrant and golden before cooking in liquid. The chewy texture is perfect for salads, soups, stews and grain bowls and is delicious both hot and cold. Farro is an excellent substitute for rice and can be prepared like a risotto. It can be cooked up like oatmeal and served with a dollop of yogurt, nuts and fresh fruit.

As a rule of thumb, for each cup of dry farro, use 2 1/2 to 3 cups of liquid. For pearled and semi-pearled farro, bring the grains to a boil, turn down the heat and simmer covered for about 15 to 30 minutes, until the grains are tender but still chewy. Whole grain farro should be soaked in water overnight to reduce cooking time. When cooking whole-grain farro, begin checking it for doneness after about 25 minutes.

Look for farro in the baking section of your grocery or health food store or purchase online. Popular brands are Bob's Red Mill's Organic Farro, Roland Italian Farro, and Earthly Choice Italian Pearled Farro. Anson Mills, a producer and purveyor of handmade mill goods from organic heirloom grains, sells all three varieties of farro online, and is the only grower of farro piccolo in the United States. Instead of pearling the grains, Anson Mills farro very lightly "scratches" its farro, as is traditional, to allow for a faster cooking time and to encourage the release of their starches during cooking. Because of that minimal loss of bran, it retains full nutritional benefits.

## Roasted sweet potato salad with farro, pickled shallots, and pumpkin seeds

Serves 4

### Ingredients:

For the pickled shallots:

- 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar (substitute white wine vinegar)
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon maple syrup
- 2 shallots, finely chopped (or substitute 1/2 red onion)
- 2 large sweet potatoes
- 5 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 cup farro

### Garnish:

- 1/3 cup toasted pumpkin seeds
- Crumbled goat cheese or feta (optional)

### Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 375° F.

Make the pickled shallots: In a small pot, combine sherry vinegar, water, salt and maple syrup and simmer until the salt dissolves. Remove from the stove, cool a few minutes, stir in the shallots, and set aside.

Peel sweet potatoes and cut into approximately 1/2-inch cubes. Toss cubes in a mixing bowl with 2 tablespoons of the oil. Spread the sweet potato cubes into a single layer on the sheet tray. Season with salt and black pepper. Roast until pieces are tender, about 30 to 40 minutes, turning them over halfway through the cooking time. Set aside to cool slightly.

While the sweet potatoes are roasting, cook farro in a large pot of simmering salted water according to the directions on the package, until the grains are tender but chewy, usually about 15 to 30 minutes. Drain and cool.

In a large bowl, mix together the roasted sweet potatoes, farro and pickled shallots (including their pickling liquid). Toss with the remaining 3 tablespoons of oil. Taste and adjust seasonings. Garnish with the toasted pumpkin seeds and optional cheese. Salad keeps in the fridge for up to a week. □

*Since the start of the pandemic, Peter Glatz has been living and traveling and working remotely in a converted school bus with his wife and dog.*

# Hello February music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

What with the predicted snowstorm this week, who knows what will happen, especially dealing with the aftermath of wintry precipitation. But let's proceed as if our weekend is balmy and bright with plenty of live music going on, but be prepared for cancellations.

Let's get right to it when Charhm, one of my all-time favorite Springfield-area bands, plays Friday Night Jazz at Boone's as part of the weekly series of evening entertainment hosted by your Springfield Area Arts Council. The gig always runs from 5:30 to 7:30 with food, drink and free parking available, plus "charhming" music indeed this week coming from Charhm mainstays, Ada Lou and John Crisp, backed by wonderfully talented, local jazz musicians. If planning ahead is your thing, then plan ahead for The House Trio (Feb. 11), Frank Parker Quartet (Feb. 18) and Chuck and the Seanotes (Feb. 25) to cover the entire month.

Our jazz resurgence continues when Lime Street Cafe hosts The Blue Note Quartet, featuring Buddy Rogers, Nick Gresch, Manley Mallard and Mike Lang, this Friday and Saturday evening and brings in Angel Brown's Smooth 'n' Blue Band next weekend. And to complete our upcoming jazzy selections, Ocean State, featuring the bossa nova stylings of vocalist and harmonica virtuoso Mark Russillo, accompanied by accomplished area jazz musicians, floats into It's All About Wine on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Friday kinda goes crazy with a variety of good stuff, including The Get Down getting down (I just can't resist that one, because they do) at the Curve, Avery Kern singing up a storm upstairs at Harvest Market, Jason McKenzie acousti-fying in a rowdy way at Third Base, The Fighting Side and Wonky Tonk honky tonkin' it on home at Buzz Bomb, John Drake's Risky Rooster Band a-blues rockin' at George Rank's, The Cocktails good timin' tunes at Coonrod's, After School Special sailing into Anchors Away and Wreckless Whiskey (unplugged) dropping in at Locals in Pawnee. If you want to be in UNCHAINED's video for their song "You Can Take It," head out to the Motordome (Motorheads big stage area) for the ultra-exciting evening experience. Saturday is also piled high with a good helping of diverse music choices all listed in our music calendar for you to see.

Here's an intriguing Sunday event when Adam "Waino" Wainwright, longtime ace



James Armstrong plays his blues at the Alamo this Monday night. PHOTO BY RANDY SQUIRES

pitcher, World Series champ and All-Star for the St. Louis Cardinals, hosts an autograph session this Sunday afternoon (2-4) at Boondocks along with the Cardinals' TV commentator and former star center fielder Jim Edmonds. All proceeds benefit Big League Impact, a global charity founded and organized by Wainwright, who is sometimes called "Uncle Charlie" as well. The music begins after the autographing ends when Adam's pal and Nashville singer-songwriter Dallas Davidson hits the bountiful Boondocks stage along with Dylan Marllowe and Rachel Wammac. It's something different and interesting, plus all for a very good cause, so go get your tickets from Boondocks or the Big League Impact website.

This Monday marks the return of James Armstrong to a Springfield venue when the world-class and world touring, lifelong bluesman, guitarist, singer and songwriter, plays his adopted hometown at the Alamo from 7 to 10. It's been some two years since James last graced a local stage, so let's give him a hearty welcome back and also wish him well as he begins a Midwest tour, followed by a month of gigs visiting seven countries in Europe, all culminating in a new recording scheduled for May of 2022 on CatFood Records.

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**it Joel Honey Jams**  
The Alibi, Rochester, 9pm-12am

**The Tangents**  
Arpeggio Winery, Pana, 5pm

**3's Company**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-10pm

**Randy Houser**  
Boondocks, 7pm

**Joel Gragg**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,  
7-10pm

**4 County Blues Band**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**NATU Band**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards,  
New Berlin, 7pm

**Positively 4th Street**  
Funky Monkey, Taylorville,  
4-7pm

**Wowie Zowie**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse  
Brews, 6pm

**Not Petty & California Jeff**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 6-9pm

## Thursday Feb 3

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

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

## Friday Feb 4

**After School Special**  
Anchors Away, 8-10pm

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

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

**The Fighting Side & Wonky Tonk**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**The Cocktails**  
Coonrod's Bar, 7-10pm

**The Get Down**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Risky Rooster Band**  
George Rank's, 8-11pm

**Avery Kern**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse  
Brews, 6pm

**Wreckless Whiskey unplugged**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

**UNCHAINED**  
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill &  
Museum, 8-11pm

## Sunday Feb 6

**Joel Gragg**  
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham,  
4-7pm

**Ready For Petty**  
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

**Folk jam**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 6-8pm

**Curt Smith**  
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford,  
2-5pm

## Monday Feb 7

**James Armstrong**  
The Alamo, 7pm

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

## Tuesday Feb 8

**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 9

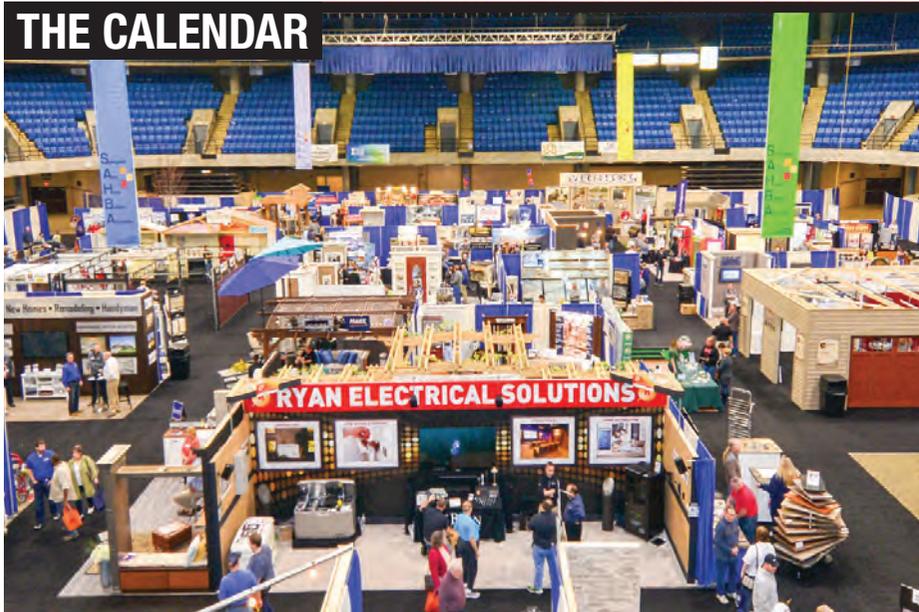
**Wolf Crick**  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton,  
7pm

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

**Open mic with The Tangents**  
Coni's Pub, 6:30-10pm

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

## THE CALENDAR



**2022 Home Expo**  
 Friday, Feb. 4, 2-8 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 4, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 Sunday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.-4 pm.  
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## THE CALENDAR

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 Dates, times and locations are subject to last-minute changes, so we suggest calling before attending events.

### ■ Special Music Events

**First Friday Concert**  
 Fri., Feb. 4, 7pm. An evening of jazz piano with Leon Lewis-Nicol. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-522-3342.

### ■ Theater & Comedy

**That Golden Girls Show!** a puppet parody

Thu., Feb. 3, 7:30pm. From Sophia's get-rich-quick schemes, Rose's tales about St. Olaf, Blanche's insatiable hunt for men and the Fountain of Youth, and Dorothy's daily struggle to make sense of her life -- devoted fans will fondly remember the four girls. \$29-\$69. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

### ■ Art & Architecture

**Basic embroidery stitches**  
 Sat., Feb. 5, 9am-12pm. Learn six or more basic embroidery stitches, then frame your work as a sampler for hanging or create a small bag in which to carry sewing tools or other treasures. Includes a free tour of Edwards Place on the day of the workshop. Ages 10+. \$20-\$30. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

### "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.

### "Reflections"

Fridays, Saturdays, 12-6pm. Through Feb. 26. An exhibit by Pharmacy artist members interpreting reflections as either the mental process of careful thinking and consideration of a past event or idea, or the process of radiant light or shimmer mirrored off of a surface. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

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## THE CALENDAR

Sat., Feb. 5, 11am-2pm. Sponsored by the Route 66 Watch & Clock Club. A great opportunity to buy and sell mechanical clocks or simply look and learn. Bring a clock, wristwatch or pocket watch to learn more about it or sell it. Free. Knights of Columbus Casey's Pub, 2200 S Meadowbrook Road, 309-643-5241.

### Thousand-Year Statehouse

Thu., Feb. 3, 7pm. Architectural designer and photographer David L. Finnigan, will discuss his book on the Illinois State Capitol. The book includes vibrant, detailed photographs, both historic and from his own collection, of many rooms and features not part of the usual tour of the building. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

### Film & Television

#### India Sweets and Spices

Sun., Feb. 6, 1, 4pm and Tue., Feb. 8, 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.

#### Mystery Movie Monday

First Monday of every month. You won't know the title of the film until the curtain opens. Could be comedy, drama, suspense, musical, romance, western -- everything but horror -- from the 20th century to contemporary titles. atthelegacy.com. \$10. Free popcorn. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 800-838-3006.

### Food

#### 217 Burger Week

Feb. 7-16. Seven days was not enough time to try them all, so most locations have added three more days to Burger Week. Get together with your friends, check out all the restaurants' offerings at 217foodweek.com and start making plans now. Various locations, Springfield, 217-753-2226.

### Auditions

#### Maur or Less and Musing 2

Thu., Feb. 3, 5:30pm and Sun., Feb. 6, 2pm. A twin bill of plays, a Springfield comedy and a Chicago drama, about the creative process. Performances will be at the Hoogland Center for the Arts on May 13-15. Call for more information. Goodenow (Former

Lincoln Library), 719 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-553-8282.

### History

#### History Under Covers: Quilts

Thu., Feb. 3, 12-1pm. The Illinois State Museum has one of the most significant quilt collections in the country. Learn about the development of this collection and see some of its most show-stopping quilts. Advance registration is required for this virtual event. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free. 217-782-6044.

### Children's Corner

#### Jabari Dreams of Freedom

Mon., Feb. 7, 10am, 12:30pm. Live-streamed viewing. Using rap, freedom songs, hip hop, history, and humor, this play explores what it means to have courage in a world where Black children, Black boys, are not safe. Appropriate for grades 3-8. uispac.com. \$7.

#### it Peter Rabbit

Sat., Feb. 5, 1, 3, 5pm. Presented by the Springfield Dance Theatre. Be sure to visit Peter's Garden Party in the lounge 30 minutes prior to each performance. Advance tickets \$20 or \$25 at the door. atthelegacy.com. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 800-838-3006.

### Nature, Science & Environment

#### Springfield Civic Garden Club

Mon., Feb. 7, 9:30am. Meg Graney of Wild Birds Unlimited will present, "Winter is for the Birds!" addressing what species winter-over in central Illinois, as well as ways bird lovers can help birds survive and thrive during the cold winter months. The public is invited and masks are required. scgc-il.org. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-546-7709.

### 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., 217-414-6690.

#### Women Entrepreneurs of Central Illinois (WE-CI)

Second Wednesday of every month. Networking group. Meeting location varies. Call for more information. 217-441-2342.

### Bulletin Board

#### APL pet adoptions

Sundays and Saturdays. Cats are available 12-4pm (11am-4pm on Saturday) and dogs are available 12-3pm. Adoption appointments are also available from 12-5pm at the shelter at 1001 Tainter Road. PetSmart, 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-544-7387.

#### Becoming an Ally

Tue., Feb. 8, 6pm. Sunny Nakae, MSW, PhD, will offer skills and strategies for addressing microaggressions, disrespect and racism. She will discuss the importance of allies in combating and correcting injustice and mistreatment in the workplace, institutions and the public sphere. Register at siumed.edu/cpd. Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation, 228 W. Miller St., 217-788-3000.

#### District 186 job fair

First Thursday of every month, 2-4pm. Hiring for clerical, custodial, food service, paraprofessional, crossing guards, CNA, LPN and RN positions. Learn more about the openings and their requirements and apply on site. sps186.org/humanresources. Springfield Public School Dist. 186, 1900 W. Monroe St., 217-525-3000.

#### SAHBA Home Expo 2022

Fri., Feb. 4, 2-8pm, Sat., Feb. 5, 9am-6pm and Sun., Feb. 6, 10am-4pm. Check out the latest trends in the home building and remodeling industry and meet with local company reps. Many activities for children. Admission \$6, children 12 and under free. BoS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 217-698-4941.

#### Social Seniors

Tue., Feb. 8, 1-3pm. Gain a better understanding of the signs and symptoms of depression and learn coping strategies to combat social isolation. Enjoy arts, crafts, games, short lectures and group discussions. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

### Sports

#### Springfield Jr. Blues vs. Fairbanks Ice Dogs

Fri., Feb. 4, 7pm and Sat., Feb. 5, 6pm. Adult \$10-\$12. Children 12 and under \$6-\$8. Nelson Center, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-525-2589.

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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 (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:

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

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 (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

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NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARK A. LEHMANN and STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 21-CH-100

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

2757 S. COLLEGE  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on January 19, 2022, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Permanent Index Number: 22-09.0-206-019

Commonly known as: 2757 S. College, Springfield, IL 62704

will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on March 1, 2022, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$46,666.37. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted.

The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to

general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, Plaintiff,

Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney

Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549)

HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS

VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

MATTHEW E. MEYERS, NANCY MEYERS,

TREVI GARDENS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

Case No. 18 CH 263

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on March 15, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

Common Address: 128 GENOA, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

P.I.N. 22-21.0-205-012

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff

Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808  
Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172  
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"THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE"

W19-0501

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Community Loan Servicing, LLC; Plaintiff,

vs.

Kevin Schaul a/k/a Kevin W. Schaul; Misty White a/k/a Misty L. White; Trace Homeowners Association; Illinois Department of Revenue; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Marine Bank f/k/a Marine Bank,

Springfield; Defendants.

19 CH 227

Judge Presiding NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, Sheriff of Sangamon, Illinois, will on March 15, 2022, at the hour of 09:00 AM at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, County Board Chambers and Conference Room on 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit: C/K/A: 201 North Natchez Trace, Springfield, IL 62711 PIN: 13-25-0-382-015

The person to contact regarding information regarding this property is: Sales Dept., The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540, Chicago, IL 60603. Any questions regarding this sale should refer to file number W19-0501. The terms of the sale are Cash. 10% at time of sale, with the balance due within 24 hours. The property is improved by: single family home . The Property is not open for inspection prior to sale. The real estate, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and tenements, hereditament and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be sold under such terms.

The Wirbicki Law Group LLC Attorney for Plaintiff  
33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Phone: 312-360-9455  
W19-0501  
pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS BANKUNITED N.A. PLAINTIFF,

-vs-

Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Judie A. Renier, Deceased; Ramon Renier; Ivory Renier a/k/a Ivory Renier Jr.; Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Dawn Renier, Deceased; Julie E. Fox, as Special Representative for Judie A. Renier, Deceased; 1st MidAmerica Credit Union; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS

NO. 21 CH 5

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on January 19, 2022; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Commonly known as 1948 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703 Permanent Index No.: 14-35.0-328-001, 14-35.0-328-002 and 14-35.0-328-003 Improvements: Single Family Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$58,326.54. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Bid Amount contact:

Sale Clerk  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301  
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(847) 291-1717  
BankUnited N.A.  
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
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Michael N. Burke (6291435)  
Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452)  
Joseph M. Herbas (6277645)  
Michael Kalkowski (6185654)  
Laura J. Anderson (6224385)  
Mallory Snyderman (6306039)  
Thomas Belczak (6193705)

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.

COMMON AD/SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE FORM

1948 East Lawrence Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62703

# PUBLIC NOTICES

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF

CHARLES T. NELSON, DECEASED

No. 2021 P 714

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Charles T. Nelson. Letters of Office were issued on January 25, 2022, to Kevin N. McDermott, 109 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, as Administrator with the Will Annexed.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Administrator, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 25th day of January, 2022.

Kevin N. McDermott  
Attorney for the Estate of Charles T. Nelson  
109 South Seventh Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(217) 753-4070  
Ill. Reg. No. 6196497  
Kevin@KevinMcDermott.com

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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WANDA S. RISEMAN,

Deceased.

Case No. 2022-PR-29

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of WANDA S. RISEMAN, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on December 17, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on the 20th day of January, A.D., 2022, to SAMUEL C. RISEMAN, 2013627 Grove Ave., Berwyn, Illinois 60402, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 24th day of January, A.D., 2022.

ESTATE OF WANDA S. RISEMAN, Deceased,  
BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart  
Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys.

PREPARED BY:

Pamela E. Hart (6299974)  
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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  
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Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
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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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF:

DONALD E. CRENSHAW, III Deceased.

Case No. 2022-PR-00035

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of DONALD E. CRENSHAW, III. Letters Testamentary were issued on January 25, 2022, appointing Sheri Crenshaw, 4494 Brickler Road, Springfield, IL 62707, as Executor, whose attorney is Herman G. Bodewes of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., One West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 600, Myers Bldg., Springfield, IL 62701; Phone: (217) 525-1571.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative, or both, on or before July 30, 2022. Any claim not filed by 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 25th day of January, 2022  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Sangamon County, Illinois  
200 South Ninth Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Herman G. Bodewes  
GIFFIN, WINNING, COHEN & BODEWES, P.C.  
Post Office Box 2117

Springfield, IL 62705-2117  
Telephone: (217) 525-1571  
8051-920686

**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.  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

IN THE MATTER OF:  
CHARLES G. CLEER,  
Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-24  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Charles G. Cleer of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on January 20th, 2022, to Philip Cleer, whose address is 2273 E. Keys, Springfield, IL 62702, as Administrator, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW OF GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED this 20th day of January 2022.

James R. Enlow(#6199891)  
Todd M. Goebel (#6275004)  
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL  
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1231 South Eighth Street  
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**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.

LOUIS CLAYBORN, UNKNOWN OWNERS and  
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

No. 22-MR-27

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Louis Clayborn, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on January 27, 2022 for demolition of the structure located on the real estate commonly known as 916 N. 12th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lot 14 in Block 7 in Furniture Factory Park Addition to the City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

(Permanent Parcel No. 14-27.0-279-010); and for other relief.

UNLESS Louis Clayborn, 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 March 7, 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

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Springfield, IL 62701-1653

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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:

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

IN THE MATTER OF

ROBERT T. CASSENS,

Deceased.

2021-P-718

CLAIM NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of ROBERT T. CASSENS, of the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 29, 2021, to Elizabeth A. Cassens of 67 Sugar Creek Hills, Auburn, Illinois 62615, whose attorney is Mark A. Cassens of Goehl, Schuering & Cassens, LLP, 506 Vermont Street, Quincy, Illinois 62301.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill.Rev.Stat. Ch. 110½, ¶128-4) 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 Circuit Clerk of the Court at the Adams County Courthouse, Quincy, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 15, 2022, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. 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.

Elizabeth A. Cassens, Independent Executor  
By her attorneys, GOEHL, SCHUERING & CASSENS, LLP

Per /s/ Mark A. Cassens

GOEHL, SCHUERING & CASSENS, LLP

Mark A. Cassens

Attorneys at Law

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Quincy, IL 62301

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**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**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JOSEPH TOWNE, Deceased

NO. 2022-PR-31

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JOSEPH TOWNE, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on January 20, 2022 to Terri Morris, 2705 Findley Drive, Springfield, IL 62704-5360 as Executor under Independent Administration, 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 20th 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 21st 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**

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 FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF SANGAMON

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF

EILEEN KIRCHNER, DECEASED.

NO. 2022-PR-36

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of EILEEN

KIRCHNER, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters

of Office were issued on January 24, 2022,

to LAURA M. BOLTE of 700 S. Lincoln Ave.;

Springfield IL 62704, whose attorney is

DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th

Street, Suite E, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in

the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the

Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th

St., room 405, Springfield, IL 62701 or with

the representative, or both, within 6 months

from the 3rd day of February, 2022, being

the date of first publication of this Notice

and any claim not filed within that period

is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the

Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the

representative and to the attorney within 10

days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents

in civil cases with limited exemptions. To

e-file, you must first create an account with

an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers>.

htmo to learn more and to select a service

provider. If you need additional help or

have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk

with your local circuit clerk's office.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2022.

LAURA M. BOLTE, Executor of the Estate of

EILEEN KIRCHNER, Deceased

BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC

By: Anthony J. DelGiorno Attorney

Attorneys for Estate:

Anthony J. DelGiorno (IARDC 6277358)

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2160 S. Sixth St., Ste. E

Springfield, IL 62703

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Service: [service@delgiornolawoffice.com](mailto:service@delgiornolawoffice.com)

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY

Michael B. Wade Jr., Petitioner

and

Kianna Rashan Lewis, Respondent

Case No. 2020-F-414

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you Kianna Rashan Lewis

, Respondent herein, that this cause has

been commenced and you are summoned

to a child custody case and for other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise

file your appearance in this case in the

office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon

County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room

405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the

19th Day of February, 2022, a judgment or

decree by default may be taken against you

for the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo

Circuit Clerk

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 pursu-

ant 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

Elisabeth Grace Morrison

For change of name to

Elisabeth Grace Patton

And, in the matter of the Petition on

Addison Marie Morrison

For change of name to

Addison Marie Patton

Case No.: 22-MR-23

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 Elisabeth

Grace Morrison to Elisabeth Grace Patton,

and I will petition in said Court praying for

the change of name from Addison Marie

Morrison to Addison Marie Patton, pursuant

to the statute in such case made and

provided.

Dated: Feb. 3, 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 Court-

house 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 calcu-

lated 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 repre-

sentation 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, pur-

chasers 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 inspec-

tion and Plaintiff makes no representation

as to the condition of the property. Prospec-

tive bidders are admonished to check the

Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWN-

ER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN

POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY

OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCOR-

DANCE 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.

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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 Court-

house 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



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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.  
DANIEL R. NIKA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 22-MR-29  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Daniel R. Nika, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on January 27, 2022 for demolition of the structure located on the real estate commonly known as 1132 Reservoir Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lot 1 in Block 2 of Reservoir Addition, excepting the West 77 feet thereof. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-27.0-229-003); and for other relief.

UNLESS Daniel R. Nika, 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 March 7, 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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.  
STEVEN LAMAR DAVIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants  
No. 22-MR-28

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Steven Lamar Davis, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on January 27, 2022 for demolition of the structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1528 Carolina Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lot 35 of Reservoir Park Addition to the City of Springfield, situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-22.0-435-001); and for other relief.

UNLESS Steven Lamar Davis, 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 March 7, 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 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – SANGAMON COUNTY, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff,

v.  
SUSANA JUSTUS BRINTON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,  
Case No. 2022-FC-9  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is March 7, 2022.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on January 21, 2022.  
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: Habitat for Humanity – Sangamon County Case 2022-FC-9  
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois  
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Susana Justus Brinton  
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Lot Twenty (20) of Plat 1 of Glenarm North. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 11615 Orange Lane, Glenarm, Illinois 62536  
6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
Name of Mortgage: Susana Justus Brinton  
Name of Mortgagee: Habitat for Humanity – Sangamon County  
Date of Mortgage: December 28, 2007  
Date of recording: December 31, 2007  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document number 2007R49454

/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
PAUL PALAZZOLO  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Emmet A. Fairfield  
Registration No. 6180505

205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-8491  
efairfield@bhsllaw.com  
8051-920654

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION to enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent will be held at 9:00am, Saturday February 12th, 2022 at Northend Storage located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. Tenants must pay in full by the date listed above. This is a Private Auction. YOU MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICE 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE AUCTION DATE TO ATTEND BY CALLING 217-544-4521.

Tonie Wilson 6-30  
Arron Edwards 10-13  
Jessica Close 10-19  
Sandra Mosely C-13  
Kristina Blissett H-2  
Shanelle Reese I-14  
Diana Brunner J-17  
Marrissaa Montez 6-15  
Courtney Marsaglia 6-21  
Delmar Flourmoy 10-20  
David Zelle 11-39  
BKL Michael/Shelly Weller/Lowe 11-42  
Cheryl Goza Smith C-4  
Paula Holt G-10  
Danny Crawford 10-5  
Lanita Simmons 11-6  
Devers Vernon 2-18  
Kevin Eubanks 6-17  
Alyssa Lewin 10-38  
April Burrow 11-18  
Raven Armstrong J-30  
Genesis Bennett 9-7  
Truman Turner 11-8  
Warneth Banks 2-19  
Danan Mills 11-12  
Carrie Shafer B-9  
Ronald Simmons 11-4  
Bertha Bostic G-3  
James Miles 10-4  
Larry Hagman 3-2  
Michelle Anderson 7-3  
Troy Kirkwood 9-9  
Shirley Harp 1-27  
Randy Rexroad 2-17  
Tamika Weems 3-19  
Jessica Bessie 4-23  
Melissa Daniels 7-15  
Clifton Wilson 7-24  
Nathan Williams 7-25  
David Nudo G-8  
Jackie McKown J-4  
Dabraesha Conner 5-8  
Donald Caves 1-13 5-23  
Johnny Woods A-5  
Dottie Wilburn 7-5  
Robert Ringo 2-14  
Andrea Shimkus 4-24

The Unit Storage  
4823 Rodger Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
To: Kimberly Luster, Springfield, IL  
Unit #95  
To: Mark Sloan, Belleville, IL  
Unit #92  
To: Darrion Thomas, Springfield, IL  
Unit #63  
To: Edward T. Cole, III, Springfield, IL  
Unit #P11, #P12  
To pay past-due rents, please call 217.391.3533. Private sale will be held February 15, 2022 @ 8:00am at The Unit Storage, 4823 Rodger Street, Springfield, IL 62703. For information regarding sale, please call 217.391.3533.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Jarisha Watson, Petitioner

vs.  
Teela Dickerson, Respondent  
Case No: 2021-OP-2232  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Teela Dickerson this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before March 3, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: Feb. 3, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Ronald Lutz, Petitioner  
and  
Tylisha Tracy, Respondent  
Case No. 2021-F-371  
Case No. 21-OP-2086  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you Tylisha Tracy, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a child custody case and for other relief. Tylisha Tracy this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 17th Day of March, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Vickie D. Jones, Petitioner  
vs.  
Willbright P. Dilante, Respondent  
Case No: 2021-OP-1972  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Willbright P. Dilante this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before February 17, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: Jan. 20, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC, Plaintiff(s),

vs.  
MATTHEW E. MEYERS, NANCY MEYERS, TREVIL GARDENS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).  
Case No. 18 CH 263  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the

said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on March 15, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: PART OF LOT 14 TREVIL GARDENS 5TH ADDITION, SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 14; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 34.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ON SAID COURSE, 35.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, 105.02 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST, 34.26 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST, 105.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.083 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Common Address: 128 GENOA, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
P.I.N. 22-21.0-205-012  
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808  
Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172  
Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847  
Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724  
175 North Franklin St. Suite 201  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
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Pleadings@nevellaw.com  
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# 18-02662  
8051-920741

"THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE"

W19-0501  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Community Loan Servicing, LLC; Plaintiff,

vs.  
Kevin Schaul a/k/a Kevin W. Schaul; Misty White a/k/a Misty L. White; Trace Homeowners Association; Illinois Department of Revenue; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Marine Bank f/k/a Marine Bank, Springfield; Defendants.  
19 CH 227  
Judge Presiding  
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, Sheriff of Sangamon, Illinois, will on March 15, 2022, at the hour of 09:00 AM at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, County Board Chambers or Conference Room on 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit: LOT 40 OF THE TRACE. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LAND WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
C/K/A: 201 North Natchez Trace, Springfield, IL 62711  
PIN: 13-25-0-382-015

The person to contact regarding information regarding this property is: Sales Dept., The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540, Chicago, IL 60603. Any questions regarding this sale should refer to file number W19-0501. The terms of the sale are Cash. 10% at time of sale, with the balance due within 24 hours. The property is improved by: single family home. The Property is not open for inspection prior to sale.

The real estate, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be sold under such terms.  
The Wirbicki Law Group LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Phone: 312-360-9455  
W19-0501  
pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com  
I3186432

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS BANKUNITED N.A. PLAINTIFF,

-vs-  
Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Judie A. Renier, Deceased; Ramon Renier; Ivory Renier a/k/a Ivory Renier Jr.; Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Dawn Renier, Deceased; Julie E. Fox, as Special Representative for Judie A. Renier, Deceased; 1st MidAmerica Credit Union; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS  
NO. 21 CH 5  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on January 19, 2022;

Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Said property is legally described as follows:

LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 IN BLOCK 3 IN GATSCHENBERGER'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHWEST PART OF THE EAST HALF, SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. Commonly known as 1948 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703  
Permanent Index No.: 14-35.0-328-001, 14-35.0-328-002 and 14-35.0-328-003  
Improvements: Single Family Residential  
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$58,326.54. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Bid Amount contact:  
Sole Clerk  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301  
Bannockburn, IL 60015  
ILNOTICES@logs.com  
(847) 291-1717  
BankUnited N.A.  
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301  
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(847) 291-1717  
ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg  
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Thomas Belczak (6193705)  
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COMMON AD/SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE

FORM  
1948 East Lawrence Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62703  
8051-920776

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF

PAULINE J. HAAS, Deceased.

No. 2022PR000048 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Pauline J. Haas, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on January 19, 2022. Lawrence R. Haas, whose post office address is 11 Sunset Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62704, was appointed administrator of her estate on January 31, 2022. The attorneys for the administrator are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the administrator, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 31st day of January, 2022.  
Mike Southworth (ARDC #6186085)  
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501

Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-0055  
trigby@hsw.net.com  
aprillaman@hsw.net.com  
8051-920772

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

STEPHANIE A. KENNEDY, CASE NO. 2022-PR-34 Deceased.

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Stephanie A. Kennedy, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on January 26, 2022 to George M. A. Kennedy, as Executor, whose attorney is Emmet A. Fairfield, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. Fifth St., Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 12, 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 28th day of January, 2022.

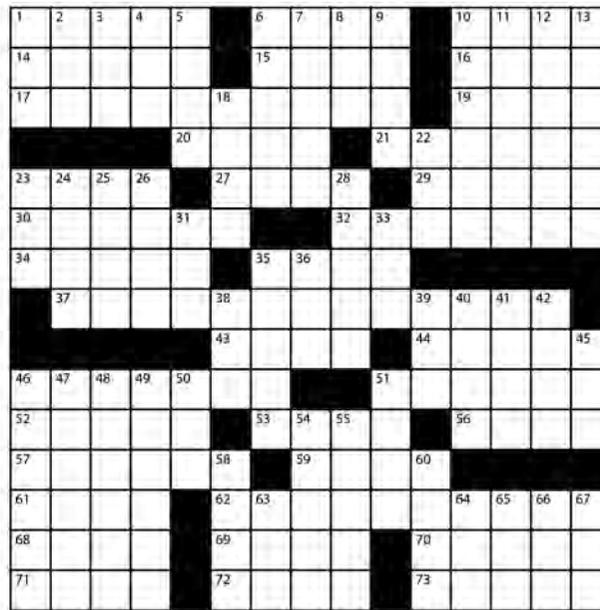
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Emmet A. Fairfield  
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Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-8491  
efairfield@bhsllaw.com  
8051-920763

## A store

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 725

### Across

1. Reef material
6. Attempt
10. Literally, "king"
14. + end
15. Basalt source
16. Legal prefix
17. The easy life
19. Mass number
20. Barfly's binge
21. Plant swellings
23. "Now!"
27. Crude group?
29. Chip away at
30. Clothing line
32. Magazine success
34. Archaeological site
35. Buzzing pest
37. Lowbrow sitcom staple
43. Absolute worst
44. Navigational aid
46. Denounce



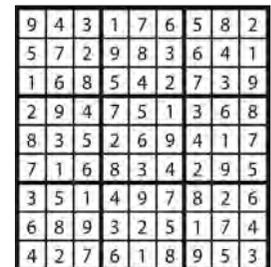
### Down

1. Subway alternative
2. A wee hour
3. Curtain holder
4. Hoopla
5. Hit the road
6. Fore-and-aft-rigged vessel
7. Spoonful, say
8. "\_\_\_ Maria"
9. Bottom
10. Globe
11. Upper part of a barn
12. Loser of 1588
13. Grimm youngster
18. Part of a Clue accusation
22. Hibernation site
23. Balloon filler
24. Give the cold shoulder
25. Largest of seven
26. Confined, with "up"
28. Pulls an all-nighter
31. \_\_\_ Wednesday
33. Afr. nation
35. Auctioneer's word
36. "\_\_\_ a chance"
38. Engine speed, for short
39. Bring into play
40. Forest growth
41. "Don't bet \_\_\_!"
42. Pink, as a steak
45. Sales pro
46. Kind of nut
47. Senators' home
48. More intimate
49. Singles, often
50. Australian runner
51. "\_\_\_ Yankees"
54. Kind of race
55. Merchandise
58. Declines
60. Cut, maybe
63. Victorian, for one
64. Ground breaker
65. Control
66. Faux \_\_\_
67. Compass dir.

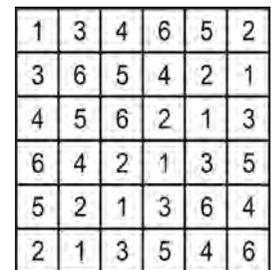
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Crossword answers from #724



Sudoku answers from #724

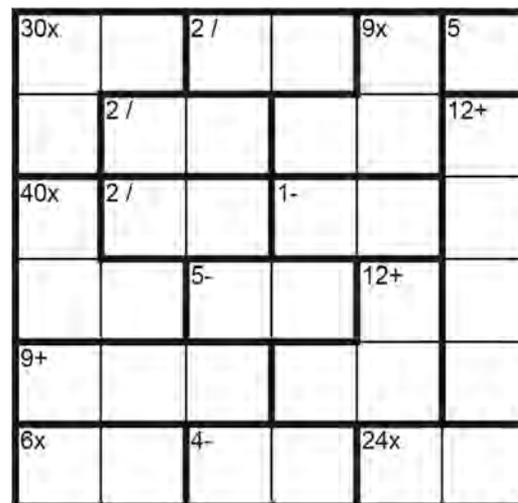


JoshJosh answers from #724

## JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 725

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.

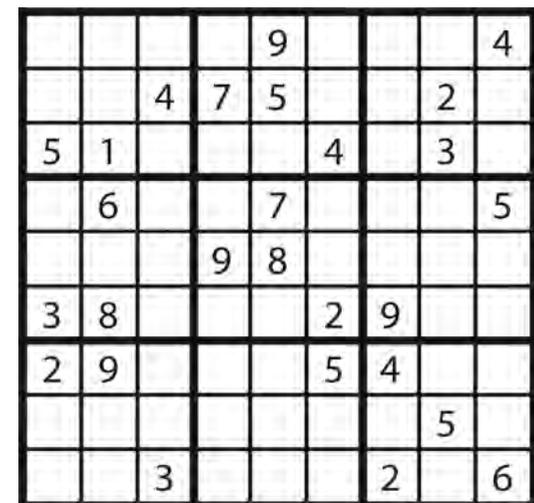


Difficulty medium

## Sudoku

No. 725

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



Difficulty hard

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