







21 FOOD | Sweet on beets



16 MUSIC | Astrofix





Access to recordings at mywacci.org

SIU's Student-led Global Brigade Makes an Impact

Speaker: Ashley-Ann Walker, MD Candidate, Class of 2025, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

Wednesday, February 21st •Illini Country Club Dinner 5:30PM • Program 7PM

Ashley-Ann Walker is a current third-year medical student at SIU School of Medicine. She is the President of SIU's Global Health Interest Group. The program will highlight a wonderful Springfield - Central America connection. Learn more about the work of the SIU School of Medicine's Global Health Interest group, which is a student-led organization whose mission is to serve those around the world who are in need.

Reservations are required for Dinner. Cost of dinner is \$40/person. Prepayment is required. Contact Lynn McMenamin 217-502-6956 or lcm1300@aol.com

The Presentation is FREE and open to the public





ELEVATE YOUR SPACE WITH A REMODEL

JOIN US FOR A FREE SEMINAR TO LEARN HOW!

We know getting started is often the hardest part. That's why many of our clients have shared that attending a seminar was a great first step in their remodeling journey. Get an insider's view of local remodeling projects - trends, budgets, timelines and more. Let's discuss personalized solutions for your new bathroom or kitchen.

JOIN US AT AN UPCOMING SEMINAR

25 JAN

15 FEB

25 APR

4 MAY

SCAN QR CODE TO VIEW FAQ'S & RSVF



☑ DREAMMAKERSPRINGFIELD.COM



Hours: Tues-Sat 10am-5pm





Republic Services took over approximately 7,000 Waste Management residential customers in the city of Springfield, effective Feb. 1. Waste Management said alleys made service to certain parts of the city inefficient.

Springfield down to two residential waste haulers

Republic Services takes over Waste Management routes

GARBAGE SERVICE | Dean Olsen

Waste Management transferred most of its residential business in Springfield to Republic Services because alleys made service to certain parts of the city inefficient, a company spokesperson said.

"Our company is moving more to automation," Lisa Disbrow, spokesperson for Waste Management of Illinois Inc., told Illinois Times on Feb. 6.

WM's increasing use of garbage trucks staffed with one person who drives and

operates mechanical arms to pick up garbage containers has made it difficult to efficiently use Springfield's alleys to pick up trash in certain neighborhoods, Disbrow said.

The last-minute notification of WM's estimated 7,000 residential customers before the change took effect Feb. 1 prompted calls to Springfield city officials even though the city apparently doesn't control when a private waste hauler can exit and sell its routes to a competitor.

Editor's note

Waste Management's quick exit from providing residential garbage service in Springfield may stir up calls for reform of Springfield's antiquated and inefficient system of private haulers contracted by individual homeowners. There is little enforcement of the rule that requires each residence to have trash service, so rampant fly dumping plagues neighborhoods. Maybe the city needs a Waste and Recycling Task Force, like the one I served on that was called together by Mayor Karen Hasara. Among our recommendations issued in October 2001 was an ordinance requiring all waste collection at the curb, rather than the alley, for more efficient collection. Later, only two decades ago, another garbage task force, formed by Mayor Tim Davlin, considered recommendations from The Springfield Project, which I represented. Among them was "some form of centralized billing such as putting a fee on the CWLP bill" and "move toward a system of one hauler per area of the community, to reduce wear and tear on streets and alleys and be more cost-effective for the haulers." Come to think of it, maybe we don't need another trash reform task force, but if there is one I'll gladly turn over my files. -Fletcher Farrar, editor

Cover photo by The Storyteller Studios

Mayor Misty Buscher said she has asked her administration's legal department to look into the city's rights under local ordinances in these situations and whether any local laws need to be tweaked. The city does limit how much waste haulers can charge.

Effective Feb. 1, Waste Management "divested" of its residential services in Springfield to all customers at single-family homes and multi-family homes with three or fewer units. The company continues to serve residential buildings with four or more units in the city, as well as commercial customers, according to Kristina LoRusso, community program coordinator in the Springfield Office of Public

Disbrow wouldn't disclose financial terms of the deal between WM and Republic but said customers automatically transferred to Republic in the deal are free to switch to Lake Area Disposal & Recycling, the city's third and only locally owned garbage hauler.

WM continues to serve other residential and commercial customers in the area outside Springfield's corporate limits, she said.

The city only learned of the change a few days before it happened, LoRusso said.

"It was a private business decision," she said. Affected residents have been calling the city "because they're a little upset the change took place," she said.

Former Waste Management customers who called Republic's help line initially were told they couldn't switch their service, LoRusso said, but that guidance was false, and the WM call center since then has been providing correct information.

Republic officials didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Letters sent by Republic to former WM customers said their previous service days will continue as scheduled.

City officials said former WM customers are encouraged to retain the trash cans that WM

"Republic Services will provide blue stickers to identify homes added to the new scheduled pickups," the city said in its online news announcements.

The Republic letter to customers said, "You may see changes to your service day or receive new recycling and solid-waste collection carts in the future, but we will let you know in advance of any changes."

The letter said people with questions about Republic Services should call 217-522-7797 or visit the company's website at RepublicServices.

Dean Olsen is a senior staff writer at Illinois Times. He can be reached at dolsen@illinoistimes. com, 217-679-7810 or twitter.com/DeanOlsenIT.

217 Burger Week

Official Passport

February 5-13, 2024

Curve Inn

3219 S. Sixth St. Road 217-529-5806

Pimento Burger

Our house-made Pimento cheeseburger is a half-pound hand pattied burger, topped with our house-made cheese spread consisting of cheese, mayo, pimentos and spices blended and spread on your burger cooked to perfection. Topped with 2 slices of hickory smoked bacon and your choice of toppings. \$10 with your choice of any side.

Legacy Pointe Eatery

1130 W. Legacy Pointe Drive On the north side of Scheels 217-670-1217

Slider Trio

\$14- Three burger sliders topped with one each of our house favorites: Spicy Mushroom Style, Mini "Western" Style and a Taco Style. Served with a side of fries and house pickles. (no substitutions, please)

Jack Daniel's Tennessee Lemon Drop

\$10 – Jack Daniel's Old No. 7, Cointreau, Fresh Lemon Juice, Orange Juice, Simple. Sugar rim and lemon slice garnish.

Pease's at BUNN Gourmet

2941 Plaza Drive 217-793-1840

BUNN Farm Gourmet Burger

Made fresh with cheese and bacon (lettuce, onion and tomato on the side) served on a brioche bun topped with King Cake icing served with Zapp's Voodoo chips and a pickle spear. \$14

Burger Bar and Back Door Lounge

2765 S. Sixth St. 217-528-9030

Korean BBQ Burger

\$11.50 - Fresh, never frozen patty topped with our Korean BBQ Sauce and garlic cabbage served with our House-made chips

Jack Daniel's Special

\$4 - Jack and Pepsi or the mixer you desire

Springfield Carriage Co.

724 E. Edwards St., Springfield 217-572-1457

Brunch Burger

Brunch is our specialty, and this burger is right on brand! This Signature Brunch Burger is guaranteed to make you say yum! With three kinds of cheese, a juicy burger, fried potato straws, an over medium egg and our signature sauce, it's a no-brainer any time of day! We will be pairing it with our favorite Breakfast Potatoes and highly recommend a Strawberry Lemonade. \$12.50

Trade Winds Pub and Eatery

1700 Recreation Drive 217-679-3482

Squeal Burger

Visit 217foodweek.com for more details

Our cooked to order burger with American cheese and topped with pulled pork and coleslaw with a BBQ sauce drizzle. Served with fresh cut fries. \$9. Dine-in only.

Main Gate Bar & Grill

2143 N. 11th St. (across from Illinois State Fair Main Gate 217-528-8940

The Jack Daniel's Burger

Jack Daniels glazed 1/3lb hand-pattied burger on a toasted brioche bun with bacon, sautéed onions, lettuce, tomato and pickles. Comes with waffle fries for \$10, dine in or carryout. Add homemade Louisiana Gumbo available during the 217 ood week for just \$5. Call 217-528-8940 for carryout.

Jack Daniel's Whiskey Flight

Featuring a pour of chilled Jack Old No. 7, Fire, Honey and Apple. No substitutions on the flight. \$16

Silver Sevens Gaming Pub & Parlor

3217 Lake Plaza Drive

217-585-0460

The Winner
\$9 - Our quarter-pound burger is mixed with a Jack Daniel's
glaze on a toasted bun topped with provolone cheese, tomato, onion and bacon. Served with our delicious homemade
chips. Pair your burger with a Jack and Coke for just \$3. Play
here. Win big! Video gaming powered by J&J Gaming.

Broadgauge

101 North 7th Street Petersburg, IL 62675 217-386-5669

Broadgauge Burge

Jack Daniels candied bacon on macaroni and cheese burger with local ground beef and served on a house made brioche bun with hand cut fries and house made pickles for \$12.

Jack Derby

Freshly squeezed grapefruit juice, local honey, shaken and poured in a glass with an expression of grapefruit oil to finish. \$10

Fire & Ale

135 Illini Blvd, Sherman (217) 496-2236

Moo Orleans Burger

Creole seasoned Wagyu burger, cooked to your liking, topped with Blackened Shrimp and Smokey Cajun Sausage, a slice of Pepper Jack, Creole Aioli, and LTOP.... beads on the side! \$16.99

Jackberry Smash

Jack Daniels, fresh blueberries, agave, Grand Marnier and fresh basil \$7.50

Parkside Grub Hut

314 E. Adams St., Riverton 447-910-8610

The Grub Hut Burger Combo

This includes a 5.3-ounce fresh, never frozen, cooked to order burger patty with American cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, bacon and special sauce. Served with sidewinders and a 24-ounce fountain drink. \$10.75

Weebles Bar & Grill

4136 N. Peoria Road 217-528-3337

Almost Elvis Burger

Half-pound PBJ burger topped with bacon and mango habanero jelly served with chips. It's a mixture of sweet and heat with nutty goodness! \$8. Add fries for \$2.50.

Jack Daniel's Special

Jack Daniel's cocktails are just \$4, and \$3 on Wednesdays.



217 Burger WEEK

TRAVEL WITH A
217 FOOD WEEK
PASSPORT & EAT TO WIN!

NAME:

EMAIL:

Seven days was not enough time to try all the burgers, so most locations have added an extra two days to Burger Week. Be sure to check 217 foodweek.com to confirm the number of days being offered at each location, their hours and their offerings. Then get together with your friends and start making plans.

While you're enjoying all the chef-inspired burgers, don't forget your 217 Burger Week passport to plan your food journey and for a chance to win gift cards from local restaurants! Download your passport at 217 foodweek.com or get one from inside the Illinois Times Feb. 1 and Feb. 8 issues. Be sure to send it to the IT office by Monday, Feb. 26. By mail or in person; 1240 S. 6th St, Springfield, IL 62703 or email it to marketing@illinoistimes.com.

While restaurants are setting their burger prices they still make 217 Burger Week easy on the wallet and support local restaurants. Enjoy special Jack Daniel's drinks at participating locations.

Brought to you by these fine sponsors











*Please drink responsibly

CWLP asking for significant water rate increases

32% hike proposed for 2024, 2025

CWLP | Dean Olsen

City Water, Light & Power officials say water rate increases of 32% this year and 32% in 2025 are needed for state-required replacements of lead lines and to reduce the frequency of water main breaks, dredge Lake Springfield and improve the water division's finances.

CWLP Chief Utility Engineer Doug Brown said the need for the increases for Springfield's municipally owned utility was delayed for several years because of federal COVID-19 pandemic relief funds, budget cuts, loans from the electrical division and other one-time fixes.

"There are no more magic cuts we can make or other revenue sources we can use to balance the budget," Brown told Springfield City Council members Jan. 31.

Brown said in an interview with *Illinois Times*: "We've been stretching the dollars for quite a few years. We got through COVID, but with the inflation that took place and with the lead service line requirements, it's imperative now to move this forward."

The last water rate increase was 13 years ago, in March 2011. The proposed hikes would match the total percentage increases phased in from 2008 to 2011.

The new rate increases would generate an additional almost \$8 million in the fiscal year that begins March 1, and \$10.4 million on top of that in the fiscal year that begins March 1, 2025.

Under the first year of the increase, the average residential customer's monthly water bill, which equates to four units of usage, would rise by \$4.19 – from \$13.16 currently to \$17.35. That's an increase of about 14 cents per day, according to CWLP.

The bill would rise by another \$5.55 in the second year, adding another 18 cents per day for each service connection.

The monthly commercial bill, for a customer using seven units of water as an example, would rise by slightly more than \$21 – from \$66.36 currently to \$87.56 – in the first year. The second-year increase would add another \$28 per month.

The two-year increase would raise water bills by 74%, compared with current bills.

Applicable rate increases also would be passed on to CWLP customers in communities that include Jerome, Grandview, Loami, Southern View, Leland Grove, Rochester and the Sugar Creek Water District, based on the language in each service contract, Brown said.

Several Springfield City Council members have said they would favor reducing the proposed increase, scheduling smaller increases over perhaps a 10-year time period or adopting a tiered increase that charges water users in areas of

the city with newer infrastructure more than in older parts of the community.

The options, which could be formally proposed at the council's Feb. 13 committee of the whole meeting as amendments to a water-rate ordinance, would soften the financial impact of the increase, especially on lower-income residents, according to Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano.

She noted that utility bills typically represent a larger percentage of living expenses for the poor.

"The increase doesn't sound like a lot, but folks are really getting squeezed right now, especially in the lower-income levels," Notariano said. "I would like to see if there's a way to make this more equitable."

She noted that Springfield residents soon will pay higher bills for sewage treatment, as well. Beginning May 1, an increase approved by the board governing the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District, a separate unit of local government, will boost the average monthly residential bill for a Springfield customer by \$1.60, with the current average bill of \$23.68 rising to \$25.28. That amounts to a 6.7% increase.

The water reclamation district's annual rate increases are tied to the Consumer Price Index, or inflation rate, and additional charges related to capital improvements on combined wastewater and stormwater lines within the city of Springfield, according to the district's executive director, Gregg Humphrey.

In addition to Springfield, the district serves communities that include Chatham, Rochester, Sherman, Jerome, Leland Grove, Grandview, Southern View, Curran and some unincorporated areas in Sangamon County.

The Springfield City Council is expected to vote Feb. 20 on the new city budget for fiscal 2025, which begins March 1, 2024. The first water rate increase would take effect for water use in March that is reflected on April CWLP bills.

Even with the rate increases, Springfield's residential water rates this year would remain the lowest in the state for comparably sized and larger communities, including Chicago, Bloomington-Normal, Rockford, Champaign-Urbana, Peoria and Decatur, CWLP officials said.

If authorized by the Springfield City Council, the proposed increases would take effect in March 2024 and March 2025. After that, future rates would automatically rise based on the inflation rate.

More than half of the money generated by the proposed increases would be used to replace water mains and to replace lead service lines that run from the mains to the property lines of customers, according to Todd LaFountain,



More than half of the money generated by the rate increases would be used to replace water mains and to replace lead service lines that run from the mains to the property lines of customers. PHOTO COURTESY CWLP

manager of CWLP's \$29 million-a-year water division.

The increases would allow the water division, which serves an estimated 150,000 people, to replace almost eight miles of water mains each year, or 1% of the 770 miles of mains in the distribution system, LaFountain said. One percent annually is the "best in class" industry standard for water main replacement, he said.

Some of Springfield's water mains are 100 or more years old, and the slow pace of replacement has led to between 100 and 120 breaks a year, mostly in older neighborhoods, LaFountain said. Breaks cause shutdowns of water service in certain parts of the city that can last hours or days.

Up to now, CWLP has been able to replace only 0.2% of mains annually, so the rate hikes would finance an almost fivefold increase in replacements, LaFountain said.

A state law that the General Assembly passed in 2021 will require CWLP and most other water utilities in Illinois to replace varying percentages of utility-owned lead lines per year, beginning in 2027, to remove the possibility of water supply contamination.

For CWLP, the annual amount of lead lines to be removed is at least 5%. CWLP will be required to comply with the law, and face potential enforcement actions if it doesn't, even though the utility's use of water-softening

agents for at least 90 years has created a chemical barrier that prevents brain-damage-causing lead from leaching into water lines, LaFountain said.

The safety of the water supply has been backed up by regular testing, officials said.

Almost 20% of CWLP's service lines, or 11,000 lines, were installed with building construction prior to 1930 and are suspected to contain lead, officials said.

More than 200 lines were replaced in 2023, and the city needs to increase the pace to comply with the law and to generate more interest in private contractors so there will be enough workforce capacity to replace pipes that extend from property lines to buildings, LaFountain said.

The city doesn't own the service lines other than those that extend from water mains to property lines. But the city has historically used grants from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to help needy homeowners pay for new lines that extend to buildings. The city is looking for state funding to assist more homeowners in the future, LaFountain said.

The water division also needs the proposed rate increases to cover materials and chemicals, the costs of which are rising faster than the overall inflation rate, Brown said.

Rate increases would improve the water division's cash flow situation so the city can be attractive to lending institutions and financial markets, he said.

That's because he said the city would like to pay for water infrastructure improvements, such as a \$50 million dredging project for the south end of Lake Springfield, west of Interstate 55, through low-interest borrowing associated with bond issues.

Without better cash flow, the water division wouldn't qualify for favorable interest rates, Brown said.

Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams said many residents of his ward can't afford to pay \$5 or \$10 more per month for water.

He said a rate increase may be needed. "I'm looking at how to make this a better situation for poor people," he said.

Ward 4 Ald. Larry Rockford, a retired CWLP maintenance supervisor, said his ward needs many infrastructure improvements. He said he is frustrated that city leaders waited so long to address the water division's struggles but will support rate increases even though he may hear opposition from his constituents.

"I'm just tired of kicking the can down the road," Rockford said. "I just want something to be done. We can't keep pushing it off."

Lutheran High School plans to rebuild near Cherry Hills Church

State mine subsidence insurance has a \$750,000 cap on damages

EDUCATION | Scott Reeder

After mine subsidence forced Lutheran High School to abandon its west-side Springfield campus in 2022, it is looking to rebuild on land owned by Cherry Hills Church, near the northeast corner of Chatham and Woodside roads.

"We're negotiating with Lutheran right now for them to buy 23 acres of farmland to the north of our property," said Brian Schwarberg, co-lead pastor at the church.

The building at 3500 W. Washington St., which housed the high school until 2022, will be razed later this year. Cracked and separated walls and dropped floors caused by mine subsidence made the building structurally unfit for continued use.

For the past year, the school has rented space at Springfield First Church of the Nazarene, 5200 S. Sixth St. Frontage Road East, and held classes in Sunday school rooms, said George Perkins, who heads the school's board of directors. There are about 125 students in the school, he said.

Perkins said Lutheran High School has done its homework regarding the new site. "We have met with the Regional Planning Commission. ... We have talked to the Department of Natural Resources to make sure that there are no endangered species there. And we have made sure that it's not undermined. That that was our No. 1 criteria; we're not going to go through that again," Perkins said.

The building on West Washington Street carried \$11 million in fire insurance. But the state program that provides mine subsidence insurance has a limit of \$750,000.

"The DNR guys who do this type of work said this is the first commercial building they've ever seen with mine subsidence," Perkins said. "It's usually a home that's damaged by mine subsidence. And honestly,



George Perkins, president of the board of directors for Lutheran High School, at the school's temporary location at Springfield First Church of the Nazarene. The school has rented space there for the past year after the existing building was heavily damaged by mine subsidence. PHOTO BY LEE MILNER

\$750,000 would cover the price of most homes in our area."

Perkins said two lobbyists are working with the high school to try and persuade the Illinois General Assembly to contribute more than the \$750,000 limit to the school.

"They don't have to do it. But we hope the legislature does what is right. It's not just us (that is affected by the claim's cap)," Perkins said. "It could be a commercial building. It could have been an office building. It could be White Oaks Mall. Not many property owners in the city of Springfield realize that the potential is there.

"In the early 1900s, there were five working coal mines in the city of Springfield. ... It's my understanding the Capitol building itself is not undermined, but most of the rest of

Springfield is."

Neither Perkins nor Schwarberg disclosed the anticipated purchase price of the land.

Perkins said at this point, it's just a guess when construction may begin on the site. He said he anticipates conducting fundraising for the new campus on both the national and local levels. Estimates place the price tag for the project in the \$15 million to \$20 million range, he said.

"We anticipate the building will be approximately the same size as our Washington Street building, which was about 56,000 square feet. And then we would have sports facilities: a softball field, a baseball field, a track and soccer field there. So, that will pretty much fill up the acreage. But we have not started the design process yet because we want

to get the land first and then work from there."

Perkins said he anticipates Lutheran High will continue to use its sports fields on West Washington Street for the next several years, until its new campus is complete. What will become of that land remains a bit of an open question.

One possibility is seeing if the Springfield Park District, or some other entity, would be interested in purchasing the land for a park.

"It would be a fantastic spot for the park district to put some things in," Perkins said. "We've already got ballfields and obviously they could add whatever else they wanted to. But I would think for the park district, it would be great. We'll definitely reach out to them when we get to the point of selling and see if they're interested."

Lutheran High is part of the ministry of the seven Missouri Synod Lutheran churches in the Springfield area. Cherry Hills is a nondenominational church with an American Baptist heritage. It moved from Springfield's Cherry Hills neighborhood to its current location in 2006.

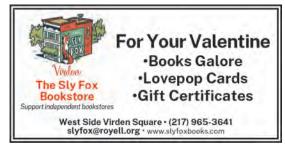
"We bought the land because we loved the location and the peace that it provides," Schwarberg said. "There's just a peace out on this property whenever you walk on it. ... (But) Lutheran approached us last fall and started the conversation. And we began to think to ourselves that we believe in their mission and their vision. It's similar to ours. We want to build up the next generation, which Lutheran is doing. And we share the common focus of wanting to point young people to Jesus. And we want to see them expand the kingdom. And so, we're excited to have them next door doing it."

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.

SHOP LOCAL Support local businesses







Prevent HIV







What is PrEP?

PrEP, or pre-exposure prophylaxis, is medicine people at risk for HIV take to prevent getting HIV from sex or injection drug use. PrEP can stop HIV from taking hold and spreading throughout your body. PrEP has been approved by the FDA.

Why Take PrEP?

PrEP reduces the risk of getting HIV from sex by about 99% when taken as prescribed. Among people who inject drugs, it reduces the risk by at least 74% when taken as prescribed.

Is PrEP Right for You?

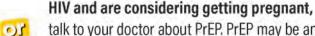
PrEP may benefit you if you test negative for HIV and -

you have had anal or vaginal sex in the past 6 months, and you:

- have a sexual partner with HIV (especially if the partner has an unknown or detectable viral load),
- have not consistently used a condom, or
- have been diagnosed with an STD in the past 6 months.

you inject drugs and

- have an injection partner with HIV, or
- share needles, syringes, or other injection equipment.



talk to your doctor about PrEP. PrEP may be an option to help protect you and your baby from getting HIV while you try to get pregnant, during pregnancy, or while breastfeeding.

If you are a woman and have a partner with







YESTERDAY YOU SAID TOMORROW





Trusted by your neighbors for over 20 years!



"Follow me, I know the way out!" Call Joe Today 217-523-9858

NO BAGGING NO BOXING NO LOADING **WE DO IT ALL**

Ansar Shrine Arab Patrol Valley of Springfield Scottish Rite

Invites you to a fun-filled weekend for the benefit of



Shriners Hospitals for Children® - St. Louis



Marian Banquet Hall 335 South 4th Street Riverton, IL 62561

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

1st Annual Abraham Lincoln Route 66 Chili Cook-Off

Doors open at 11:00 AM Judging Begins at 3:00 PM

Cornhole Tournament

10 AM registration

Bags fly at 11 AM

\$40 per Team

Includes Food and FREE Chili Cook-Off ticket for Sunday, Feb. 18th

Trivia Night

Registration 6:00 PM

Trivia at 7:00 PM 8-10 person Teams

\$20 per person Includes food and FREE Chili Cook-Off ticket for Sunday

To reserve your table or pre-register contact: Cory Mitchelle (217) 691-2800 corymitchelle@gmail.com OR Valley of Springfield AASR office (217) 793-7728 valleyoffice@aasr-spi.org

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

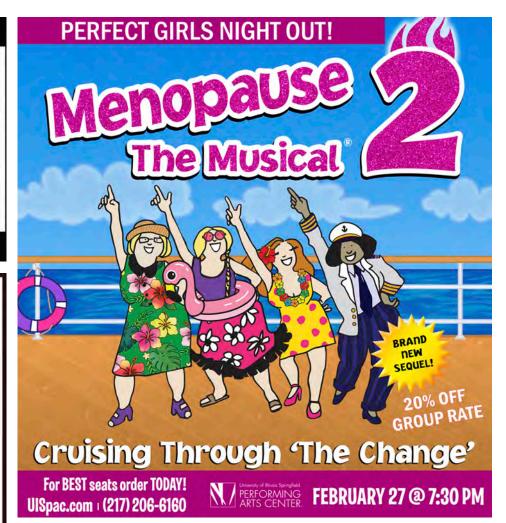


20th Annual 'Mister Chilli Man' Joe DeFrates Memorial Regional Chili Cook-Off!

\$10 per person

ALL U Can Eat 'Chilli Man' Chili, Hot Dogs & Competition Samples Doors Open at 11 AM * Daytona Race 1:30 PM * Chili Judging 3:00 PM

Daytona Race on the Big Screen / Raffle Prizes / 50/50 Drawings / Silent Auction





JOIN US MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH • 5PM-8PM FOR A FUNDRAISER FOR THE KITTIES!

Wine, Domestic Beer, Soda, Water & Appetizers



Silent Auction Door Prizes

\$20 Entrance Fee Includes: Food, 3 Drinks & **Entry For Prizes**

For more information call 217-503-9898 or email felineranch@gmail.com

OPINION

LETTERS

We welcome letters. Please include your full name, address and telephone number. We edit all letters. Send them to editor@illinoistimes.com.

REASON FOR HOPE

Thank you to George Pawlaczyk for his excellent, painstakingly researched article about children who were killed by their parents despite extensive involvement by DCFS, often over many years ("When DCFS makes mistakes, children die," Jan. 25). The article correctly points out that untenable investigator caseloads that exceed national norms and a federal court order, along with dysfunction within the agency, combined with basic investigative errors and lapses in judgment, can result in serious injury and death for young children.

Investigative dysfunction is just one of a myriad of problems at DCFS that harm children. Last month, DCFS released its annual report on children who languish in wholly inappropriate and harmful placements for extended periods because DCFS has nowhere to place them. This includes children forced to live in locked psychiatric hospitals, hospital emergency rooms, jails, and faraway and difficult-to-monitor out-ofstate placements. Last year, this happened to an astounding 1,009 children. That's an increase of nearly 50% from just two years earlier, when DCFS did this to 690 children. And the report does not include the dozens of children whom DCFS forces to sleep on the hard, cold floors of offices instead of in a warm, comfortable bed in an appropriate placement able to meet the child's needs.

These are not just numbers or statistics. They are real children, already traumatized

High School Dances

Once upon a time we had high school dances often called "Hops." We had programs! We filled them out with who we'd be dancing with each round of music. Here's one I've found from my high school:

- **Grand March**
- 2. Merry Mix up
- Girl's Choice 3.
- Mutt & Jeff dance
- Going to Jerusalem 5.
- **Shoe Dance** 7. Boy's Choice
- Ring Dance
- 9. Relay Game
- 10. Penalty Dance
- 11. Le Conga
- 12. Boy's Choice

I certainly wish I could describe each dance to you, especially the Mutt & Jeff one!

2024 Jacqueline Jackson

children, who are suffering. They are our

But there is reason for hope. As of Feb. 1, DCFS has a new director, Heidi Mueller, who replaces Marc Smith. Mueller has an excellent reputation as a reform-minded manager. In addition, for the first time in more than a decade, DCFS has continuity of leadership. Smith, who served for fourand-a-half years, was DCFS's 15th director or acting director in 12 years. Moreover, DCFS's budget has nearly doubled over the past five years and is now more than \$2 billion. Lack of resources is no longer an excuse for stalled reform.

Hopefully Mueller will be able to translate this continuity of leadership and influx of resources into actual improved outcomes for children. Our children deserve as much. Charles P. Golbert

Cook County Public Guardian

CHALLENGING PROFESSION

I cringe whenever anybody that I work with tells me that DCFS is involved in their lives. I've lived in this town all my life and heard the horror stories. I think some part of the tragedies is that the DCFS caseworkers have more than their fair share of a caseload. Most people don't want to see and hear the things that they do. Social services is a difficult community to work in.

Iulie Bartlett Benson Helping the Homeless in Springfield

CHANGE THE LAWS

I'm a foster parent, and our caseworkers are good. I used to think it was always DCFS' fault, but it's not. It is the Illinois law, the judges and sometimes state's attorneys. The laws have to change - start pushing your local politicians to make change, because the minimal standards are ridiculous.

I'm not saying it's always someone else's fault, I'm just saying as a foster parent my eyes are wide open now. Change must happen with the laws first. More foster parents are needed, and good ones. Melissa Calloway

Via Facebookcom/illinoistimes

STARTS AT THE TOP

I completely agree there is too much bureaucracy involved, plus a complete lack of services for children and families and additional support.

DCFS cannot put kids into care for more than a day or so without the approval of the state's attorney and a judge. DCFS definitely needs changes, but laying the blame on the investigators is very short-sighted. Their caseloads are huge and not manageable.

There are solutions, but the powers that be need to come together to make those changes. Start by spending some time in

CENTENARIAN



On Feb. 5, Dr. Wayne "Doc" Temple, renowned Lincoln scholar and Illinois historian, celebrated his 100th birthday at a special noon-hour reception at the Springfield Masonic Center. Temple, the author of more than 30 books and monographs about Lincoln and his Civil War-era associates, worked as the Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives from 1964 to 2016, and prior to that at the Illinois State Museum. Temple served in European Theater during WWII and was on General Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff. Temple studied history at University of Illinois under the tutelage of James G. Randall and taught at Lincoln Memorial University where he edited the Lincoln Herald newsletter for 15 years. His book, Abraham Lincoln: from Skeptic to Prophet, is considered one of the top 100 Lincoln biographies of all time and the best book about Limcoln's religious beliefs. Temple and his late wife, Sunderine, co-wrote Illinois's Fifth State Capitol, a history of the Old State Capitol, the definitive work on the Statehouse during Lincoln's time in Springfield. PHOTO BY WILLIAM FURRY

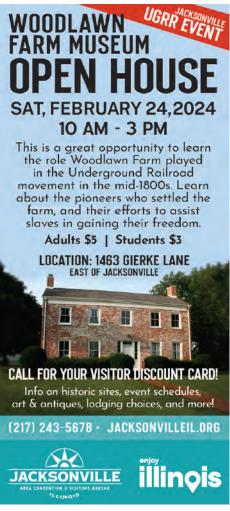
the field offices with the investigators and caseworkers. Go on calls and see what it is really like.

Shelly Lewis Conner Via Facebookcom/illinoistimes

PRIORITIZE CHILDREN

Take a day to sit in the courtroom with a DCFS worker and truly find out what really happens. This story is one-sided. Report on how every county handles these cases. Parents' rights, children's rights, foster parents' rights and the law have created an unbalanced and unfair path for the No. 1 priority, which is the child. Prayers for all involved in these sad cases.

Tammy Squires Via Facebookcom/illinoistimes





Lincoln's new neighbor

Foundation finds a new home at the Lincoln Home

HISTORY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Lincoln Home National Historic Site (NHS) now has a new exhibit targeted at the many students who visit each year. This is the first youth-oriented exhibit within the Lincoln Home NHS and the first new exhibit in 20 years. "Lincoln's Springfield" is the result of a partnership with the Lincoln Presidential Foundation and a gift from the M.G. Nelson Family Foundation. Located in the Corneau House, diagonally across the street from the Lincoln Home, the exhibit explores the diverse life stories of six members of Abraham Lincoln's community. It is designed for students ages 10-14, while appealing to all ages. "Lincoln's Springfield" is currently open to the public free of charge. (See sidebar p. 11.) A ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for Feb. 16, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For more than 20 years, the Lincoln Presidential Foundation, previously known as the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation, was the exclusive partner of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. That relationship ended in April 2021. Since then, the Lincoln Presidential Foundation broadened its mission. Instead of a single focus, the Foundation is now multidimensional and works locally and nationally to highlight the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln. The foundation's annual budget is typically \$1.5 million-\$2 million. In fiscal 2022 the foundation received over \$1.58 million in contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations and over \$300,000 in grants.

Partnership with Lincoln Home

A significant example of the foundation's new mission is its partnership with Lincoln Home NHS and more broadly with the National Park Service (NPS) and National Park Foundation. "It is gratifying to see the range of things we've been able to accomplish as a partner," said Erin Carlson Mast, president and CEO of the Lincoln Presidential Foundation. Timothy Good, Lincoln Home NHS superintendent, says the site has never before had a friends' group in its 51-year history, and it is remarkable what's been accomplished in two years partnering with the foundation.

Good highlights the long history of the NPS working with a nonprofit partner at the national level as a testament to the value of public/private partnerships. The National Park



The actor Fritz Klein portrays Abraham Lincoln during filming for the Lincoln Presidential Foundation's series, Warning Signs: Lincoln's Response to Rising Tensions in the 1850s. Photo by the Storyteller Studios

Foundation, chartered by Congress in 1967 to provide a mechanism for private citizens to contribute to national parks, is the official nonprofit partner of the NPS.

The foundation and Lincoln Home NHS entered into two formal agreements which create opportunities to apply for grants from the National Park Foundation. That has already generated results. The Lincoln Presidential Foundation was included in the first cohort of "Inclusive Storytelling" grants awarded by the National Park Foundation in 2023. Ensuring that national parks present a more diverse and comprehensive story of

American history is a priority of the NPS. The National Park Foundation launched the "Inclusive Storytelling" grant program to fund projects that feature communities and individuals whose voices and contributions have not been fully recognized.

The Lincoln Presidential Foundation is collaborating with Lincoln Home NHS and others to tell the story of Julius Rosenwald, a Jewish American businessman and philanthropist who provided education to thousands of African Americans throughout the segregated South. His boyhood home is in the Lincoln Home NHS. The Jewish

Federation of Springfield and the Jewish United Fund in Chicago are enthusiastic supporters of this initiative. (see sidebar p. 13.)

Other results of the partnership between Lincoln Home NHS and the foundation include improved landscape conservation and beautification projects throughout the 12-acre NHS site in Springfield, due to a Union Pacific Community Spaces grant. And, a selection of artifacts from the foundation's Taper collection has been on display in the visitor center. "Akin to Lincoln" features items from daily life, such as silver, ink bottles and scales, that represent friends, family and

colleagues who surrounded the Lincolns in Springfield. (The Taper collection, which includes over 1,500 items related to Lincoln, is being professionally maintained and stored while the foundation addresses remaining debt.)

In 2023 the foundation moved its headquarters to the historic Henson Robinson house within the Lincoln Home NHS. The foundation recently hired its sixth staff member; Mast and one other staff member are based in the Chicago area. Mast says the foundation is an active participant in projects, and not simply an organization that raises funds. Good says the partnership's success is a result of mutual trust, great personalities who work well together and a commitment to getting things done and not focusing on who gets credit.

Both Good and Mast bring their extensive professional backgrounds and experiences to their roles in collaborating to share the story of Abraham Lincoln's life and legacy. Good is a 34-year veteran of the NPS, having begun his career in Washington, D.C. He has served at over a dozen NPS sites, including Ford's Theater NHS. He also worked in the NPS Washington Office and Midwest Regional Office. Mast came to the Lincon Presidential Foundation in 2021 from President Lincoln's Cottage in Washington, D.C., where she was CEO and executive director after serving as curator and site administrator. Mast has over 20 years of experience with cultural nonprofits and higher education, including the Pew Center for Arts and Heritage, National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Building Museum, Institutional History Division of the Smithsonian Institution, George Washington University and Ohio University.

Leading collaboration at the national level

The foundation also received a grant from the National Park Foundation to conduct a nationwide study to determine how the foundation can most effectively broaden its impact with partners across the nation. The NPS administers dozens of sites across the country connected to Abraham Lincoln and his legacy. There are many other organizations and individuals with a related mission. This provides an opportunity for the foundation to lead collaboration and innovation and generate funding related to sharing the story of Lincoln's leadership and its importance today.

The Potrero Group conducted the feasibility study which recommended the foundation focus on two or three key projects that establish the organization as national in scope and open to a broad range of partnerships. The goal is to chart a path that unites a national audience around critical themes of principled leadership, empathy and moral courage, and that supports the protection of democracy at



Especially for schoolchildren, the "Lincoln's Springfield" exhibit, in the Corneau House, diagonally across the street from the Lincoln Home, was funded by the Lincoln Presidential Foundation and the M.G. Nelson Family Foundation.

New "Lincoln's Springfield" exhibit

Developing an exhibit targeted at schoolchildren has been in the Lincoln Home National Historic Site master plan for over a decade. "This exhibit never would have been completed if it had to depend on federal funding," said Timothy Good, superintendent of Lincoln Home NHS. The Lincoln Presidential Foundation led the project, hired the exhibit designer and helped secure grant funds to develop pre- and post-visit educational materials. The exhibit was completed for approximately \$350,000 in under 18 months.

"Lincoln's Springfield" tells a fuller story of Springfield and in turn Lincoln by featuring six neighbors of varying ages, cultures and occupations. The exhibit provides a more extensive understanding of the great diversity of the area during the 24 years Lincoln lived here, which ultimately shaped his presidency.

The M.G. Nelson Family Foundation helped make the exhibit possible. The Nelson family says it is an honor to be involved. "Our family likes supporting educational projects, and the new exhibit connects kids to Lincoln in an innovative and exciting way that hasn't been done before." Good says this exhibit demonstrates that you can have a sophisticated, engaging exhibit in a small space of only 1,000 square feet and

believes this can serve as an example for other NPS sites.

The six individuals featured in the exhibit lived in the vicinity of the Lincoln Home. They are:

Francis Springer, born of German immigrant parents but orphaned at a young age, was a Civil War chaplain and served at Fort Smith in Arkansas. In December 1864, after receiving an order to evacuate, Springer organized transporting approximately 300 refugees, including orphans, from Fort Smith to Springfield.

Jameson Jenkins fled North Carolina in search of better opportunities in free states, ultimately ending up in Springfield, where he raised a family and operated a transport business. Jenkins was a conductor on the underground railroad. He lived a few houses down from Abraham Lincoln and drove Lincoln's carriage to the Great Western Depot where Lincoln departed for the White House in 1861

Charlotte Rodrigues DeSouza was six years old when she arrived in Springfield in 1849 after her family fled religious persecution of Presbyterians on the island of Madeira. She developed a skill working as a seamstress, and from May-August of 1860 was a seamstress for Mary Lincoln. She worked on dresses that Mary Lincoln wore while entertaining guests during

Lincoln's candidacy and while he was president-elect.

Henry Carrigan immigrated to America with his wife in search of better opportunities than in famine-stricken Ireland. Despite the challenges of anti-Catholic and anti-Irish sentiments, within two years of arriving in Springfield, Carrigan was operating a hotel. He ran the Carrigan Hotel from 1842 until his death in 1868.

William Donnegan moved to Springfield in 1845 where he worked as a shoemaker. He was also a successful real estate investor with a comfortable income. He risked a great deal as a conductor on the underground railroad. Years later he was lynched during the 1908 Springfield Race Riot, on the grounds where the Illinois State Museum is now, because of his race and economic success. The riot and his lynching were catalysts for the formation of the NAACP.

Mariah Vance was born to a formerly enslaved mother and lost her father at a young age. As a girl, Vance served as an indentured servant to a white Springfield resident. After her indenture ended, she raised a family while being employed as domestic day help for the Lincoln family. She was held in such high regard by Robert Lincoln that he arranged a pension for her in her old age. – *Karen Witter*

home and abroad.

Following the study, the foundation secured over \$300,000 for new initiatives. One key project already underway is planning for the Rosenwald House exhibits, which will be nationally significant within the NPS. A new initiative is to lead planning for multisite projects and programs to coincide with the America 250th anniversary in 2026. Mast also chairs the American Association for State and Local History's Making History Matter campaign for the 250th anniversary celebrations.

Award-winning educational initiatives

Independent from its collaboration with the NPS, the foundation created award-winning educational offerings designed for a national audience. During the pandemic, the foundation launched the Four Score Speaker Series via Zoom, initially designed for members who reside in Springfield and beyond. These programs involve conversational interviews with prominent authors and leaders. Feedback from participants helped to identify topics people wanted to better understand. One of these is the period leading up to the Civil War, which Mast says is a fascinating period of history.

In response, the foundation created a four-part documentary series, Warning Signs: Lincoln's Response to Rising Tensions in the 1850s, which won a Mid-America Emmy from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. The succinct films, which collectively total less than 30 minutes, explore national events in the pre-Civil War period, 1849-1860, and how Lincoln debated and addressed these events publicly and privately. Springfield-based Storyteller Studios and actor Fritz Klein are among the talented people the Foundation engaged for the project, sponsored by Iron Mountain. Some of the scenes were filmed in the Lincoln Home.

According to the foundation, the overarching theme of *Warning Signs* is the ongoing and challenging evolution of our nation's journey toward an ever-elusive "more perfect union." The series also received Gold and Silver Telly Awards and an Award of Distinction from the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts in New York. In addition, live webinars featured conversations with experts on the history and politics of the time period. Companion lesson plans were developed for students in 4th grade through high school.

The second film series is a three-part documentary, "Fortifying our Democracy: Lincoln's Lyceum Address." Lincoln was only 28 when he presented this address to the Young Men's Lyceum of Springfield on Jan. 27, 1838, about "the perpetuation of our political institutions." This short documentary series explores the events that motivated Lincoln to deliver this speech, the timeless argument for



Erin Mast and Angela Staron of the Lincoln Presidential Foundation with their Emmy Awards for the documentary film series Warning Signs.

PHOTO CREDIT: THE STORYTELLER STUDIOS

investing in civic education and the dangers of taking political institutions for granted. The three parts are titled *The Danger of Mob Violence, The Problem of Decaying Trust* and *The Risk of the Tyrants*.

Both film series and associated materials can be viewed here: www.lincolnpresidential.org/lincoln-resources/digital/.

Honoring Lincoln's legacy

Since 2006, the foundation has presented the Lincoln Leadership Prize annually to recognize notable individuals for a lifetime of exceptional service in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln. The 2024 recipient is Jon Meacham in recognition of his exceptional contributions and public understanding of American



Judy Woodruff, center, senior correspondent for PBS NewsHour, at a December 2023 reception in Washington, D.C., where she received an award from the foundation. At left is Sergio Pecori, foundation board chair, and at right, Erin Mast, president and CEO of the Lincoln Presidential Foundation. COURTESY LINCOLN PRESIDENTIL FOUNDATION

democracy. Meacham is a Pulitzer Prizewinning biographer and The Rogers Chair for the American Presidency at Vanderbilt University. The award will be presented May 21 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago. More information is at www.lincolnpresidential.org/giving/lincoln-leadership-prize/.

Periodically the foundation also presents the "With Charity for All" award, inspired by Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address calling on citizens to work together to build a future "with malice toward none; with charity for all." The first award was presented in 2017 and in 2022 was renamed for the late Wayne Whalen in honor of his generosity and spirit of public service. Whalen, who died in December 2023, was the foundation's chairman emeritus who was an influential attorney and delegate to the Illinois Constitutional Convention. He served on the foundation board for 17 years including six as chair.

Judy Woodruff received the first With Charity for All Wayne Whalen Memorial Award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 11. Woodruff is senior correspondent for PBS NewsHour, where she previously served as anchor and managing editor for 11 years. In 2023, she launched "America at a Crossroads," a two-year reporting project to understand America's political divide.

Community benefits from partnership

Good points out that most of the visitors at many of the 428 sites in the National Park System are from outside their local communities. Yet, these sites tell important stories directly connected to their communities. Good hopes the new exhibits resulting from the partnership with the foundation will attract local citizens to visit the Lincoln Home NHS and learn about local people, in addition to Lincoln, who had a lasting impact. Last year members and community leaders were invited to a showing of the Warning Signs documentary and to an event at the Lincoln Home visitor center revealing plans for the Rosenwald House. Good says these events, along with the documentary films and other projects the foundation carries out on its own, help to raise awareness of the Lincoln Home NHS and the life and legacy of Lincoln locally, nationally and globally.

"The Lincoln Presidential Foundation's focus is now different and broader since our association with the NPS and National Park Foundation, and it is good for the city of Springfield," said Sergio "Satch" Pecori, foundation board chair. "The new youthoriented exhibit and upcoming Rosenwald exhibits at Lincoln Home NHS would not have happened without the foundation. As a national foundation, we have broad opportunities to help Lincoln-minded sites nationwide."

For more information about the Lincoln Presidential Foundation programs and operations, go to www.lincolnpresidential.org/.

Karen Ackerman Witter is a former associate director of the Illinois State Museum where she had the opportunity to work with staff from museums and historic sites throughout Springfield. She has a passion for national parks and is a member of the National Park Foundation. She is also a member of the Lincoln Presidential Foundation.

Honoring Springfield native Julius Rosenwald, America's first social philanthropist

Give while you live. That was the mantra of Julius Rosenwald. He amassed a fortune as the president of Sears, Roebuck and Company. He used his wealth to create a remarkable legacy, providing a lead gift to found the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago and funding schools for African Americans throughout the South. Rosenwald was born in Springfield in 1862 (when Lincoln was president) and as a child lived with his family on Eighth Street, across the street from the Lincoln Home.

Rosenwald had a tremendous social impact but is not well-known, including in his hometown of Springfield. That is about to change. The Lincoln Presidential Foundation and Lincoln Home NHS are working on developing exhibits to bring greater public awareness to the life and legacy of Julius Rosenwald.

The exterior of the Rosenwald house was restored in 1970-71, but the inside is not currently open to the public. Interpretive planning and design for exhibits and a multimedia component are now underway with funding from a National Park Foundation Immersive Storytelling grant. Historians are researching Rosenwald history and interviewing people with family connections. Fundraising is also underway for exhibit fabrication. The project is especially significant because the Rosenwald House is the first building named for a Jewish American in a unit of the NPS. The Jewish Federation of Springfield is responsible for installing a large mural of Rosenwald on the parking garage at Capitol



At the Rosenwald House in the Lincoln Home National Historic Site are, back row from left, Erin Carlson Mast, president and CEO of the Lincoln Presidential Foundation, Sergio "Satch" Pecori, foundation board chair, and Timothy Good, superintendent of Lincoln Home National Historic Site. Front row, Carolyn Blackwell of Springfield, an alumna of a Rosenwald School in Kentucky, Nancy Sage, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, and Amy Zimmerman of the Jewish United Fund.

and Sixth Streets, which is readily visible from Seventh Street.

Rosenwald's father, Samuel, came to Springfield to work in a family clothing store and soon became president of the family's Jewish place of worship, B'rith Sholom. Julius was deeply consecrated to the Jewish faith. Rosenwald dropped out of Springfield High School when he was 17 to work at his uncle's New York City wholesale clothing company. That experience led to him working with Sears, Roebuck and Company in Chicago where he became president and chairman of the board. He established the "satisfaction guaranteed or your money back" pledge.

Rosenwald once said he had more money than he could ever spend. So, he

gave it away. He was a founder of the forerunner of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. More than half of his philanthropic contributions benefited African Americans. He was responsible for building a "Colored Men's YMCA" in the Bronzeville District of Chicago in 1913 and offered challenge grants to cities across the country to build YMCAs for African Americans. Rosenwald donated millions of dollars to build schools for African American children in the segregated South. To receive funding, he required contributions from local tax funds and the local African American communities. From 1917-1932, more than 5,000 Rosenwald schools were built in 15 states. – Karen Witter



For online application and details, visit Access Sangamon tab at SMTD.org



Local history on stage

Outraged: Terror in Springfield 1908 at UIS Studio Theatre Feb. 9-11

THEATER | Mary Young

The UIS Performing Arts Center invites you on a collaborative journey into history with *Outraged: Terror in Springfield 1908* by local playwright and 2023 UIS artist-in-residence, Tim Crawford. This play-in-progress, part of the Our Stage / Our Voices initiative, promises an evening of thought-provoking theater, audience engagement and a chance to contribute your voice to the process.

The story centers on Bonaparte Baker, who is on his way west in the early 1900s, 10 years after he survived a horrific attack on the Black community in Wilmington, North Carolina. He steps off the train in his birthplace of Springfield, which is renowned as the hometown of Abraham Lincoln. Baker's estranged brother-in-law tells him Springfield's Black community feels shielded, because of Lincoln's legacy, from the pogroms Black people are plagued with throughout the southern United States. But in August 1908, terror looms in Springfield. The cast includes Tim Crawford as Bonaparte Baker, Kess Roberson as Henry Wilson, Mariah Brooks as Joanie Wilson, Marcus Butler as Junebug, Reggie Guyton as Pookie, Patricia James Davis as Lucretia, with Stephen Sykes, Francisco Valenzuela and Elise Willow as the Townsfolk Chorus.

I asked the playwright/actor some questions about his play to give readers some insights into the production.

Q: When did you first become interested in telling this story? I saw this video on YouTube in 2018. https://youtu.be/5S8y3a_eTwI?si=KrY-a1KDSJ1EiDw

Having lived in Springfield for almost 10



From left, Reggie Guyton, Patricia James Davis, Kess Roberson and Tim Crawford in Outraged. PHOTO BY MARY YOUNG

years, this was the first I had heard of this shameful part of Springfield's history.

Q: What unexpected challenges have you experienced going through this process?

One of the challenges I faced in writing this play was knowing when the "research phase" was over, and when it is time to sit down and start writing the play. The key to overcoming this was having a deadline. The artist-in-residency was not just the catalyst to get me started writing the play, it also came with a built-in deadline. And that led to a surprise, something I had not experienced as a writer crafting plays set in contemporary America. I realized that there is more than one phase of research when writing a play based on historical events. I had to learn enough history and stories to start to write

the play, but when I finished the first draft, there was more research to do. I had to fill in the blanks for things that I had written that sprang up organically from creating characters who are not based on actual historical figures.

Q: What kinds of questions do you think the story raises?

Mainly, "Why have I never heard of this?" I had heard of other historical terror attacks on Black people across indent only the first line of paragraphAmerica, but nobody in my local circles was talking about this one. After listening to some in-person oral histories in the UIS archives, I got the inspiration to write a story about a conflict within a family playing out against the backdrop of mob violence directed at the Black citizens of Springfield.

Q: What can audience members expect?

The play is about the family dynamic and how they resolve their conflicts. The impact of the terror attacks and how the history of similar massacres interweave with the story of this family is what I hope will interest audiences and keep them on the edge of their seats for 80 minutes.

Q: What advice would you give to an aspiring playwright?

You don't need a degree or even a theater background to be a playwright. Having a compelling story to tell comes first. The rest can be learned. I recommend Gary Garrison's book *A More Perfect 10*. It's a guide to writing a 10-minute play, but it brings to light the basics of what you need to know to get started writing plays. I used the book as the text for the Writing for the Stage Workshop I lead this summer as part of my Residency at the UIS Preforming Arts Center.

Our Stage / Our Voices amplifies the voices of historically underrepresented communities in the performing arts, with a goal of achieving diversity and inclusion. If you would like to see the show and support the effort, it runs Feb. 9, 10 and 11 at the UIS Studio Theatre. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. Visit https://uispac.com/outraged-terror-inspringfield-1908-2/ for tickets. □

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





Sweet on beets

Vegetable provides color, flavor and nutrition

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Show yourself some love this Valentine's Day with beets. These deeply pigmented vegetables are a glorious addition to winter menus, providing visual pop, sweet earthy flavor and loads of nutrition. Rich in iron, manganese, potassium, vitamins and B6, beets also are a source of plant-based nitrates, which research has suggested can increase blood flow and improve cardiorespiratory efficiency.

Beets can keep exceptionally well in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator. Remove the tops and wrap in a paper towel then place in a perforated zip-top vegetable bag. Stored this way, beets will keep for several weeks and can be enjoyed shredded raw in salads, pickled, roasted, steamed or grilled. Boil a diced beet along with potatoes and mash with milk and butter for magenta-hued "Red Flannel Hash" or prep cubes of roasted beets to brighten up weekday lunches.

Pickled beet deviled eggs

12 eggs, hard-boiled and peeled 1 cup pickled beet juice

1/3 cup mayonnaise

2-4 tablespoons mustard, to taste

1 teaspoon each lemon juice and cider vinegar Salt, black pepper and cayenne to taste Finely diced beets and fresh dill, to garnish

Place the eggs in a plastic zip-top bag and pour in the pickled beet juice. Refrigerate for 4-12 hours (any longer will make the eggs tough). Drain the eggs and transfer to paper towels to dry slightly.

Halve the eggs lengthwise and remove the yolks. Combine the yolks, mayonnaise, mustard, lemon juice, vinegar and seasonings in the bowl of a food processor and blitz until smooth. Adjust for seasoning as needed. Then use two spoons to fill the egg white halves with about a tablespoon of the yolk mixture. Garnish with pickled beet cubes and fresh dill.

Roasted beet salad with wheat berries, feta and dill

4-5 medium beets, roasted, peeled and diced

2 cups cooked wheat berries, cooled

½ cup crumbled feta

4 ounces baby arugula or spinach

2 tablespoons minced dill or mint

1/4 cup olive oil

1 tablespoon each lemon juice and Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon honey

1 clove garlic, minced

Salt and pepper to taste

Combine the beets, wheat berries, feta and greens in a large mixing bowl. In a smaller bowl



Pickled beet deviled eggs. Photo by ashley meyer.

whisk together the remaining ingredients and season to taste with salt and pepper. Toss the vinaigrette with the salad and serve.

Heart-shaped beet ravioli

For the pasta:

1 medium beet

2 cups all-purpose or 00 flour

2 whole eggs plus one egg yolk

1 tablespoon olive oil

A generous pinch of salt

For the filling:

8 ounces whole milk ricotta or cottage cheese

½ cup grated Parmesan

1 egg, lightly beaten

2 tablespoons minced parsley

1 clove minced garlic ½ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon lemon zest

To serve:

½ cup cold butter, cut into tablespoons ⅓ cup grated Parmesan

Minced parsley and freshly ground pepper

First, make the pasta dough. Peel the beet and cut into ½-inch cubes. Place in a microwave safe bowl along with a tablespoon of water and microwave on high for about 3 minutes until the beets are tender. Set aside to cool. Place the cooled beets and their cooking liquid in the bowl of a food processor along with the eggs, yolk and salt and purée until smooth. Add the flour and pulse until

combined. With the motor running add the oil in a thin stream, then pulse until the mixture becomes crumbly and moist to the touch. If the mixture seems dry add a teaspoon of water at a time, pulsing to incorporate.

Transfer the dough to a clean floured surface and knead for a couple of minutes to form a smooth ball, then wrap with plastic and set aside to rest at room temperature for 30 minutes.

While the dough rests, make the filling. Combine the cheeses, egg, parsley and garlic to the bowl of a food processor and pulse to combine, then set aside.

Unwrap the dough when it has completed its rest and divide it into quarters. Set one quarter of the dough onto a floured surface and rewrap the remaining pieces so they don't dry out. Flatten the piece of dough into an oval shape then run it through a pasta roller on the widest setting. Fold the dough in half lengthwise to create a long narrow rectangle and run it though the machine again on the widest setting. Reduce the width on the roller by one setting, then run the dough through the roller twice before again narrowing the width of the roller, repeating until you have reached the narrowest setting. If the sheet of dough becomes too long to handle, cut it in half and finish rolling the pieces separately (Cover the other sheet with a towel to keep from drying out.) Repeat with the remaining three pieces of dough, keeping them covered with a towel once they're rolled out.

Once all the dough is rolled out, lay out half the sheets on a floured surface. Spoon a tablespoon of filling into the center of the pasta sheets leaving about two inches in between each mound. Brush the edges lightly with a pastry brush dipped in water. Top with the remaining pasta sheets and press around the mounds to dispel any air pockets and firmly seal the sheets together. Cut out the ravioli with a heart-shaped cookie cutter or a sharp knife. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to cook, up to 12 hours, or freeze.

To cook, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the ravioli in batches and cook until al dente, about four minutes (The ravioli will float to the top when done.) While the pasta cooks, make the sauce. Place a sauté pan over medium heat, add ¼ cup pasta water and bring to a simmer. Reduce the heat to medium low and add the butter one piece at a time, whisking gently until the sauce thickens. Take off the heat and add the cheese and pepper. Season to taste with salt, then add the cooked ravioli and toss to coat with the sauce. □









Astrofix plays at The Curve Inn this Friday.

Party on, February music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

The party is on, in, at and with all things happening this weekend and well into next week for that matter. We've got hot rock, cool Sammy, country love, Fat Tuesday and more coming your way in what's becoming a very busy February. And we still have two more weekends and a leap day to experience. Let's get to it and do it.

Thursdays keep chugging along with regular music doings plus a new soon-tobe-regular spot clocking in. The Pharmacy's popular The Art of Jazz series features two outstanding guitarists, who excel as composers and educators as well, when Jose Gobbo and Mark Tonelli gang up on the jazz chords and hightail it with improvisation. Motorheads hosts its monthly Thursday Night Live performance showcasing local talent including Kip Nelson, Hailey Cook, Dan Luparell, Ian Mundstock, Dereck Usher, Eric Tinsley, Roger Wainwright, Dave Mason and Smokestacks (Tad Finch, Dylan Woods and Patrick Duran) on tap for some fun musical interplay. Out at Crows Mill Pub, John Drake kicks off a Thursday night live music series with assorted acoustic acts hitting the stage weekly for as long as you support it.

CMP is also piling in on the open mic phenomenon with a Wednesday night event starting soon. Some say (those same some that always say things) there are too many open mics, but I say that just means the scene is full of talent that needs an outlet. Plus, it's always a great way to hang out with other musicians (since usually the weekends are spent gigging) and for trying out new things, whether it's developing chops or debuting new material. Long live the open mics and may they flourish and nourish the local music community.

For a Friday night rockin' frolic, Astrofix

brings their unique blend of rock originals and covers with a twist to The Curve Inn, while Lateralus, a Tool tribute band, works the WineRocks stage at Danenberger Family Vineyards.

Saturday gives us a few different options of ticketed events in the entertainment world such as Prairie State of Mind playing the Bullard Country Chapel in Buffalo for a "Could I Have This Dance" country love song concert as a pre-Valentine's Day show. The Hoogland offers up a world-renowned tribute to Sammy Davis, Jr., when Kenny Jones gives an extraordinary performance as the one and only Mr. Davis, Jr. Kenny got his start doing Sammy in the *Rat Pack is Back* hit production and has continued to wow audiences worldwide.

There's a Mardi Gras party happening when our friends at Pole Barn Chic (on the grounds of the former Barker farm on Old Chatham Road) host their first (and planned as an annual) celebration of one of the most famous days for partying ever. Mardi Gras is on Tuesday, of course, but why not get to the party early to see a real Louisiana Zydeco band and enjoy genuine New Orleans cuisine? Tickets are available at the event Facebook page.

Sunday is the Super Bowl and that always puts a whack on the regular gigs, and though there are some, let's move on. Monday at the Alamo, Smokestacks will do the blues up just right in a rescheduled Blue Monday gig. Tuesday is the famous "Fat" one and to celebrate your Mardi Gras proper, you need to get to The Curve Inn and go crazy with the Mary Jo Curry Band as MJ and the guys will make sure you get your pre-Lent party going strong and long.

Well, that gets us here. Check the listings for all the other good stuff out there. \Box

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

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

Thursday

Feb 8

Kortney and friends open mic The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

John Drake Crows Mill Pub, 7-10pm

Jackpot Karaoke with Debbie Cakes

Curve Inn, 7-11pm

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

Solista Mariachi Gabriel El Arriero Mexican Restaurant, 6-8pm

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

The Art of Jazz

The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 7-9pm

Open mic

The Railyard, 4-6pm

Complex, 6-9pm

Thursday Night LiveRoute 66 MotorHeads Bar &
Grill, Museum & Entertainment

Open mic with Silas Tockey Spirited Republic/Limerick Brewing Company, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Friday

Patrick O'Hara

1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, Petersburg, 5-7pm

Casey Chesnutt

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke

Bald Buddha Brewing, 7-11pm

Friday Night Jazz - The Michael Taylor Trio Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Buzzed Karaoke with DJ Smokey J & The Hooptie Sound Machine Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,

6-11pm

Deuces Wild

The Crowbar, Decatur, 7-10pm

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

Astrofix Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Lateralus - TOOL tributeDanenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 8-11pm

Jim Hollis

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

Stuart Smith

Hand of Fate Brewing Company, Petersburg, 7-9pm

Sushi Roll

The Hangout Bar & Grill, Jacksonville, 8pm **Silas Tockey**

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Dan Grover Hy-Vee Wahlburgers, 5:30-7pm

Keith Dunlap

Jamie's Route 66, Southern View, 6pm

Ricarda Rosalina La Fiesta Grande, 6-9pm

Stefan Huffman

Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Karaoke with Jamie Lynn Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

Eric Hagen

The Other Bar, Morrisonville, 8-11pm

Thomas J Beverly and Geoff Ryan Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 5-7pm

Saturday Feb 10

LoneHollow

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

The TangentsBloom Wine Bar & Florals,
3-6pm

Prairie State of Mind Bullard Country Chapel, Buffalo, 6-9pm

Hipbone and The Joints Caraway Pub, Virginia, 8pm Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas

Connor's Corner Pub, Tallula, 7-10pm

Sunshine Daydream Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Kenny LIVE - Kenny Chesney tribute Danenberger Family Vineyards,

New Berlin, 8pm

Blues Deacons

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Double Shot Duo Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 7pm

Hippies of the Heartland KJB's Pint Haus, Jacksonville,

9pm Robert Sampson

Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

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

Brian Shartzer
Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm

The RemedyPop's Place, Decatur, 8pm-12am

Lick Creek

The Rustic Venues by Fat Albert's BBQ, Girard, 7-10pm

Springfield Uketopians Stella Coffee & Tea, 12-2pm

Roxschool

The Blue Grouch, 7-11pm

Karaoke

The Next Stop Saloon, Mount Pulaski, 8pm-12am

After School Special Town Hall Pub, Loami, 7pm **Joel Honey**

Twisted Fork, 11am-2pm

Antics

VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

Sunday Feb 11

Keith Dunlap

The Crowbar, Decatur, 1-4pm

Adam Maletich It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Kelli Baker

Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Monday Feb 12

Smokestacks The Alamo, 7pm

6-9pm

Al Kitchen Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta,

Tuesday Feb 13

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

Karaoke by J.C.B. Entertainment Crows Mill Pub, 8pm-1am

Mary Jo Curry Band Curve Inn, 6-9pm

L.A. Guns with Drew Cagle & the Reputation Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7:30pm **After School Special**

El Arriero Mexican Restaurant, 6:30pm

Songwriter open mic with Tom Irwin

It's All About Wine, 6-9pm

Karaoke

The Rusty Rail Pub, Lincoln, 8pm-12am

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

Mike Burnett and The Suns

The Stadium Bar & Grill, 5-9pm

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

Wednesday Feb 14

Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey

Karaoke

Clique, 9pm-1am

Boone's, 7-10pm

Open mic

Crows Mill Pub, 7-10pm.

Al Kitchen and friends

Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex. 6-9pm

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





Brooklyn Chests - (RTA Kit)

unfinished - SOLID WOOD

3 drawer - \$269,

4 drawer - \$355,

5 drawer - \$400 SAVE \$150 on 5 drawer Brooklyn compared to Whitewood's assembled Lancaster line

217-789-4913 | 2809 S. 6th Street, Southern View | Tue-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-4 | gordonswoodhouse.com



SPRINGFIELD'S

GROW OUR OWN

MINORITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM







EMPOWERING THE YOUTH OF TODAY WITH THE PROMISE OF TOMORROW

The City of Springfield, Sangamon County and Hanson Professional Services Inc. are entering their 11th year of the Grow Our Own Minority Participation Program.

Through this program, the young talents of our city take part in great learning opportunities for brighter futures within our community.







Visit www.growourown.net for details



Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum celebration, children's activities

Sat., Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 212 N. Sixth St. 217-558-8844 presidentlincoln.illinois.gov

MUSEUM | Events to feature reading, music, magic and much more

This Saturday the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is inviting the public to join it for a celebration. The ALPLM will not only mark Lincoln's birthday, but also celebrate recently earning national accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums. "Qualifying involves months or even years of internal preparation and then evaluation by the alliance," said the ALPLM in a release, which noted only 3.2% of museums are accredited by the group. To celebrate, there will be a short ceremony in the museum plaza at 2 p.m. featuring cake and air cannons firing streamers. The activities begin at 10 a.m. with the Literacy Jam. Among other events, it features cast members from the musicals Finding Nemo and Winnie the Pooh reading stories and singing songs and magician Richard Landry. Also, Tater Tots Rock will play its brand of rock 'n' roll for children. Visitors can bring books to donate to Compass for Kids. Admission is free all day as well as Monday, Feb. 12 – Lincoln's actual birthday.

■ Special Music Events

Concerts for Kids 2024

Tue., Feb. 13, 9:15-11, 11:15am-1pm. Experience the All-Star lineup of the Illinois Symphony Orchestra led by conductor Jacobsen Woollen. Race around the track with the *William Tell Overture*, stretch it out in the 7th inning with *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* and learn sportsmanship with an athletic version of *Beethoven's 5th Symphony*. Wear your favorite team's gear. ilsymphony.org. Free. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-522-2838.

A Tribute to Sammy Davis Jr. Sat., Feb. 10, 7:30pm. Starring Kenny Jones, a gifted singer, songwriter, musician and recording artist who has received rave reviews and standing ovations worldwide. hcfta.org. \$32. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Theater & Comedy

Comedy night starring Steve Sabo Fri., Feb. 9, 8-10pm. Steve Sabo brings

Fri., Feb. 9, 8-10pm. Steve Sabo brings his act to the capital city. He's been called one of the "top 20 comedians working the road" by Laugh.com. \$10. Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 600 Toronto Road. 217-679-7323.

Comedy open mic

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

Greg Morton

Fri., Feb. 9, 8pm and Sat., Feb. 10, 7:30pm. Greg Morton once again will bring his unique brand of comedy to the capital city. donniebs.com. \$25.50-\$27.50. Casey's Pub, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-891-4858.

Lilacs and Letters

Thu., Feb. 8, 1:15pm, Fri., Feb. 9, 10:45am and Wed., Feb. 14, 1:15pm. This one-act play features a single actor portraying Walt Whitman, one of America's most influential poets, as Whitman processes the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and tends to wounded Civil War soldiers. Free with admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Outraged: Terror in Springfield 1908

Feb. 9-10, 7:30pm and Sun., Feb. 11, 3pm. Bonaparte Baker returned to Springfield, the place of his birth, ten years after he survived a horrific attack on the Black community in Wilmington, N. C. Although Springfield's Black community feels protected by Lincoln's legacy, in August 1908, Springfield also becomes a place of terror and tragedy.

uispac.com. \$20. UIS students and staff \$15. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-7529.

Valentine's Day Comedy Massacre and Singles Celebration

Sat., Feb. 10, 6pm. Featuring comics Tai Fu, Bradlie Bischler, Zack Allgire and special guest Ray Philly. Hosted by Stoney B. Call for tickets in advance or buy at door. Singles \$10, couples \$15. 30th floor, Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 E. Adams St., 217-361-4318.

■ Art & Architecture

Art Tour: Behind the Ropes

Sundays, 3-4:15pm. Through March 17. Go behind the ropes and get up close to learn about the artists and the art that were handpicked by Illinois first lady MK Pritzker, the Illinois State Museum and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library. Sunday, Feb. 4 is completely reserved. Reserve a spot at eventbrite.com. Free. Illinois Governor's Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., 217-782-6450

Artist Talk at The Pharmacy and Gallery Art Space

Fri., Feb. 9, 6-9pm. Join The Pharmacy as artists Julie Brown, Delinda Chapman, Marco Mulder and Matt Schultz will each speak briefly about their artwork, their stylings and their influences. Schultz will give free CDs of his musical project, *The Division*, to those who attend. pharmacygallery.com. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

"Come Creative Spirit" call for artists

This juried interfaith exhibition will support diversity, understanding and mutual appreciation. All submitted artwork must be original and explore a spiritual or religious theme from any tradition. Hosted by the Springfield Art Association as part of the Liturgical Arts Festival. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 11. lafspringfield.org. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

"Consider a Disappearance"

Mondays-Thursdays.. Through March 7. Solo exhibition by Chicago-based artist and experimental filmmaker Ruby Que. Que was inspired by disappearances including those of artist Bas Jan Ader, singer Connie Converse and pilot Amelia Earhart. Opening reception 5:30-8pm, Thursday, Feb. 15. Closing performance 4-6pm, Thursday, March 7. uis.edu. Free. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6506.

"Turn on Every Light"

Through Feb. 8. Art work by Heather Brammeier. Open during normal gallery hours. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6506.



Reasonable Rates- No Deductible





Get the best of both worlds with a CEFCU® Hybrid Home Equity Line of Credit.

Plus, you can use your Home Equity funds for:

- ► Home improvement ► Major purchases
- > Tuition
- **Business ventures**



Get started at cefcu.com/equity, stop in a Member Center, or call 1.800.858.3400 today!



CEFCU NMLS ID #407798









Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union 218S Joint Apprentice Committee's application process is now available year-round for their apprenticeship program. Visit www.sheetmetalworkers218s.com to complete an online application.

If unable to apply online, application packages are available (AT NO COST) and can be picked up:

> Where: SMW 218 Union Hall & Training Center 2855 Via Verde Springfield, IL 62703

> > When: Monday-Friday 9:00AM - 3:30PM

To be considered for June 2024 hire, your online application must be received by March 15, 2024

QUALIFICATION TESTING MUST BE COMPLETED BY March 29, 2024

Sheet Metal Workers' Local #218-S Joint Apprenticeship Committee is an Equal Opportunity Employer

■ Film & Television

The Blue Caftan

Sun., Feb. 11, 1, 4pm and Tue., Feb. 13, 7pm. Halim and Mina run a traditional caftan store in one of Morocco's oldest medinas and hire a young man as an apprentice. A film by Maryam Touzani. Part of the Molly Schlich Independent I International Film Series presented by the Springfield Art Association. springfieldart.org. \$10; students with ID \$5. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Dr., 217-523-2631.

■ History

ALPLM Accreditation Celebration

Sat., Feb. 10, 2-2:30pm. Join the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum for a free day of fun as it marks Lincoln's birthday, honor his love of reading and celebrate the ALPLM's earning a national accreditation. Includes a short ceremony at 2pm followed by air cannons firing volleys of streamers in the museum plaza. Enjoy a piece of cake afterward. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Lincoln's Birthday Bash

Sat., Feb. 10, and Sun., Feb. 11, 8:30am-5pm. Celebrate Lincoln's birthday with National Park rangers and make a birthday card for the 16th president and take a selfie at the Lincoln Home photo booth. Includes historic games and Lincoln-themed crafts. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site Visitor Center, 426 S. Seventh St., 217 492-4241.

■ Holiday Observances

Weekday Lenten Services

Mondays-Fridays, 12:15-12:45pm. Through March 29. Services begin Ash Wednesday and go through Good Friday. Services will offer a 25-minute period of reflection, Bible readings and hymns exploring the season of Lent. trinity-lutheran. com. Free. Trinity Lutheran Church, 220 S. Second St., 217-787-2323.

■ Holiday Happenings

Valentine's Dance Contest

Wed., Feb. 14, 11:30am-12:30pm. Bring a partner and compete as a couple for prize money dancing the twist and the swim. Grand prize will go to one lucky couple. Must compete in both dances to win. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Valentine's Daddy Daughter **Dance**

Wed., Feb. 14, 6:30pm, Dance hosted by the Radiant Church Mpact Girls in the church's gym. Includes photo booth. See the Facebook page for more info. Free, donations welcome. Radiant Church, 3200 Shaler Road, 217-522-5632.

■ Fundraisers and Galas

Forever Home Feline Ranch fundraiser

Mon., Feb. 12, 5-8pm. Meet Forever Home Feline Ranch volunteers at this event which features and auction and door prizes. Admission includes three drink tickets plus appetizers. Call or text for more information. \$20. It's All About Wine, 1305 Wabash Ave Suite M, 217-503-9898.

SASA Fundraiser

Sat., Feb. 10, 6-10:30pm. To benefit the Springfield Area Soccer Association. Appetizers and cash bar, live music by Kapital Sound, silent auction and more. Visit the Facebook event for more information. \$40 per person or \$70 for two. Ace Sign Museum, 2540 S. First St., 217-522-8417.

Springfield 2024 Souper Bowl

Fri., Feb. 9, 4-6pm. Suggested donation of \$5 for 32 oz. of chicken noodle, stuffed pepper or steak vegetable soup. Hosted by Catholic Charities to benefit St. John's Breadline. Catholic Pastoral Center, 1615 W. Washington.

■ Children's Corner

Lincolns4Lincoln Literacy Jam Sat., Feb. 10, 10am-2pm.

Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 215th birthday and his love of reading and lifelong learning with his family-friendly event benefiting Compass for Kids. It will feature storytime from celebrity readers, musical entertainment, a magician, local sports mascots and interactive activities for children. Free admission Feb. 10 and Feb. 12. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

■ Nature, Science & **Environmént**

How to Start a Community Garden

Sat., Feb. 10, 10:30-11:30am. This is the best time of year to begin thinking about a community garden in your neighborhood. Learn the basics in this discussion. Includes a Q&A. Meet in the Multipurpose Room on the second floor. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-610-0720.

The Importance of Native Plants

Sat., Feb. 10, 1:30-2:30pm. Terra Ozenkoski and Wendy Beckerman of 3 B Natives Plant Nursery will give a presentation on native plants, monarch butterflies and why a diverse group of native plantings is important. lincolnmemorialgarden.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-836-5400.

■ Bulletin Board

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support

Second Tuesday of every month, 1-2:30pm. The best thing you can do for the person you are caring for is stay physically and emotionally strong. Support groups offer comfort and reassurance, and can be good sources of practical advice and even humor. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Fight For Air Climb Springfield

Sat., Feb. 10, 8:30am. Participants of all fitness levels climb flights of stairs to the top of the 30-story building to raise funds for local lung health initiatives. Sponsored by the American Lung Association. First climbers start at 8:30am. See the web site for more info and to register. FightForAirClimb.org/ Springfield. Wyndham City Centre Springfield, 700 E Adams St., 312-940-7624.

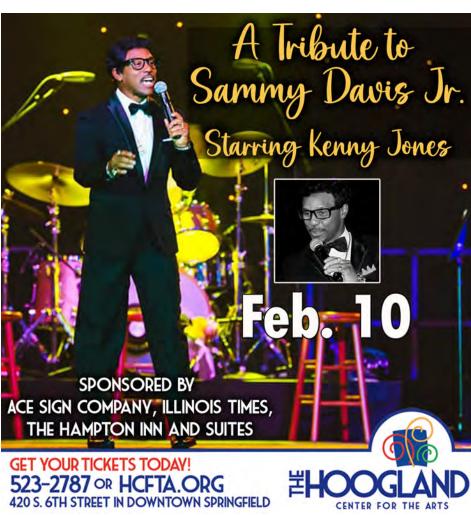
Workshop on angel investing

Tues., Feb. 13, 3-5pm, An educational event on angel investing, which involves individuals providing financial support for early-stage startups in exchange for equity. Initial segment open to public followed by closed-group session. Free. Sign up online. innovatespringfield.org. Innovate Springfield, 15 South Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-206-8671.

■ Health & Fitness

Let's Get Fit

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





MARKETPLACE

Need an accountant?

Terry McCulley-EA

Tax Relief of Central IL

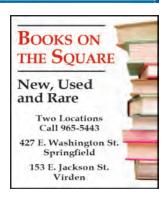
"Licensed to practice before the IRS" - since 1998 Tax, Bookkeeping and Payroll 901 S Spring St; Springfield, IL 62704

Ph 217-528-2297

- by appointment





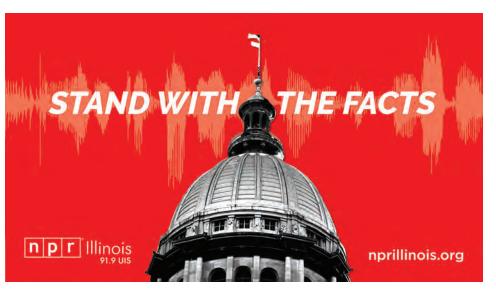




Legal Deadline, Thursdays at 4pm Call Daron at 217-679-7801

or email legals@illinoistimes.com





Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD
ILLINOIS
PHH Mortgage Corporation
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Gregory A. Prichard; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
No. 2022FC000236

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL

ESTAIE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/11/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 19, 2024 at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 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 14-23.0-329-009 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1322 East Black Avenue 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"

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

condition. The sale is further subject to

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

tion 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 FORECLO-

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-08843.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK - PAWNEE, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff.

CLETUS K. EDWARDS, ETHIC, A WEALTH BANK, successor to Admirals Bank, FIRST CORPORATE SOLUTIONS, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No.: 2022-FC-51 NOTICE OF COURT SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure

the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much

shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be

subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is

confirmed by the Court.

(A) The name, address and telephone

number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Timothy J. Rigby Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol

Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real

estate is: 530 South Main Street, Taylorville, Illinois 62568

(C) Tax Identification Number: 17-13-27-403-006-00

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

Two story, ten room, approximately 2,725 gross living area residence with three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the

real estate prior to sale.
(F) The time and place of the sale are:
Time: 9:30 a.m. March 7, 2024
Place: Christian County Courthouse
101 South Main Street
Taylorville, Illinois 62568

(G) The terms of the sale are: Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours. (H) Title will be conveyed subject to

any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of United Community Bank, all general real

estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all en-

croachments, if any.
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK - PAWNEE, an
Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol

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

NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information

obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate SHIRLEY L. TOZER, Deceased IN PROBATE No. 2024-PR-000044 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Shirley L. Tozer. Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 1. 2024. to Stuart W. Vost, as Independent Executor whose attorney is Harvey M. Stephens, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701, Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 15th day of July, 2024, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has Dated this 1st day of February 1, 2024 BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLF Harvey M. Stephens Registration No. 6198845 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Sara Knobloch, Deceased
Case No. 2024-PR-000021
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Sara
Knobloch. Letters of Office were iss

P.O. Box 2459

(217) 544-8491

Springfield, IL 62705-2459

Notice is given of the death of Sara Knobloch. Letters of Office were issued on Jan. 30, 2024 to David Coplea as Executor, 35 DelMar, Springfield IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Executor, on or before, Aug. 8, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it has been filed.

has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Rosemary A. Kellus, Deceased Case No. 2024-PR-000024 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Rosemary A. Kellus. Letters of Administration were issued on Jan. 31, 2024 to Linda Watts as Administrator, 943 N. Wheeler Ave., Springfield IL 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Administrator, on or before, Aug. 8, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with

the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it

has been filed.

Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, IN THE ESTATE OF: SHANEL WOMACK. Deceased. Case No.: 2023-PR-432 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND Notice is hereby given of the death of Shanel Womack | Letters of Office were issued. The name and address of the Administrator is William Gordon, 300 S. 14th St., Springfield, Illinois 62703. James Ackerman is counsel for the Administrator. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield Illinois 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 4, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before August 4, 2024, is barred. Copies of the 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 31st day of January 2024. William Gordon, Administrator, By: /s/ James W. Ackerman

James W. Ackerman,

PREPARED BY:

(217) 789-1977

Attorney for Administrator

ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE

2601 South Fifth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

James W. Ackerman 06192795

iim@ackermanlawoffices.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEV-ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ESTATE OF MARY S. McDERMOTT, Deceased. 2024-PR-41 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Mary S. McDermott. Letters of Administration were issued on January 31, 2024, to Eileen M. Parn, 15 Belhaven Dr., Springfield, IL 62704 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 8, 2024, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, 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. 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/serviceproviders.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://

www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/ gethelp.asp, or contact your local Circuit Clerk's office. Dated this 31st day of January 2024 Dan E. Way #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC Attorney for Administrator 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA LEE MORGAN, DECEASED Case #2024-PR-30 **DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE** Notice is given of the death of VIRGINIA LEE MORGAN. Letters of Office have been issued to KAREN ELIZABETH MORGAN SULLIVAN, 534 W. Cascade Meadows Loop, Midway, UT 84049, and CATHERINE FAITH MORGAN CONNELL 6981 Mansion Road, Chatham, IL 62629, as Independent Co-Administrators with the Will Annexed, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Administrators with the Will Annexed, or both, on or before August 12, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Co-Administrators with the Will Annexed and to the attorney within 10 days after it Dated this 29th day of January, 2024. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND T. COULSON, DECEASED Case #2024-PR-36 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of RAYMOND T COULSON Letters of Office have been issued to CLARENCE TED APPLEGATE, 1822 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, as Independent Administrator. whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division. Room 405. Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before August 12, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 29th day of January, 2024. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEV-ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: WILLIAM LOUIS HEINTZELMAN, Deceased.

The Wedding Issue



Coming Feb. 15, 2024

The Illinois Times Wedding special issue will deliver a fresh take on weddings and celebrations of commitment. Wedding planning is made easier with a venue directory and articles relevant to this milestone day for every couple.

NO. 2024-PR-26 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of William Louis Heintzelman of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued January 29, 2024, to Thomas L. Heintzelman, 823 Colorado Ct, Springfield, Illinois 62711, 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 August 5, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 29th day of January, 2024. Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP PO Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 bk@barberlaw.com 349493

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BEVERLY J. BENNETT, Deceased) NO 2024PR000011 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Beverly J. Bennett. Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 23, 2024 to Carl Washburn. 3228 Hazlett Road, Springfield, IL 62707, as Independent Administrator, whose attornev 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 2nd day of August, 2024, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor. whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Repre sentative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 23rd day of January, 2024. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
IN THE ESTATE OF:
RUTH ANNE WANKEL,
Deceased.
Case No.: 2024-PR-27
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND
CLAIMS
Netics in bookly given of the death of

Notice is hereby given of the death of Ruth Anne Wankel. Letters of Office were issued. The name and address of the Administrator is Marcia Herter. James Ackerman is counsel for the Administrator. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 25, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before August 25, 2024, is barred. Copies of the 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 26th day of January 2024. Marcia Herter, Administrator, By: /s/ James W. Ackerman James W. Ackerman, Attorney for Administrator PREPARED BY: James W. Ackerman 06192795 ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE 2601 South Fifth Street Springfield II 62703 (217) 789-1977 jim@ackermanlawoffices.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEV-ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF AUDREY J. THOMPSON, Deceased No. 2024-PR-14 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Audrey J. Thompson. Letters of Office were issued to Thomas L. Thompson, as Independent Executor, whose address is 6805 Ironwood Drive, Springfield, Illinois. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to 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, 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, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 1, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/ service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/gethelp. asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's

office.
Dated: January 24, 2024
Attorneys for Independent Executor:
Sorling Northrup
Aaron D. Evans, Attorney (6305883)

Aaron D. Evans', Attorney (6305883) 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-

522-3173 E-Mail: adevans@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
CLIFTON R. BAXTER,
Deceased.
No. 2023-PR-479
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the estate
of the death of Clifton R. Baxter. Letters
of Office were issued to Jan G. Baxter, as
Independent Executor, whose address is
2104 Augusta Drive, Springfield, Illinois
62704. The estate will be administered
without court supervision, unless under

755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a netition 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 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 1, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representa-tive is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representa tive mailed or delivered such notice. whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/ service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp. asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated: January 4, 2024

Attorneys for Independent Executor: Sorling Northrup Aaron D. Evans, Attorney (6305883) 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131

P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-

E-Mail: adevans@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Cleda Arlene Morrow, Deceased
Case No. 2023-PR-000477
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Cleda

Arlene Morrow. Letters of Administration were issued on Jan 11 2024 to Bradley Eugene Morrow as Administrator, 330 W. Frick St., Macon, IL 62544. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Representative, on or before, Aug. 1, 2024 Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Christine Rigney, Deceased Case No. 2023-PR-000472 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Christine Rigney, Letters of Administration were issued on Jan. 4, 2024 to Kristen Branham as Administrator, 7 Apache Drive, Springfield, IL 62711. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702. or with the Representative, on or before, Aug. 1, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch

Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEV-ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE LUCY E. LADD, DECEASED. NO. 2024-PR-29 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of LUCY E. LADD, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on January 24, 2024, to STEVEN C. LADD of 1613 Chancelor Place, Chatham, IL 62629. whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite D1, Spring field, 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 Street, Springfield, Illinois or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 1st day of February, 2024, 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/serviceproviders.htmto learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional

STATE OF ILLINOIS

providers.Intinu learn more and to seight as 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 2024.
STEVEN C. LADD, Executor of the Estate of LUCY E. LADD, Deceased BY: DelGlORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney Attorneys for Estate:
Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney IARDC No. 6277358
DelGlORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC 2160 S. Sixth St., Ste. D-1
Springfield, IL 62703
Tel. 217-773-5337
Fax. 855-461-3250
Email: tony@delgiornolawoffice.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA K. ELDRIDGE, DECEASED Case #2024-PR-23 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of BARBARA K. ELDRIDGE. Letters of Office have been issued to FREDERICK KOCHER 208 Bristol Road, Chatham, IL 62629, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield. IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 5, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed Dated this 23rd day of January, 2024 William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

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

PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN MARIE MOLLETT, DECEASED Case #2024-PR-25 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of KAREN MARIE MOLLETT. Letters of Office have been issued to TERESA A. OSBURN, 2899 E. Walnut, Chatham, IL 62629, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk. Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex. 200 South 9th Street, Spring field, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 5, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed Dated this 23rd day of January, 2024. Patrick J. Sheehan, III SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Sprinafield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DELILA A. MARTIN. DECEASED Case #2024-PR-22 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of DELILA A. MARTIN. Letters of Office have been issued to THERESE MARIE MARTIN, 3800 Buckeye Drive, Springfield, IL 62712, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 5, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 23rd day of January, 2024. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of EDWARD SAVORGINO, JR., Deceased. IN PROBATE No. 2024-PR-15 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of EDWARD SAVORGINO, JR., deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 24, 2024, to William K. Miller, as Indepen dent Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representa tive, or both, on or before the 31st day of July 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the

representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 24th day of January, 2024. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Hugh F. Drake (Registration No. 6269666) 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 hdrake@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: RICHARD D. MARTIN Deceased Case No.: 2024-PR-8 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of RICHARD D. MARTIN of Sherman, Illinois, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on January 10, 2024, to BRADLEY D. MARTIN, as Executor, of 1912 Turtle Creek Drive, Chatham, IL 62629, whose attorney is Duane D. Young of Young Law Partners, P.C., 1300 South 8th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, and with the offices of Young Law Partners, P.C., Attorneys for Executor, or both, within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to their attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed BRADLEY D. MARTIN, Executor of the Estate of RICHARD D. MARTIN, Deceased Attornevs' Address Duane D. Young Registration No.: 3091457 YOUNG LAW PARTNERS, P.C. 1300 South Eighth Street Springfield, Illinois 62703 Telephone: (217) 544-8500 Facsimile: (217) 544-6200 8051-939097

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Eunice Brown, Deceased Case No. 23-PR-466 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Eunice Brown Letters of Office were issued on Dec. 28, 2023 to Stephen Brown as Executor, 8191 E. State Route 54, Riverton, IL 62561. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse. 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Representative, on or before, July 25, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EVELYN MARIE MERTZ, DECEASED Case #2024-PR-9 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE/NOTICE TO HEIRS Notice is given of the death of EVELYN MARIE MERTZ. Letters of office have been issued to MARY ANN LEPPER, 317 Virginia Lane, Rochester, IL 62563, as

Independent Executor, whose attorney is

Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex. 200 South 9th Street, Spring field, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before July 25, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Notice is also given to CADENCE MARTIN and HARLEY MARTIN (whereabouts unknown), that an Order was entered in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on January 11, 2024, admitting Decedent's Will to Probate (said Will having been dated September 2, 2014). You are named as an heir of Decedent in the Petition for Probate of said Will.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, any heir may file a Petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or by other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 6-21), or successor provision. Heirs also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 8-1), or successor provision, to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within 6 months after January 11, 2024. Filings are to be made with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Probate Division, Room 405 Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https:// efile illinoiscourts gov/service-providers htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www. illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp or talk to your local Circuit Clerk's office Dated this 11th day of January, 2024. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Sprinafield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Deborah Ann Lord For change of name to Deborah Ann Packenham Case No. 2024MR000045 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on March 26, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Deborah Ann Lord to Deborah Ann Packenham pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Feb. 8, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Laia Storm Fttress For change of name to Alaia Storm Ettress Case No. 2023MR000388 Public Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Laia Storm Ettress to Alaia Storm Ettress pursuant to the statute in such

case made and provided Dated: Feb. 1, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Abigail Jordyn Mullens For change of name to Abigail Jordyn Marx Case No. 2024MR000031 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Abigail Jordyn Mullens to Abigail Jordyn Marx pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Jan. 25, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,

JENNY M. WYZARD; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOP-MENT; ACUITY, A MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS.

Defendants. Case No : 2024FC000008 Property Address: 608 N 3RD ST, RIVERTON, IL 62561 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOL-LOWING

UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the mises described as follows, to wit THE SOUTH 50 FEET OF LOT 24 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, REFERENCE BEING HAD TO THE PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, DEED RECORD 56. PAGE 640.

Commonly known as: 608 N 3RD ST, RIVERTON, IL 62561 Names of the titleholders of record: JENNY M. WYZARD. Date of the Mortgage: March 24, 2015.

Name or names of the mortgagors: JENNY M. WYZARD.

Name of the mortgagee: TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, BANKING CORPORA-

TION. Date and place of recording: March 25, 2015: Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois. Identification of recording: Document No. 2015R07302.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before March 11, 2024 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DE-FAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts. gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://illinoiscourts.gov/selfhelp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go

to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a er application. PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-TION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DERT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Lender Legal PLLC 1800 Pembrook Drive. Suite 250 Orlando, Florida 32810 Tel: (407) 730-4644 Service Emails: cwinters@lenderlegal.com EService@LenderLegal.com LLS11970-IL - WYZARD _s/ Colin Winters, Esq._ Colin Winters, Esq. Counsel of Record for Plaintiff ARDC # 6297980 13237773

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILL INOIS Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC **PLAINTIFF** Rita Stepp; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC000204 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Rita Stepp Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 814 W Edwards St Springfield, IL 62704

and which said Mortgage was made by:

the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Guaranteed Rate, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2022R07320; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending NOW THEREFORE UNI ESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of

this Court, Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405 Springfield, IL 62701 on or before March 11, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300

DuPáge # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-23-07218 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. 13237667

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

ESTHER V. DEGROOT: CYNTINA WARD: REBECCA JURGENS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATERS OF BANDY DEGROOT: UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CI AIMANTS: DEFENDANTS.

CASE NO.: 2023FC000227 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 819 N DANIEL AVE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RANDY DEGROOT

UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows:

LOT 433 SPAULDING'S CAPITAL PARK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS, TOGETHER WITH ALL EASE-MENTS AND APPLIETENANCES IN FAVOR OF SAID ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY. Common Address: 819 N DANIEL AVE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

PIN: 14-25.0-157-018 Said mortgage was executed by RANDY E. DEGROOT AND ESTHER DEGROOT, as mortgagor(s) and U.S. BANK NA-TIONAL ASSOCIATION, as mortgagee. on 8/9/2021 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document Number 2021R32589.

You have been sued. Read all documents attached to this Summons. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Summons called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/ Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court my decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case.

After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail.

You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees.

It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this.

Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill our and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website.

¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envie un nansaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobra los casos de la corte y cómo completer y presenter formularios.

Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 3/4/2024 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREEE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

David Mazzella 6344319 Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC 205 N. Michigan Suite 810 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: (561) 241-6901 E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com File: 23-162488 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR 8051-939389

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILL INOIS PHH Mortgage Corporation PLAINTIFF Gregory A. Prichard; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2022FC000236

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 10/11/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 19, 2024 at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: THE EAST SIX (6) FEET OF LOT SIXTY-ONE (61); ALL OF LOT SIXTY-TWO (62) AND THE WEST FOUR (4) FEFT OF LOT SIXTY THREE (63) OF FRED W. WANLESS NORTHWOOD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY THREE (23), TOWNSHIP SIXTEEN (16) NORTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINER-ALS 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.

PIN 14-23.0-329-009 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1932 East Black Avenue Sprinafield, 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 (q)(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. YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER) YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECL OSURE 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 14-22-08843. 13237457

"THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE⁵ IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Nationstar Mortgage LLC;

Erick Gudgel a/k/a Erick W. Gudgel; Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants: Defendants Case No. 23 FC 143

Judge Presiding NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to vou:

-Erick Gudgel a/k/a Erick W. Gudgel -Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants

that Plaintiff has commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain Mortgage lien recorded against the premises described

as follows: PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS, TO -WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT 20.91 3/4 CHAINS SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION: THENCE BUNNING WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 5 CHAINS; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 1.25 CHAINS; THENCE FAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 5 CHAINS; THENCE NORTH 1.25 CHAINS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL GAS AND OTHER MINERALS LINDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETO-FORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES. AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS. IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

C/K/A: 345 North Walnut Street, Rochester II 62563 PIN: 23-16.0-226-016

24 | www.illinoistimes.com | February 8-14, 2024

said Mortgage was given by Erick Gudgel a/k/a Erick W. Gudgel, Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Synergy One Lending, Inc. dba Mutual of Omaha Mortgage, Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2019R07174. 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/serviceproviders.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http:// www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp asp, or talk with your local circuit clerk's

UNLESS YOU file your appearance or otherwise file your answer in this case in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield IL 62701 on or before March 4, 2024. A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT. Russell C. Wirbicki (6186310) Christopher J. Irk (6300084) Cory J. Harris (6319221) Tracey M. Coons (6311050) The Wirbicki Law Group LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540 Chicago, IL 60603 Phone: 312-360-9455 W23-0286 pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com l3237241

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-3, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE

SANDRA J. DAVIS F/K/A SANDRA J. STRUCKLEY F/K/A SANDRA J. DAVIS RAWLINGS F/K/A SANDRA RAWLINGS: CLARENCE E. DAVIS; FIRST BANK A SAVINGS BANK; WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY ESB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST AS TRUSTEE FOR PNPMS TRUST IV; FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS: DEFENDANTS. CASE NO.: 2023FC000193

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3519 SHERIDAN STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:

SANDRA J. DAVIS F/K/A SANDRA J. STRUCKLEY F/K/A SANDRA J. DAVIS RAWLINGS F/K/A SANDRA RAWLINGS CLARENCE E. DAVIS UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described

LOT 233 OF SOUTHLAWN, SECOND PLAT, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. Common Address: 3519 SHERIDAN STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 PIN: 22-14.0-179-017 Said mortgage was executed by SANDRA J. DAVIS AND CLARENCE E. DAVIS, as mortgagor(s) and ASSOCIATES HOME EQUITY SERVICES, INC., as mortgagee, on 2/26/2001 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document Number 2001808013

You have been sued. Read all documents attached to this Summons. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Summons called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/ Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court my decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and

After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees.

It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how

Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp. gov for information about going to court, including how to fill our and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website.

¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envie un mansaie de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobra los casos de la corte v cómo completer v presenter

Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 2/24/2024 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREEE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIFF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT. David Mazzella

6344319 Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners. PLLC 205 N. Michigan Suite 810 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: (561) 241-6901 E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com File: 23-144032 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT

COLLECTOR

8051-939039

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

ADRIAN WATKINS: MATHEW P RYAN: ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS: DEFENDANTS. CASE NO.: 2023FC000223 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2003 N 17TH ST SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication

having been filed, notice is hereby given

to you: Adrian Watkins UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described

THE FAST HALF OF LOT FIFTEEN (15) IN BLOCK FIVE (5) OF SAUNDER'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERID-IAN EXCEPTING & RESERVING THE NORTH 80 FEET THEREOF. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS

Common Address: 2003 N 17TH ST SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 PIN: 14-23-106-033

Said mortgage was executed by DELO-RES D. WATKINS AND ADRIAN WATKINS. as mortgagor(s) and MARINE BANK, as mortgagee, on 5/28/2014 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document Number 2014R13438

You have been sued. Read all documents attached to this Summons. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Summons called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/ Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court my decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case.

After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you

cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case

in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how

to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp. gov for information about going to court, including how to fill our and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website.

¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envie un mansaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobra los casos de la corte y cómo completer y presenter formularios.

Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 2/24/2024 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREEE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIFF ASKED. FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT. David Mazzella 6344319

Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC 205 N. Michigan Suite 810 Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: (561) 241-6901

E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com File: 23-164509 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK - PAWNEE, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff

CLETUS K. EDWARDS, ETHIC, A WEALTH BANK, successor to Admirals Bank, FIRST CORPORATE SOLUTIONS, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants.

No.: 2022-FC-51 NOTICE OF COURT SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by

the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as

shall be sufficient to satisfy said judg-ment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval, Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the

confirmed by the Court. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Timothy J. Rigby

Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501. One North Old State Capitol

Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real 530 South Main Street, Taylorville, Illinois

62568 (C) The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot 6 and the North 6 feet of Lot 7 in Powel's Addition to Taylorville, an Addition situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 13 North, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat of said Addition recorded April 21, 1908 in Book 1, Page 73. 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 Christian County, Illinois. Subject to any and all covenants, condi-

tions, easements, restrictions and any other matters of record. Situated in Christian County, Illinois. Tax Identification Number: 17-13-27-403-006-00

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

Two story, ten room, approximately 2,725 gross living area residence with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. (E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection

real estate prior to sale. (F) The time and place of the sale are: Time: 9:30 a.m. March 7, 2024 Place: Christian County Courthouse 101 South Main Street Taylorville, Illinois 62568 (G) The terms of the sale are: Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours. (H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the

mortgage of United Community Bank, all general real estate taxes, special asses

any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK - PAWNEE, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 triabv@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any

obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose. 8051-938804

Notice by Publication

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facilities gives notice of the sale under said act; Friday the 23rd day of February, 2024 at 11:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Self Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwv. Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Wilesha Parker 67. Joshua Bridges 862. Steven Livingston jr 625/588. Frhetas bosange 254. April Fulton 355. Alicia Barton 674. Juan Cortez 770. Christopher Gentry 844. Ransha Taylor 272. Brandon Mccaddon 672. heaven sandidge 519A. Brandon Mccaddon 827. HOWARD MOFFITT 234. Heaven Sandidge 823. Destiny Shaw 512. Nicole Thompson P16. Teresa Houston 14. Stephen Bynum 211. Derek James 826. april valtille 3. kristopher vincent 121. Ashley Verry 447/448. Henry Gayton 363. Brad Langley 236. Eva Hook 235. Phantavesia King 842. Coady Vanmeter 816. Kevin Sullivan 179. Isabella Fisher 206. Coady Vanmeter P17. Mary Chepulis P14. Joslyn Ellis 224. LaToya Williams 347. Nate Clemmer P76. Henry Gayton 362. Cory Williams 489. Phillip Campbell 63. Robert Sauter 151. Joshua Myers 169. Gregory Blankenship 477. Nick Mably Nick Mably 312. Nancy Holshouser 60/75. Nancy Holshouser 426. Zachary Huocher 59/76; 10 Federal Self Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Travon Fairlee A7. Ashley Eller A79. Sanotta Mitchell A113. Keanna Reese A42. Monique Sanders B238. Malorie Elliott A108. MaKayla Metzger A112. Kyle Cline B169. Danielle McCoy A91. melisa miller A72. Miranda Bell B220. Kiana Goldson A8. Shaun Stark A1. Deanne Miller A58. Justin Liss B141. Tamia Byrd A98. Beverly Peters A21. Beverly Peters B175. Ronald (Rick) Lufkin A31. Ronald (Rick) Lufkin A45; 10 Federal Self Storage, 500 W Browning Rd. Springfield, IL. 62703 (217) 339-3865 Bridget Harden 162C. martina tribbet 205D Marlon Williams 257E. tyiesha jackson 103B. Alicia Davis 290e. Joseph Myers 240E. Joseph Myers 241E/286E. Alexis Lay 107B. Aaron Grover 115B; 10 Federal Self Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Darin Huckabee 129. Cassandra Smith E292/E327. Demetriz Hopson 100. Belinda Le 98. Brian Johnson E304. Terri Nelson F366/F471. Brian Johnson E303. Brian Johnson E302. Justin Smith F407/F420. Belinda Le 69. Belinda Le E298. Lea Beach 189. Justin Smith 202/254. Ginger Danenberger 20. Marshawn Higgins 127. Dave Lott 15. Sue Beach 122. Fatina Rice 66. Sue Beach 124. Jason Pittman 2. Jeff Kunz E354/265. Gary

Graham F275

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Morton Community Bank, Plaintiff Keith Brodhacker, et. al. Defendants No. 2023-FC-209 NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KATHLEEN J. BRODHACKER (a/k/a KATHLEEN J. BOYD): Notice is given of the death of Kathleen Brodhacker (a/k/a Kathleen J. Boyd) The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Kathleen J. Brodhacker (a/k/a Kathleen J. Boyd), deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 3607 Lancaster Rd., Springfield, Illinois 62703. The address of the Special Representative is Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers. htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. /s/ Dan E. Way Special Representative for Kathleen J. Brodhacker, (a/k/a Kathleen J. Boyd), deceased. Dan E. Way, #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEV-ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, II I INOIS PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$2,654.00) USC Ladell Holt No. 23-MX-1090 23-AF-109 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on October 23rd , 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW. Joe Roesch Clerk of Court

1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703

Ph.: (217) 525-7003

dan@danwaylaw.com

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

TO: Latoya Stapleton; Mataveon Walton; Dashay Isheona; Dajah Walton; Nydajah Walton; TSP-Hope Inc.; Anthony D

Schuering as R/A for TSP-Hope Inc.; City of Springfield c/o City Attorney; City of Springfield c/o City Clerk; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Illinois Attorney General for the Illinois Housing Development Authority: County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois; Occupant; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any. of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners: claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners: Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots TAX DEED NO : 2024TX000003 FILED: 1/18/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of Sangamon

IAX DEED NO.: 20241X000003
FILED: 1/18/2024
TAKE NOTICE
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold 11/12/2021
Certificate No. 141-403-2
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number:
Not Applicable
Warrant No. Not Applicable Installment

warran No. Not Applicable Installine
No. Not Applicable
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR
DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at: 902 South 14th
Street, Springfield, IL 62703
Legal Description or Property Index No.

14-34.0-436-001
This Notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/17/2024

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subse—quently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This Notice is also to advise you that a

This Notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/17/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Springfield, IL 62701, on 8/19/2024 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDI-ATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/17/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, IL 62701. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

Address: 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-6700 NR DEED, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 1/18/2024 8051-939278

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDI-CIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF Robert J. Hiler No. 2023-GR-129 To: Robert D. Hiler at address unknown: Please be notified that Margarette Sisti has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Robert J. Hiler, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By February 26, 2024 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default

of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday February 17, 2024, at 9:00a.m. Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702 This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date. Please leave your name, telephon number and an email address. Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction. Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before February 10, 2024. No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT

Jessika Kline Unit#5-7
Danny Crawford Unit#10-5
Roland Paoni Unit#10-9
Donald Caves Unit#1-13
Donald Caves Unit#5-23
Bonnie Sutton Unit#5-28
Tasia Noble Unit#6-26
Robert Buckley Unit#7-33
Susan Grant Unit#10-12
Jessica Spencer Unit#10-14
Hanna Minor Unit#11-12
Emily Dulski Unit#8-2
Berth Bostic Unit#6-3
Tamika Kirkwood Unit#1-17
Joanna Witherall Unit#1-17

CASE NO. 2023TX000204
FILED December 14, 2023
TAKE NOTICE
TO: ASHLEY SEWARD, WILLIAM GROVES,
BAILEY GROVES, SANGAMON COUNTY
CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID
PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS OR
PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR
LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
This is NOTICE of the filling of the petition

for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 721 N 4TH ST, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 14-27.0-159-

On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-373-1. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024 VOYAGEUR HOLDINGS LLC PETITIONER 8051-939067

CASE NO. 2023TX000203
FILED December 14, 2023
TAKE NOTICE
TO: CLARRISSA HUPP, SANGAMON
COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES
IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION
OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN
OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN
SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 2213 STOKEBRIDGE RD, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Property Index Number: 14-23.0-255-

On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-362-5. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024 SAFIRE HOLDINGS, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939066

CASE NO. 2023TX000202 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: 3208-3210 BRECKENRIDGE LLC, 3208-3210 BRECKENBIDGE LLC A DISSOLVED IL CORP C/O IL SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES DEPT CINDY KRUEGER, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCU-PANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 3210 BRECKENRIDGE DR, SPRINGFIELD, **ILLINOIS**

ILLINOIS
Property Index Number: 22-18.0-279008
On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-448-1. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. ROCKCREEK, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939065

CASE NO. 2023TX000201 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: KYRA BRADLEY, MARGARET BRADLEY, CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT UNION, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD C/O CITY CLERK, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS OF PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 105 CARTWRIGHT DR, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 14-31.0-227-019

Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-391-7. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. ROCKCREEK, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939064

CASE NO. 2023TX000200
FILED December 14, 2023
TAKE NOTICE
TO: LAWRENCE SEELBACH, SANGAMON
COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES
IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION
OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN
OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN
SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 20 LAKEWIND DR, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 22-28.0-228-

On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-12-6. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024 ROCKCREEK, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939063

CASE NO. 2023TX000199
FILED December 14, 2023
TAKE NOTICE
TO: TRAVIS BRAZZEL JR, SANGAMON
COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES
IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION
OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN
OWNERS OF PARTIES INTERESTED IN
SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 1716 S DOUGLAS AVE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 22-05.0-277-006

OUG
On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the
Circuit Court of Sangamon County,
Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S
9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield,
Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an
application for an order on the petition
that a Tax Deed be issued. The real
estate was sold on November 12, 2021,
for delinquent real estate taxes and/or
special assessments for the year 2020.
Certificate No. 141-442-7. The period of
redemption will expire on June 12, 2024.
PRAIRIE LOCK, LLC PETITIONER
8051-939062

CASE NO. 2023TX000198 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE

IAKE NUTICE
TO: VICKY MCGUAR AKA VICKI L MCGUAR,
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/OR
DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF CAROL
MCGUAR, FRED MALCOM, SPOUSE OF
FRED MALCOM, NICHOLAS BURTON,
JAMES DAVIS, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
C/O CITY CLERK, SANGAMON COUNTY
CLERK, OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID
PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS OF
PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR
LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition
for Tax Deed on the following described
property: Property located at: 1933 S
2ND ST, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Property Index Number: 22-04.0-278030

030
On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-440-1. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. PRAIRIE LOCK, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939061

CASE NO. 2023TX000197
FILED December 14, 2023
TAKE NOTICE
TO: VELL'S PROPERTY, INC, VELL'S
PROPERTY, INC C/O REG AGENT COREY
WICKERSHAM, CHERYL LACY, MELISSA
PETERS, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD C/O CITY
CLERK, OCCUPANT 814 ENTERPRISE ST,
OCCUPANT 816 ENTERPRISE ST, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS,
PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL
POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND
UNKNOWN OWNERS OF PARTIES
INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 814-816 ENTERPRISE ST, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 14-27.0-251-

On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-376-5. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. PRAIRIE LOCK, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939060

CASE NO. 2023TX000196 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: SCOTT QUEDNOW, SONYA QUEDNOW, ABBY BITNER, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCU-PANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 1807 S GLENWOOD AVE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 22-04.0-152-On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the

Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-437-3. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. OLD SCHOOL INVESTMENTS LLC PETITIONER 8051-939059

CASE NO. 2023TX000195 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: AARON GRAVES, LISA MENNER, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL KWAME RAOUL. ILLINOIS DEPT OF REVENUE C/O DIREC TOR DAVID HARRIS SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCU-PANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY: AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND LINKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 524 S PARK, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 14-32.0-277-

On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-393-5. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. OLD SCHOOL INVESTMENTS LLC PETITIONER

CASE NO. 2023TX000194
FILED December 14, 2023
TAKE NOTICE
TO: JOYCE GREGORY, BRIANNA NOLTING,
JOSHUA GREGORY, MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, SANGAMON COUNTY
CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID
PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS OF
PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR
LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
This is NOTICE of the filling of the petition
for Tax Deed on the following described
property: Property located at: 10582
MAIN ST, LOWDER, ILLINOIS
Property Index Number: 33-26.0-132012

On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-69-2. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. OLD SCHOOL INVESTMENTS LLC PETITIONER 8051-939057

CASE NO. 2023TX000193
FILED December 14, 2023
TAKE NOTICE
TO: ALEX WATSON, MICHAEL SLAVE, CITY
OF SPRINGFIELD C/O CITY CLERK, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS,
PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL

Legal Deadline, Thursdays at 4pm

Call Daron at 217-679-7801 or email legals@illinoistimes.com

UNKNOWN OWNERS OF PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 2920 S STATE ST, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 22-09.0-152-008 On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assess-

ments for the year 2020. Certificate No.

141-4-7. The period of redemption will

DOLOMITE ENTERPRISES, LLC PETI-

POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND

8051-939056

expire on June 12, 2024.

CASE NO. 2023TX000192 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: JOHN C HEARD JR, CONNIE HEARD, JOHN C HEARD SR, JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD C/O CITY CLERK, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 101 VENUS VILLA, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 22-21.0-251-011 On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-448-5. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. DG ENTERPRISES, LLC - X, LLC PETI-TIONER 8051-939055

CASE NO. 2023TX000191 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/ OR DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF CAROL NANCE, BRANDY PERRINE, PAUL PERRINE, BROCK PERRINE, MICHELLE DAVIS, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY: AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 2840 S 12TH ST, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 22-10.0-402-017 On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-8-5. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. DG ENTERPRISES, LLC - X, LLC PETI 8051-939054

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ESTATE OF SANDRA B. HILST DECEASED Case No. 2024-PR-33 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is hereby given of the death of SANDRA B. HILST. Letters Testamentary were issued on February 1, 2024, appointing EDWARD B. BERGEN, 141 Maple Street, Crystal Lake, IL 60014, as Executor, whose attorney is Creighton R. Castle of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., 900 Community Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 525-1571. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Court, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated: February 1, 2024 Clerk of the Circuit Court

INVITATION TO BID Owner: Pleasant Plains CUSD #8 315 West Church St Pleasant Plaines, IL 62677 Engineer: Martin Engineering Company of Illinois 3695 S. 6th Street Frontage Road West

200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701

8051-939591

Springfield, Illinois 62703 217/698-8900 Contractors are invited to submit an offer

for the Pleasant Plains Bus Lane Improvements project. Offers will be received at the Pleasant Plaines CUSD #8 District Office before 2:00 PM local prevailing time on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

The project consists of asphalt overlay, minor site grading, at Pleasant Plains High School.

Copies of the Bid Documents may be obtained at Martin Engineering Company (MEC) beginning 8AM Friday, February 9 at 3695 South 6th Street Frontage Road West, Springfield, Illinois 62703, for a non-refundable fee of \$25 per set. Checks shall be made payable to Martin Engineering Company. If bidders desire electronic files of the plans, bidders are requested to call MEC at (217) 698-8900 and make the request.

A Bid Bond of 5% and a Performance and Payment Bond will be required. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers, or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

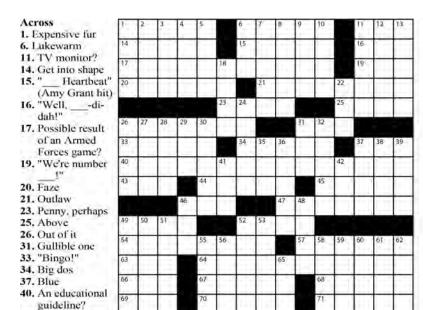
The successful bidder must agree to conform to the current rules and regulations of the Fair Employment Practices Commission

Contractor shall not pay less than the prevailing rates of wages as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor to all laborers, workers and mechanics performing work under this contract, and shall comply with the requirements of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-12).

Persons interested in visiting the site shall contact MEC to coordinate access with Pleasant Plains District personnel. Work can begin Monday, June 3 and should be complete before August 1,

Sounds the same

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 827



43. Alias preceder

44. Popular disinfectant 45. Heavenly hunter

46. A pint, maybe

47. They're left behind 49. Bucket

52. After the hour 54. He wants you

57. Bear witness

__ Grande 64. Seasonal

stopper? 66. Long, long time

67. Extended attack 68. Place

69. Lt's inferior, in the Navy

70. Furnish with a fund

71. Annoyances

Down 1. Have the lead

2. "Tosca" tune 3. One of TV's Simpsons

4. Pick up 5. Carbon compound

6. Private eye 7. Turn inside out 8. Flycatching bird

9. Flatten, in a way 10. Fraction of a newton

11. Drink with a straw

12. "No problem" 13. Aviary sound

18. Backside 22. Opening 24. Some tides

26. Major 27. Short cut

29. One of the five W's 52, Cut down

30. Lagoon surrounder 53. Compadre 31. Prince, to a king

32. Fancy tie 35. Not to

36. Angers 37. Roasting rod

vera 39. Family rooms 41. Caustic chemical 42. Investment

option, briefly 46. "That's 48. Deer sir

49. Blender button 50. Electrolysis particle

28. Turkish honorific 51. Desktop pictures

55. Sum, 56. Washer cycle

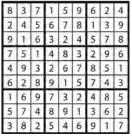
58. Cook's meas. 59. Forest unit 60. Chows down

61. "Laugh-In" segment 62. Some bills 65. "What's ___

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #826



Sudoku answers from #826

5	3	1	2	4	6
3	6	2	4	5	1
4	5	6	1	2	3
6	4	5	3	1	2
1	2	4	6	3	5
2	1	3	5	6	4

JoshJosh answers from #826

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 827

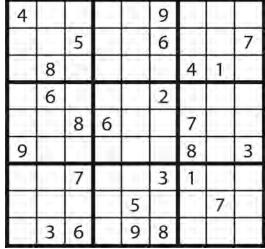
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.

	6+	3÷	13+	24x
T	1			
5				1
t	13+		180x	
1	t	180x		
	+		5+	
֡֡֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜	5	5	5 13+	5 13+ 180x

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 827

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



Difficulty medium



Fly nonstop with affordable fares from Springfield to Orlando and Tampa. Book your trip at **FLYBREEZE.COM**.

