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# Helping Hands plans more permanent supportive housing

Park Street Apartments project was controversial even before proposed use revealed

DEVELOPMENT | Dean Olsen

About 80 homeowners who tried unsuccessfully to block a Springfield zoning change in 2021 for a proposed 24-unit apartment complex only now are learning the tenants would be people who used to be homeless and need what's known as permanent supportive housing.

Gail Van Den Bossche, who lives around the corner from the proposed Park Street Apartments site at 3526 S. Park Ave. on the city's west side, said she was surprised Windsor Homes owner and president Mike Niehaus changed his original plans for constructing market-rate, privately owned apartments.

Since Niehaus received Springfield City Council approval for the zoning change in September, plans for the complex have changed so that Niehaus' Windsor Homes company would be the general contractor and Helping Hands of Springfield would be the owner.

The arrangement was outlined in a financing plan announced Jan. 26 by the Illinois Housing Development Authority, a quasi-state agency.

"I'm really kind of shocked by this," said Van Den Bossche, a state employee who has lived in the neighborhood since 2005. She said she learned about the change in plans from an *Illinois Times* reporter.

"If this does go through, I just hope Helping Hands makes this successful for the tenants as well as for the surrounding neighborhood," she said.

Helping Hands, 1023 E. Washington St., operates an emergency homeless shelter, permanent supportive housing and other programs for people experiencing homelessness.

Officials from Helping Hands wouldn't speak to *Illinois Times* or answer questions about the project beyond what the nonprofit revealed in a Jan. 27 news release.

But Helping Hands officials have said in the past that supportive housing allows tenants to pay no more than 30% of their income for rent; Helping Hands, which already manages 24 supportive housing units in Sangamon County, covers the rest of the rent and sometimes utilities.

The nonprofit also provides caseworkers who regularly visit tenants, help them manage their finances, find jobs and deal with mental health and

substance-use issues that may have contributed to their homelessness.

According to the Helping Hands press release, Park Street Apartments, sponsored by Helping Hands in partnership with Windsor Homes, "is still in the exploration phase" despite an announcement from IHDA that funding has been awarded.

It's unclear what aspects of the project need to

be financed with almost \$6 million in funds from the state and federal government and from Helping Hands, all intended to expand permanent supportive housing in the community.

Of the total, \$500,000 would come from the IHDA Trust Fund, which an IHDA spokesman said may not need to be repaid. Another \$4.7 million would come through a grant from IHDA and



Helping Hands received funding from the Illinois Housing Development Authority for an apartment complex on Park Street to provide 22 units of permanent supportive housing. A single-family rental home currently occupies the property, which was rezoned to allow for multifamily development, over neighbors' objections. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

be finalized, though Niehaus said a final contract between Windsor Homes and Helping Hands still needs to be signed.

The Helping Hands release said the apartment complex, consisting of three two-story buildings, would increase permanent supportive housing in the community by 22 units and "focus on health and housing stability for seniors and veterans who have a disability and are experiencing chronic homelessness." One additional unit would be built for the complex's manager, and there would be a "community space" on the first floor of one of the buildings. The manager's unit and community space weren't part of the initial plan when city officials approved the project last year.

It's still to be determined what would happen to a single-family rental home on the property immediately west of the proposed complex, Niehaus said.

Based on IHDA documents, the project would

\$800,000 would be contributed by Helping Hands, which receives most of its annual operating revenue from state government.

Plans call for Niehaus, who owns the property, to be paid \$180,000 for land acquisition; \$4.34 million, or \$189,000 per unit, would be spent to build the 22 one- and two-bedroom apartments.

Proposed spending also would include \$621,586 for Windsor Homes' developer fee, \$124,000 for reserves and \$534,000 for expenses such as attorney and architectural fees, according to IHDA.

Niehaus said he looked into getting the site rezoned for a private apartment complex nine years ago but withdrew the proposal when it appeared the city council would turn him down.

He said nothing about the proposed partnership with Helping Hands was mentioned at the city council or zoning commission meetings in 2021 because he planned to build a private apartment complex until Helping Hands approached him after the zoning change was secured.

Van Den Bossche said she and other neighbors still are upset that city officials turned aside their concerns about increased traffic safety issues that the complex could bring to the neighborhood along and near Park Avenue.

The south end of Park Avenue dead-ends just south of the site, she said, and the neighborhood already deals with drivers using Shiloh Drive and West Centre Street – both east-west roads – to travel between MacArthur Boulevard and apartments

along Seven Pines Road and Chatham Road.

There are no sidewalks, curbs or gutters along Park Avenue, and lighting is poor, Van Den Bossche said. There is a two-story, eight-unit apartment complex immediately north of the Park Street Apartments site.

Van Den Bossche said it's unclear whether the traffic concerns originally aired by neighbors will be valid if the tenants are formerly homeless people who may not be able to afford cars.

But caseworkers probably would be driving to the site, she said. At night, the complex's tenants would have to use a dark street without sidewalks, and they would be a half-mile from the nearest city bus stop, she said.

"As far as the safety concerns, it's still an issue," Van Den Bossche said.

Springfield resident Tom Shafer, a former resident of the neighborhood who spoke to the council on behalf of neighbors opposing the project in September, learned of the new plans for the complex from *Illinois Times* but said he had heard rumors of the change.

People in the neighborhood of the proposed site have reacted to the rumors with "barely controlled anger and disbelief," he said. The complex's location isn't ideal for people without cars, Shafer said.

The Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission recommended approval for the zoning change, and the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission voted 6-4 on Aug. 18 to recommend city council approval for the change, despite a petition opposing the project signed by about 80 neighborhood residents.

Niehaus received zoning approval from the city council on Sept. 21 to change the zoning from single-family to multifamily to allow for the Park Street Apartments project.

Niehaus told council members at the meeting that the complex would result in less than a 1% increase in traffic in the neighborhood.

The council vote was 8-2 in favor of the change, with the neighborhood's alderman, Joe McMenemy of Ward 7, voting "no" along with Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory.

McMenemy said he opposed the rezoning because of the lack of nearby public transportation, a road he considered unsafe and a lack of sidewalks in a neighborhood with some homes in the city and some in unincorporated Woodside Township.

The City Council voted a few weeks later to annex the apartment complex property into the city and require the owner to pay for the addition of a streetlight. □

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## Publisher's note

Some couples postponed their wedding plans due to COVID, while others got engaged after more togetherness during the pandemic. Pent-up demand has made 2022 the year for weddings to come back in a big way. Vendors are doing their best to accommodate all the couples who want to get married now and figuring out how to hold a celebration in creative and meaningful new ways. —Michelle Ownbey, publisher

On the cover: Sarah and Tafadzwa Ndluvo were married on June 12, 2021, at Christ the King Church. Photo taken at the Old State Capitol. PHOTO BY KATE SPENCER PHOTOGRAPHY

# Another criminal investigation for Jenny Thornley

State employee fired for alleged theft collected benefits after termination

**MERIT BOARD | Dean Olsen**

A former Illinois State Police Merit Board employee who was fired by the small state agency in July 2020 for alleged felony theft, forgery and official misconduct received \$71,400 in workers' compensation and disability payments after her termination.

It's unclear why Jenny Thornley, 41, received the benefits for more than a year based on her claim of sexual assault, even after an independent review conducted by a Chicago consulting firm at the request of the board said the assault likely did not take place.

The case of Thornley, a former campaign volunteer for Gov. JB Pritzker who says she was sexually assaulted by her boss, has become political in an election year when Pritzker is seeking a second four-year term.

Republican leaders in the General Assembly suggested in a Jan. 4 letter to the Democratic governor and leaders of the Democratic-led House and Senate that Pritzker's administration engaged in an "apparent pattern of obstruction of justice" in the handling of Thornley's case.

The Republicans said through a spokeswoman that they haven't received any responses. The governor's press secretary didn't respond to *Illinois Times*' requests to comment.

Thornley's sexual harassment lawsuit against the board, the state and former board executive director Jack Garcia remains pending in federal court for the Northern District of Illinois. Thornley alleged in the lawsuit that she was in Garcia's office in Springfield reviewing paperwork on Jan. 23, 2020, when Garcia approached her from behind and "groped" her right breast.

Garcia, 60, of Orland Park, and the Merit Board denied Thornley's allegation. The former Illinois State Police officer joined the agency in 2017 but left in September 2021 to become public safety director for the Chicago suburb of Burbank.

Garcia's attorneys have said in court documents that when Thornley learned Garcia was gathering information about her alleged overtime scam, she "fabricated the most explosive allegations that she could invent ... in an effort to discredit, hurt and neutralize Garcia."

Thornley was fired July 21, 2020, by the five-member board, which oversees an agency that certifies state police candidates for appointment, certifies troopers as eligible for promotion and disciplines ISP officers.

Thornley was indicted by a Sangamon County grand jury in September for allegedly

cheating the agency in 2019 out of between \$10,000 and \$100,000 in overtime she never worked. She had an annual salary of \$86,556.

A \$450,000 internal investigation conducted by the McGuireWoods firm at the Merit Board's request and completed in July 2020 questioned Thornley's credibility.

McGuireWoods said there was insufficient evidence that Garcia sexually assaulted Thornley but there was sufficient evidence that she arranged fraudulent overtime payments.

Thornley entered a plea of not guilty in response to the charges, which carry a potential



Jenny Thornley

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penalty of four to 15 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

Neither she nor her lawyer, Carl Draper, would comment to *Illinois Times* after a Jan. 18 status hearing in the court case, and Draper wouldn't comment on an apparent ongoing state investigation into whether she defrauded the state's workers' comp and disability programs. Thornley remains free on her own recognizance.

Former Merit Board program director Emily Fox, who since has replaced Garcia as executive director, complained to the Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor in September 2020 that the governor's Central Management Services agency granted Thornley's workers' compensation request

without allowing the Merit Board to contest the decision. Thornley first filed the request in February 2020.

In a Dec. 15, 2020, letter, deputy inspector general Antoinette Kwateng, told Fox that the Merit Board's complaint should be addressed by the Merit Board rather than the inspector general, according to documents *Illinois Times* obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Fox told Garcia in a Sept. 21, 2020, email that CMS manager Kevin Richey told Fox he "has the authority to override any case, which he did in this particular case, since according to Workers Compensation laws, the Merit Board wrongfully terminated Jenny Thornley."

After being turned down by the inspector general's office, the Merit Board filed a complaint with the Illinois Department of Insurance Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit on July 23, 2021. According to an email from Fox to Garcia later that month, insurance department official Brad Lucchini called the workers' comp payments to Thornley "a clear case of fraud."

The department opened a criminal investigation, Fox said.

The result of the CMS decision meant Thornley received \$63,261 in workers' compensation benefits from July 21, 2020, through Sept. 7, 2021. The end date was shortly before the grand jury indictment.

Thornley also received \$8,140 for the time period "as a result of incurring a work-connected disabling condition with the State Police Merit Board," according to a State Employees Retirement System official responding to a Freedom of Information request.

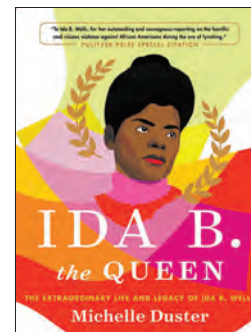
CMS spokeswoman Cathy Kwiatkowski didn't respond to an email that asked why it took so long to cut off Thornley's benefits.

SERS paid the \$8,140 disability benefit to Thornley as part of a state-mandated formula that allows state workers with legitimate claims to receive benefits totaling 75% of their regular pay, SERS director Tim Blair said.

The systems continued to pay the disability portion of the benefit, and deferred any investigation into the legitimacy of Thornley's claim to CMS, he said.

The benefits were halted, Blair said, when the overtime fraud indictment was imminent and "it became clear there was more to this." □

*An expanded version of this story is available at [illinoistimes.com](https://www.illinoistimes.com).*



## Black History Month

**CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter**

Here's a sampling of Black History Month programs in the capital city.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and Alderman Shawn Gregory, are offering creative **hike and bike tours**. Put on your hiking shoes and join a guide for a 90-minute hike around Oak Ridge Cemetery. Learn about the history of Springfield's Black community, including tragedies and success stories in the face of prejudice and adversity. Hikes depart from the Lincoln Tomb parking lot at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays in February.

Bring your own bicycle and follow a guide on an easy-paced **tour of Springfield's historic sites** on Feb. 21 and 26. The Lincoln Home, the Dana-Thomas House, and Springfield's first Black firehouse are some of the places featured. Enjoy a hot cocoa break at the Route History Museum, sponsored by the Springfield Bicycle Club. The five-mile, two-hour, round-trip bicycle ride departs from the Dana-Thomas House parking lot at 1 p.m. Tours are free; reserve your spot at [historicspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov](https://historicspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov).

Kidzeum is hosting a free Community Appreciation Weekend Feb. 12 and 13. Join Ward 5 Alderwoman Lakeisha Purchase at noon on Feb. 12 for a special **children's story-time** and Illinois State Senator Doris Turner at noon on Feb. 19.

Adults and teens are invited to join the Illinois State Museum in an **online book club discussion** of *Ida B. the Queen* on Feb. 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Celebrate the legacy of Ida B. Wells — journalist, suffragist and anti-lynching crusader. Registration is required for the Zoom program <https://bit.ly/IdaBookClub>.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will debut its new **"For the People" Speaker Series** on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Tamika Nunley will discuss her book, *At the Threshold of Liberty: Women, Slavery, and Shifting Identities in Washington, D.C.* She reveals how enslaved, fugitive, and free women imagined new identities and unrestricted lives. Admission is free; reservations are required <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/ALPLMSpecialEvents/2469/event/1258045>. □



# Budget optimism

Federal funds, increased tax revenue allow city to tackle extra projects

CITY | Dean Olsen

Springfield is planning almost \$23 million in federally funded infrastructure improvements in the fiscal year that begins March 1 as part of a city budget plan flush with cash from COVID-19 relief funds and benefiting from sales and income tax revenue connected with surging consumer demand.

The projects, to be funded from the total \$33.8 million the city expects from the American Rescue Plan Act, are among one-time expenditures outlined in the proposed \$179 million corporate fund budget for fiscal 2023.

The budget could be approved by the City Council as soon as Feb. 15.

Increases in both sales tax revenue and the local share of the state income tax – all fueled by 2021’s COVID-related enhanced unemployment benefits and skyrocketing consumer spending – will leave the city with an almost \$17 million surplus at the end of this month and a record \$50 million in reserves.

The situation, according to city budget director Bill McCarty, means that for the new fiscal year, “We’re in good shape. We’re in a good situation now, like a lot of cities, just because of what I call the ‘perfect storm’ of the pandemic, with stimulus money both to the consumer and directed to local governments like ourselves,” he said.

But for the long term, McCarty said, “I don’t want people to think everything is hunky-dory now, because it’s not.”

He noted that the city’s mandated contributions to fund the city’s fire and police pensions continue to increase every year. The required contribution is \$28 million in the new budget year.

Beginning in 2018, required pension payments exceeded the \$23 million collected annually in property taxes for city government, McCarty said.

“What has been happening for some time now is that pension costs are cannibalizing operations,” he told *Illinois Times*. “It’s going to get harder and harder to make annual mandated pension payments.”

Springfield and other municipalities have called on the General Assembly to restructure the state’s municipal pension-related debts so the current ramp designed to achieve the mandated 90% funding level by 2040 is extended 10 more years.

The legislature isn’t expected to take action this year, however. And there’s been no interest from the City Council to raise the city’s property



Bill McCarty, budget director for the city of Springfield, says the budget for the next fiscal year is flush with cash from federal COVID relief funds and increased sales and income tax revenue fueled by an uptick in consumer spending.

tax rate, which hasn’t changed since the 1980s, even though Springfield’s rate is lower than the municipal rate in Urbana, Champaign, Peoria, Normal, Bloomington and Decatur.

Springfield’s overall proposed fiscal 2023 budget of \$626.3 million for all funds – including the corporate fund and funds involving City Water, Light & Power – contains \$3.5 million for water projects, \$8 million for sewer projects, \$6 million for road modernization and \$12 million for four fire station relocations. Almost \$23 million for those projects would come from ARPA dollars.

Included in the ARPA-funded projects would be \$530,000 to install 13 aeration units on Lake Springfield to address periodic complaints about odor and taste of city drinking water.

The budget would expand community policing by adding two neighborhood officers and one new school resource officer, fund 100 new in-car computer systems for police cars, prepare for the opening of a new branch and yard-waste drop-off facility, purchase additional street sweepers, finance an expanded demolition program for condemned properties and expand marketing efforts for local events such as History

Comes Alive.

Mayor Jim Langfelder said another item of interest to consumers in the budget outline is a “smart” parking meter pilot project that would install about 50 meters that would accept both coins and credit cards and would have a GPS system built in to help drivers find open spots downtown.

A corporate fund balance projected at \$33.7 million by the end of February 2023 would serve the city well if the nation’s economy heads into a recession that some economists have predicted sometime in the next few years, according to McCarty.

He noted that federal stimulus money flowing to the city will end in 2022, enhanced unemployment benefits to residents have stopped, and consumer demand likely will level off by the end of fiscal 2023.

But McCarty said a 2021 state law that resulted in higher sales taxes for the city from online purchases will continue to boost city coffers. □

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## NEWS

# From Springfield to statewide

Veteran prosecutor John Milhiser running for secretary of state

**ELECTIONS | Scott Reeder**

It's been a long time since someone from Sangamon County sought a state constitutional office, but this year veteran prosecutor John Milhiser, a Springfield resident, is seeking the GOP nod for secretary of state.

Since stepping down as U.S. attorney in the Central District of Illinois, Milhiser has taught government, English and history at Lawrence Education Center in Springfield. He said there is a pervasive cynicism among his students about elected officials and government service.

"And that has to change," he said. "So, when I think of running statewide, the secretary of state's office, for me, is the perfect place to try to fix that."

Just how he plans to reduce cynicism by holding the office that issues driver's licenses, among other things, is a bit of an open question. But Milhiser said the key is "customer service," and his experience as Sangamon County state's attorney has prepared him.

"We are service-oriented every day in how we are dealing with the public – a lot of people don't realize that. We deal with victims and victims' families. We have a walk-in system where people would show up every single day wanting criminal charges filed, or just needing help with something," he said. "It's kind of like a hub for people who have problems. And we can try to help them out. So that's the customer service aspect of it. And when I look at state government, there is the secretary of state's office. That's the office that most people are going to have the most contact with state government."

The secretary of state's office, which is best known for issuing driver's licenses and license plates, has a variety of other functions such as promoting organ donation, adjudicating suspension of driver privileges, archiving state records, operating the state library, promoting literacy, maintaining the Capitol and operating its own statewide police force.

The post is often sought as a steppingstone to higher office, according to Mike Lawrence, a longtime political observer. Jim Edgar and George Ryan both served as secretary of state before being elected governor. Alan Dixon was secretary of state when he was elected to the U.S. Senate.

Milhiser declined to say whether he has any desire to eventually run for higher office.

Jesse White has held the high-profile post for 24 years but is not seeking reelection.

It's time to look for ways to maintain motorist safety and improve customer service at the drivers'

services facilities scattered across Illinois' 102 counties, Milhiser said. The facilities are notorious for long lines and lengthy wait times.

Milhiser said studies show that young drivers and older drivers are the ones most likely to be involved in traffic accidents.

"I think we should do everything we can to minimize the amount of time people in the middle spend at one of our offices," he said. He added



John Milhiser

more services should be available online.

Milhiser was critical of the current officeholder, Jesse White, for shutting down drivers' services facilities for extended periods during the pandemic. He said the state needs to work toward keeping offices open.

Milhiser is running as part of a slate of six candidates seeking statewide office. At the top of the slate is Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin, who is running for governor. The group reportedly has the support of Illinois' richest person, Ken Griffin, a Chicago investor.

"All of the slate candidates have very similar backgrounds in terms of being reformers, being people who may not have taken the traditional track but have a record of public service and fighting corruption," said Justin Giorgio, a spokesman for Milhiser's campaign.

Milhiser served for three years as the top

federal prosecutor in the 46-county Central District of Illinois, a post he was appointed to by President Donald Trump in October 2018. He was later confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate and served until February 2021, resigning at the request of President Joe Biden. Such resignations are standard when there is a change in administrations.

Before becoming U.S. attorney, Milhiser was the twice-elected Sangamon County state's attorney. He began his legal career in that office in 1997 and spent time in the juvenile, civil and felony divisions before entering private practice in 2003. He returned to the state's attorney's office in 2008 as the first assistant. He was appointed to the top spot in 2010 and elected in 2012 and 2016.

Milhiser is married to Seventh Circuit Judge Gail Noll and they have two college-age daughters. He received his undergraduate degree from James Madison University in Virginia and his law degree from University of Illinois.

Springfield Park District board member Robin Schmidt worked with Milhiser early in her career as a fellow assistant state's attorney and later served under him when he became Sangamon County state's attorney.

She described Milhiser as having solid administrative skills and heartfelt compassion.

"I'm grateful that he hired me back into the office after my husband John died," she said.

John Schmidt was a justice of the Fourth District Appellate Court at the time of his death, but previously served as Sangamon County state's attorney from 1999-2010. Milhiser was appointed to replace him.

Milhiser will face State Rep. Dan Brady, R-Bloomington, in the June 28 Republican primary.

On the other side, three Democrats are vying for their party's nomination: Former state Treasurer Alexi Giannoulis, Chicago City Clerk Anna Valencia and Chicago Alderman David Moore.

The last Springfield resident to run for a constitutional office is believed to be former Springfield Mayor Mike Houston. In 1986, Houston captured the Republican nomination for Illinois treasurer, but lost in the general election to Democrat Jerry Cosentino. □

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Rochelle Hartman was fired by Mayor Jim Langfelder Jan. 20 after two years as director of Lincoln Library. FACEBOOK LINCOLN LIBRARY

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LETTERS

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UNEQUAL TREATMENT

The stark disparity in the city's treatment of police chief Kenny Winslow and library director Rochelle Hartman leads to several troubling questions ("Mayor fires director of Lincoln Library," Jan. 27). Winslow sought a chief position in Bloomington after he was given a raise last year of over \$7,000 to stay in Springfield after he was offered a deputy chief job in Franklin, Tennessee. In contrast, as happened with former economic development director Val Yazell in March 2021, Hartman was just summarily dismissed, without specific reason or any prior discussions about her performance. Mayor Jim Langfelder claimed Hartman "did not have plans to stay long-term, which she openly shared and was looking to move elsewhere."

Some might object to the obvious hypocrisy, but it's the sheer mendacity that astounds me. In fact, sexism does not begin to define the civic irresponsibility of firing somebody without any performance evaluation. That is simply not fair – especially when others are treated so differently.

Thomas Davis  
Springfield

A GOOD LEADER

Thank you for your recent article

by Rochelle Hartman, former director of Springfield's Lincoln Library ("Lincoln Library is overdue," Feb. 3). Ms. Hartman's firing is a disappointment and loss for Springfield.

She articulated the services and programs of a strong public library. She pointed out the challenges facing public libraries today – working with the homeless, encouraging young adults to use the library, managing to deliver books during COVID and developing family and community programs, especially for those without access to the Internet.

Public libraries are a community anchor and asset. They are led by strong leaders with appropriate training who respond to community needs. Ms. Hartman has experience, knowledge and commitment. She rightly notes the challenges of being a librarian in our city's form of government – a library board with minimal authority – and being a city department, rather than a major civic community institution.

Kathryn M. Harris, retired director of library services  
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum  
Bridget L. Lamont, retired director, Illinois State Library

DOUBLE STANDARD?

The cover story "More girls accuse detective's son of sexual abuse" is both interesting and astounding at the same time (Feb. 3).

It's interesting in that a

person would have to ask, what if this was a 22-year-old African American male from Springfield in Taylorville waving a gun at 2:30 in the morning, drinking alcohol with underage, white teenage girls and in possession of more than the legal amount of marijuana in the car? Would that African American male be given the same opportunity to sleep off his drunken state in a residential neighborhood until the sun came up and he was able to drive home free as a bird?

It's astounding in that Taylorville police chief Dwayne Wheeler reviewed the entire body camera video with an *Illinois Times* reporter and two of his senior officers and said the officers handled the situation appropriately and he could see no evidence that Merreighn was given any preferential treatment. But he acknowledged that officers have discretion on how to handle minor offenses. I find this astounding in that Chief Wheeler uses professional courtesy as an excuse for his officers not doing their job.

Bill Baskett  
Springfield

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These brave young girls spoke up to get this predator off the streets. It's taken way too long, but hopefully he goes away for a long time. Thank you for covering this story, *Illinois Times*.

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## OPINION

# State flush with cash for once

POLITICS | Rich Miller

I think by now you can see why Gov. JB Pritzker's campaign spent so much money over the past month or so on TV and digital ads touting the state's improved fiscal position.

Illinoisans have been (accurately) fed fiscal horror stories about their state for decades. I don't have to tell you that Illinois is infamous for its fiscal ineptitude on a grand scale. I wrote years ago that, collectively, we suck at governing here. Huge pension debts, constantly on the verge of a junk bond rating from New York, a narrow tax base that doesn't tap into services and upper incomes, and governors who either don't care about the consequences of their decisions or are too inept to fix or ameliorate the problems they know exist.

So, those ads, I believe, were aired in order to prepare the ground for the governor's budget proposal he submitted last week.

"For the first time in more than 20 years," a television news anchor says in one of the ads, "a bond ratings agency upgraded Illinois' credit rating."

"This upgrade means lower costs for taxpayers," another anchor explains.

"JB's straightening out the state's finances, passing balanced budgets, and getting bills paid on time," a guy named Bill Hincks claims in another ad.

Team Pritzker could see the spending and revenue numbers as they came in for the past few months and they knew that the state had at least temporarily turned the corner.

But they also likely knew they needed to get the word out there before the governor laid out his new budget which will pay down debt and temporarily cut taxes so people would be more likely to buy into it.

"For years in Illinois, they left bills unpaid, ruined our credit, and racked up over a billion dollars in interest penalties," Pritzker said in an ad that started running in early January. "As Governor, I was determined to help fix the financial mess. Now, Illinois is keeping its promises by passing real balanced budgets. We're cutting costs, paying bills on time and paying down our debt -- saving taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. And our credit rating has been upgraded for the first time in 20 years."

The Illinois Republican Party responded to that spot by claiming the governor was, "launching a new political ad that laughably tries to convince Illinois families we're on the right track." Everyone pretty much believes

the state is messed up, so it's not a difficult pitch to make.

But then came last week's budget address.

Pritzker proposed a billion-dollar, one-year tax cut that was widely derided by Republicans, who didn't mention that two top House Republicans had proposed an eerily similar temporary tax cut a couple of months ago. One of those two Republicans is now Republican gubernatorial candidate Richard Irvin's running mate. Irvin has called the tax cut a "gimmick," and an attempt to "buy off" voters. I haven't yet had a chance to ask him about his running mate's plan.

The governor also wants to direct an extra half a billion dollars into the state's pension systems to pay down debt, which he says will save taxpayers \$1.8 billion in the long run.

The College Illinois savings program was deeply in debt, so Pritzker wants to wipe it out with \$230 million, which will save taxpayers even more money down the road.

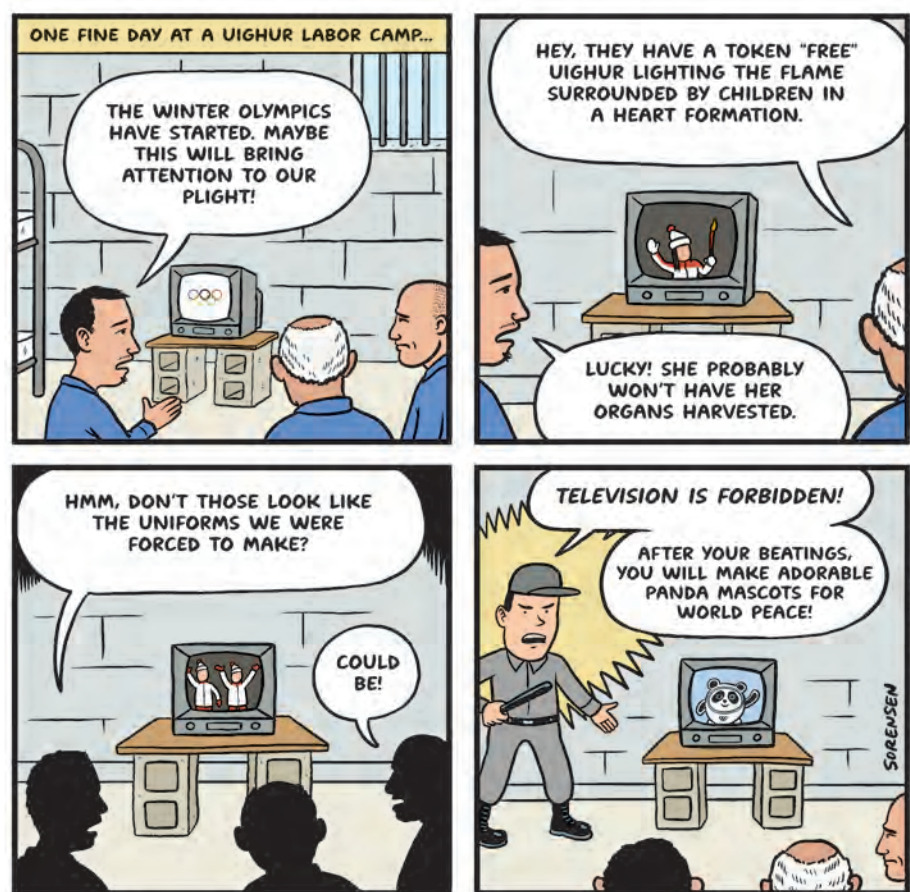
Almost \$900 million will go to pay off a health insurance debt that the state has had

for longer than I can remember. And \$800 million will be deposited into the state's empty rainy-day fund.

The Republicans objected, saying it was all an illusion. The budget coffers are over-flowing with money because of federal stimulus programs. They're not wrong, but those things I mentioned were all one-time expenditures.

Hey, we'll see how long this fiscal bliss lasts. One of the reasons these tax cuts and other budgetary moves are one-year plans is because things could go south in a hurry if the federal stimulus programs really do end and state and local governments are again left to fend for themselves. And if we slide into recession, then Illinois could wind up right back where it started: In a very deep hole.

But if it all eventually goes to heck in a handbasket again, I can at least look back with a smile on this relatively brief window of financial pleasantness when I'm old and decrepit. It's really quite nice. I hope we can keep it this way. But this is Illinois, after all. □





# More than puppy love

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

I picked up the phone the other day and made a dinner reservation for a Valentine's Day date.

The manager wrote down, "Party of two for 7:30 p.m."

I couldn't help but smile. It will be my 20th Valentine's Day date in a row with the same person.

Folks sometimes ask what brought us together. It wasn't Cupid's arrow, it was dog urine.

You see, I met my wife, Joan, on a blind date right before Thanksgiving 2001. We decided to go out again, so I found myself agonizing over what we should do on a second date. I knew she liked animals because she was a veterinarian. So, I invited her to go for a walk with me in Springfield's Washington Park with my Labrador retriever, Griz.

He was a nice dog. But we were two single males who had lived together for eight years. He wasn't too keen on sharing me with anyone else. So, he viewed Joan with a great deal of suspicion.

"He never takes his eyes off of you – ever," Joan said as we walked through the park with Griz leading the way. As we walked, we talked about family, God, careers and other deep stuff.

After the walk, we went to my house to watch a movie. No sooner did we sit down on the sofa than Griz plopped down – right between us. We petted him as we watched Russell Crowe in *Gladiator*.

Occasionally, our fingers would touch as we both stroked the Labrador's fur. A little tingle ran up my hand each time our fingers brushed against each other. But Griz wasn't so impressed. He watched me intently but

pointedly ignored this woman – an intruder in his lair.

After the show was over, Joan decided she was going to win his heart. She stepped into the kitchen, squatted down and called Griz's name. He responded to her calls with a glare.

He walked toward her with stiff-legged

At that moment, I knew this would be the woman I would marry – she had grace under pressure. A month later, we were engaged to be married.

Spouses don't come with instructions, and I'll admit that even after 20 years, I'm at times bewildered as to how to respond to some

intentioned, was not always full of merit.

For example, a twice-divorced college buddy told me: "Never hold anything back. Always tell her exactly what you are thinking. And when she does something you don't like, make sure she knows it."

On the other hand, a relative gave me this sage bit of wisdom: "Marriage is something you should go into with your eyes wide open and through with them half shut."

When I ran this adage by my father, who ultimately was married to my mother for 58 years, he would just smile.

His folks were married 74 years, and my mother's parents' marriage lasted until the eve of their 50th anniversary, when a bad heart felled my grandfather.

They set good examples.

It is not enough to "feel" in love. Feelings are fleeting. Love is an action – not a mood. Love is choosing to put the needs and desires of someone else ahead of your own. I saw this sort of sacrificial love when my father would pick up my mother's frail, cancer-stricken body and gently place her in bed. Or at harvest time when my mother would cook meals and take them into the field so Dad could always have something good to eat when he was working such long hours.

I only hope Joan and I can provide an even better example for our three daughters.

If they ever ask the secret to a happy marriage, I'll say this: love, forgive and never give up.

Happy Valentine's Day, dear. □

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trepidation. No sooner did he reach Joan than he hoisted his leg and urinated on her blouse.

I stood there horrified as the steady stream of urine raced down her side and formed a puddle on the floor. I kept thinking, "She's never going to go out with me again."

Joan gave me a big grin and said, "Don't worry about it. It's the third time it has happened to me this week."

situations.

But I do know this: She is the love of my life and puts up with me despite my many shortcomings. She completes me.

When we wed, friends felt the need to offer advice. Perhaps they came plying their unsolicited guidance because I entered the world of matrimony later than most. I was 38.

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# How's Joe doing?

GUESTWORK | Lee H. Hamilton

It's been a little over a year since Joe Biden took office as president, and though it's still too early to draw firm conclusions about his performance, it's not too early to discern some trends. Especially in light of how Biden positioned himself in the 2020 campaign and, I believe, how he still sees himself: as a centrist and a moderate who can unite the country by bringing professionalism to the White House and make the federal government work.

He began his presidency with, overall, a lot of good will: Many Americans longed for an end to the tumult of the Trump presidency and, as Biden himself put it, a return to normalcy. But since last year, the polls have shown him losing favor in Americans' eyes.

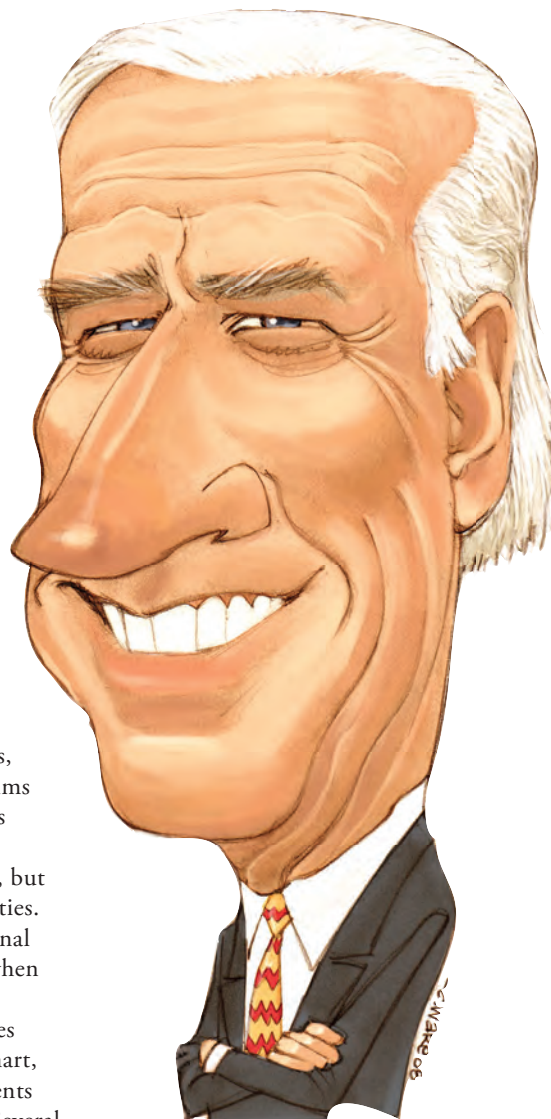
In part, this was inevitable. He's had to try to buck a very tough political climate, facing intense political division, the country's unending culture wars, a riled-up opposition determined to thwart him, a pandemic that throws the country a new curve every time it seems to be settling down, and an inflation rate that has many Americans looking for someone to blame.

But the fact that they've settled on him as the culprit – in one recent CNN poll, 38 percent of respondents blamed the president, versus 26 percent eyeing issues created by the pandemic and 23 percent blaming corporations looking to capitalize on shortages – speaks to a larger problem. In truth, the economic news has largely been positive: unemployment has dropped, the stock market has had one of its best years in decades, and far more of the population has been vaccinated – and, thus, able to par-

ticipate in the workforce – than was true a year ago. But neither Biden nor the Democrats in the majority have been able to capitalize on this turn of events to boost their public standing. As always, Americans want peace and prosperity, but with the picture so mixed, many feel ambivalent about the nation's leadership.

To be sure, when it comes to international affairs, the picture is very different from a year ago. President Biden is experienced in foreign affairs and has put together a competent, professional team that's more interested in getting things done quietly than in tweeting about their plans. There's no question that the withdrawal from Afghanistan was a mess, but it stemmed from a laudable goal that most Americans support: to avoid forever wars. Biden clearly favors diplomacy to protect American interests, wants to protect human rights, and aims to promote democracy in our dealings with other nations – hence his tough stance toward both Russia and China, but with a clear preference for sustaining ties. He's led us in rejoining the international community after a four-year period when we were barely part of it.

While I'd argue that Biden's policies have generally been both bold and smart, judging them will depend on how events play out over the next year or more. Several



things will be key. First, no matter how well-conceived a policy might be, everything depends on its implementation and how well the mechanisms of government deliver on its promise. This will be vital to Biden's tenure in the White House.

Second, his biggest economic challenge in the near term will likely be inflation. It is far too early to judge him on it; so many other factors are contributing to it, including the issues bedeviling the global supply chain. Still, he will be judged by most Americans on his success or failure in tackling it.

And finally, he has made some misjudgments and mistakes along the way, including not demanding clear messaging from the CDC on public health advice during the pandemic, underestimating the impact of a huge ramp-up in public spending on inflation, and raising Americans' hopes about COVID, bipartisanship and his ability to cajole cooperation in Congress in a way that reality simply wouldn't allow. None of these need to be destructive of his presidency – but only if he and his advisers learn the lessons of a tough first year in office and become clear-eyed and realistic about what they can and cannot accomplish. □

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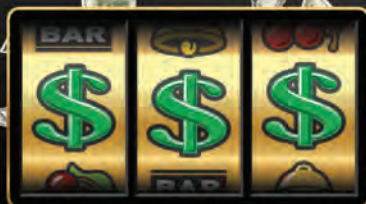
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# Planning amid uncertainty

WEDDING | Pamela Savage

Over the last two years, many couples planned weddings amid uncertainty and held celebrations with caveats. The wedding industry found itself recalibrating its offerings to provide safe and meaningful experiences for engaged couples and their families. All of this change, while hard, has also provided an exciting opportunity for weddings to look a little different than they have in decades past. As we look to the future of weddings, some creative and meaningful trends emerge.

## Focus on your guests' experience

Weddings have always been, and will always be, about the couple. That said, the pandemic has asked couples to look even more carefully at how their guests experience their big day. From everything to winnowing down a guest list to following safety protocols, for better or for worse, couples are now asked to consider their guests from a different angle.

Stephanie Endsley, owner and operator of Springfield's Having a Ball Productions, says that now more than ever, couples are asking: Who truly needs to be in attendance, and what is the best way to accommodate my important people? Endsley says that she sees couples dialing their weddings back to simpler times.

"A lot of couples are focused on asking themselves, 'Who do we actually love, care about and treasure?' And this is creating an elevated experience for those treasured guests," she said.

In this vein, some brides and grooms have chosen "minimonies" or "micro-weddings," while others have favored local weddings over destination ones, in order to reduce the need for air travel.

Recent weddings have also seen guest involvement that goes beyond the old-school signature-filled guest book. More and more, wedding guests are being thoughtfully included in ceremonies, using their talents to fill roles such as officiants, musicians or florists.

From a safety standpoint, the experience of being a guest at a wedding has changed dramatically. No longer are guests crowded around tables, jockeying for elbow room. Similarly, venue regulations are more often requiring plated or individual servings rather than buffet or passed options, resulting in more focus on tasty and creative food options. Lastly, many weddings now include a livestream of the event in order to include treasured guests who aren't able to attend in person.

## Make your wedding pivot-proof

Couples planning weddings in the next few years may have concerns about contingency plans in the case of future shutdowns, or if someone falls ill. With this in mind, couples would be wise to

review vendor contracts carefully and to ask specific questions about whether backup plans are possible.

One way to ease stress around having to make changes to your wedding is to consider virtual save-the-dates or invitations for your event. Not only do virtual invitations assuage worries about mail delivery and waste, they allow couples to easily update guests about any postponements or changes in location, rather than relying on their extended-family phone trees.

Lastly, when personalizing specific aspects of your wedding such as cocktail napkins, signage to display at the bar or bag tags for favors, be wary of including the date or location of your event. Stick to classic monograms, such as the couple's names or other aspects of the ceremony that will not change. That way, if you do end up having to make changes, you won't be stuck with dozens of unusable personalized favors.

## Pop-up outside (of the box)

Unsurprisingly, outdoor venues for weddings are more popular than ever. Open-air tents are extremely sought after and another new trend is the pop-up wedding. Audrey Kondelis, event designer and owner of Springfield's Pole Barn Chic Events, describes a pop-up wedding as a wedding that can be thrown wherever you are. Pop-up weddings are spontaneous, and perhaps a more low-key option than traditional weddings, but they have increased in popularity and acceptability over the course of the pandemic. Vendors bring a couple whatever they may need to transform a space such as a public park or residential backyard into a full-blown wedding space.

Kondelis says Pole Barn Chic will "come and bring it all. We bring a tent, tables, linens, chairs, full catering, props, decor, flowers, a DJ, even a dance floor." In fact, Kondelis is currently working with a couple to transform Camp Illinek, traditionally used for local scouting events, into a perfect wedding venue.

For Kondelis, and for all of us, "COVID changed every dynamic of the world. We all knew everything one way and this forced us to think outside of the box," she noted.

Endsley of Having a Ball Productions agrees that the pandemic has been devastating, but says the couples that she has been lucky enough to work with have been so grateful to spend time with loved ones in creative and exciting new ways.

May we all be able to look at new opportunities with an open mind and a celebratory heart. □

*Pamela Savage is a freelance writer in Springfield who looks forward to celebrating more with friends and family in 2022.*



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# Making it meaningful

WEDDING | Pamela Savage

For some couples, the second you get engaged, it seems as though people immediately begin asking about your plans for the Big Day. Personally, I remember feeling as though I had zero clue as to how to plan such a special and important party, and there isn't necessarily a guidebook on creating the experience that will be most meaningful to you as a couple. Nowadays, with pandemic concerns, wedding planning has the potential to feel even more uncertain and confusing.

That said, may I present a more optimistic perspective? I spoke with a few Springfield-area couples about what planning and throwing a wedding in the midst of a pandemic was really like. These encouraging couples were able to focus on what really mattered to them in order to shape memorable and festive celebrations. Read on to find out more about these couples' hiccups and triumphs in designing their special days.

Dr. Katie Booth (formerly Buskirk) of Springfield and her husband, Jesse Booth of Dawson, were wed in June of 2021. The couple married on the Booth family farm with just 25 guests in attendance. Planning for a small ceremony on a private property allowed the Booths to avoid any changes due to COVID, and they encourage other couples considering a smaller wedding to follow their instincts.

Says Jesse Booth, "Don't be afraid to have a small, intimate wedding or reception. In these uncertain times, smaller events minimize the stress leading up to the big day. It is OK to pass on luxuries to preserve your bank account and sanity."

One priceless addition that the Booths included in their wedding was a homemade wedding arch. Several of their friends and family have since used the arch, and the couple plans on installing a swing inside the arch for their family to enjoy at their forever home.

Matthew and Kylie Gaitros married with just their minister and parents in attendance in November 2020. The ceremony was quick, and the couple didn't have the traditional tuxedo and gown. While glad to be married, they were left craving a celebration with friends and family, so they planned a larger event for February 2021. When their February reception needed to be rescheduled, they looked to April, and then finally to September.

Kelly Gaitros says that the experience was "stressful," and that it was hard not to take all of the postponements and changes to heart, but at the end of the day, "Having one another made up for it all." Ultimately, the Gaitroses had their perfect day with 75 guests in attendance at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel on Sept. 18, 2021. Kelly was finally able to wear her wedding gown, and recalls Matthew seeing her at the end of the aisle as a



Hannah and Austin Mudd were wed under an arbor that Austin made. Hannah's brother, Mitch Koehler, served as the officiant. PHOTO BY JILL GUM PHOTOGRAPHY

moment that they'll both remember forever.

Hannah Koehler married Austin Mudd in October of 2020 in her parents' backyard in Springfield. Once they decided on a backyard wedding, the other details came together quickly. The couple rented a tent, borrowed a pop-up bar from a friend, asked another friend to DJ and had food catered from The Grainery in Pleasant Plains, a Koehler family favorite.

Austin built the couple an arbor to stand under during the ceremony, and Hannah's brother, Mitch Koehler, got ordained online so that he could act as their officiant. Hannah and her mother put together all of the table decor, and Hannah made her own bouquet to carry down the aisle. All of these sentimental and unique details added up to a one-of-a-kind wedding for the Mudds.

Says Hannah, "Remember, you are planning for a marriage that lasts forever, not a wedding that lasts 12 hours. It's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of wedding planning, but the true meaning of the day is marrying your best friend."

Her other piece of advice for planning a wedding during these uncertain times is to be flexible. "Venues and vendors are booking months in advance. If you aren't wanting to wait to marry your person, like we weren't, keep looking for options. There are plenty of local vendors and venues in our area."

With those encouraging words and beautiful ceremonies in mind, we wish area couples every luck in planning their own unique, meaningful weddings. □

*Pamela Savage is a freelance writer in Springfield. She last planned a wedding over 12 years ago and greatly enjoyed accompanying these lovely couples along memory lane.*

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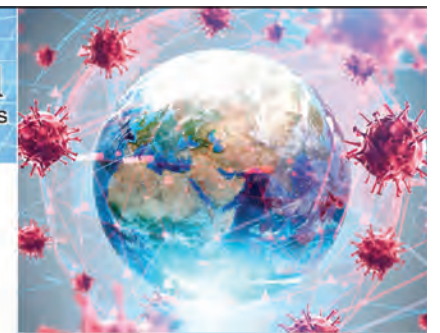


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# Wedding menus adapt to the times

**WEDDING | Ashley Meyer**

It's been an incredibly tough two years for weddings. Celebrations that weren't completely canceled had to pivot hard and fast. Thankfully, wedding caterers have always been problem-solvers at their core. Whether it's last-minute additional guests or a sudden thunderstorm at an outdoor wedding, a professional caterer is experienced at rolling with the punches and making it work. Those same skills were called upon as the industry at large shifted seemingly overnight in the wake of the pandemic. Now, nearly two years later, some lovely trends have emerged that will hopefully stick around for good.

## Seated dinners

A seated dinner doesn't have to mean formal or stuffy. "We're having a lot of people asking for family-style meals right now," said Brian Reilly, chef and owner of Cured Catering in Springfield. "It's not quite plated, so it doesn't have all the steps and formality of a plated dinner, and it's fun. And often the folks sitting together and sharing the platters are together on a daily basis anyway, so it's a great way to minimize touch-points and keep 200 individuals from running through a buffet line."

## Traditional menus

After two years of social distancing, couples are looking to nostalgia and comfort as they plan their event. "We've really seen people lean into traditional-type menus, classic Italian menus as well as hors d'oeuvres likes caprese skewers and stuffed dates," explained Grace Hamilton, director of weddings and events for Big Delicious Planet, a Chicago catering company that sources much of its in-season produce from an adjacent urban farm. "Honestly, this has been a wonderful shift, because it's a great way to utilize seasonal ingredients and serve food that people are familiar with but still fresh and vibrant."

## Individual plates

Huge, opulent cheeseboards and appetizer displays may look nice, but they were really never a good idea from a sanitation perspective, and they often resulted in a lot of food waste. "One of the first COVID-related shifts was that our charcuterie platters became individual charcuterie plates," explained Reilly. "Giving menu items this individual attention allows for a safer experience."

Buffets still happen, he pointed out, but with servers dishing out food or grab-and-go plates set out so multiple guests aren't handling serving utensils.

## Family recipes

Ask your caterer if they can incorporate an heirloom recipe into your wedding menu. It's a lovely way to personalize the event and pay homage to your roots. "I want each individual couple to put their spin on



A personalized honey jar design from Big Delicious Planet that was used as a wedding favor.

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things and call it their own," said Reilly. "When we get to go off-menu and do something that's just for that couple, that's what I really love to do."

Favors are also another fun way to make your event more personal. Ask your caterer if they can bake cookies from a family recipe to give out to guests, or if they have custom items of their own.

"People been really interested in giving out small jars of our house-made jams or honey from the beehives on our farm as favors," said Hamilton from Big Delicious Planet. "They're a nice little upgrade for guests and can be a fun reflection of the individual couple."

## Make your wedding specific to you

"The first thing I tell couples is that a wedding doesn't have to be two entrees and a side and a salad," said Reilly. One of his clients, Angela Speedie, is planning her June 2022 wedding in Petersburg.

"We really want this to be fun and relaxed; we're not formal people," Speedie said. "We're having a concert for the reception – music is such a huge a part of who my fiancé and I are and how we met – and Cured is going to do a fancy taco bar," she explained.

"I'm really trying to keep this on budget, so I'm focusing on spending money where it really counts," Speedie said. "For us, that's forgoing real flowers in favor of great food and music. We're going to have beer from local brewery Hand of Fate and wine for guests, as well as a signature cocktail that Brian (Reilly) and I are working on. There will be a cash bar if anyone wants mixed drinks or something different." □

*Ashley Meyer lives and writes in Springfield. She was lucky to work for Big Delicious Planet when she lived in Chicago over a decade ago. During that time, in addition to catering swanky soirées and weddings, BDP provided hospitality for some of the biggest music tours to come through the Windy City, including Jimmy Buffet,*

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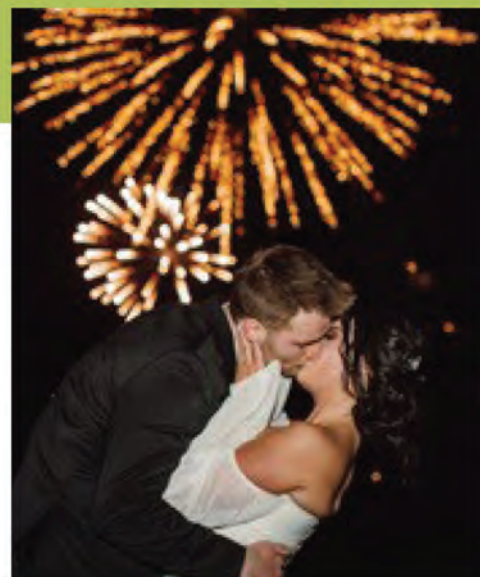


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# The Black Man's President

Abraham Lincoln's legacy on race, reconsidered, stands up to critics

BOOK REVIEW | James Krohe Jr.

We used to put on pedestals countrymen deserving of honor for civic generosity or courage on behalf of good causes. Of late, we have taken down more statues than we have put up as the nation reconsiders the very notions of heroism.

Rhetorically, we have been knocking Abraham Lincoln off his pedestal for decades. Since the 1960s every generation of young activists seeking to explain why the citizens of this diverse and fractious nation are not yet singing in perfect harmony has looked at Lincoln's legacy with a skeptical eye. Rude questions about Lincoln and race are being asked again as part of the national discussion excited by the Black Lives Matter movement. As we approach the 113th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, a new generation of Americans have reflected on their freshman history courses and concluded that the Great Emancipator was neither great or an emancipator. How, they ask, can we extol as a national hero a man who advocated sending freed slaves back to Africa? Who came late to abolition as a program if not an ideal? Whose Emancipation Proclamation was limited in its effect, being intended to help end the war and only incidentally to end Black servitude?

So historians must again tiptoe to their desks through the rubble of smashed icons. One of them is Michael Burlingame, the Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies at University of Illinois Springfield, who has risen to defend the late president with a new book, *The Black Man's President: Abraham Lincoln, African Americans, & the Pursuit of Racial Equality*. Much of this material appears in others of his works but he has revisited and reshaped it in answer to today's Lincoln bashers.

At its simplest, *The Black Man's President* (the phrase, by the way, belongs to Frederick Douglass) is the story of Lincoln's education in race matters, most of its being devoted to accounts of Lincoln's interactions over his career with African Americans from all classes and backgrounds. That education began in Springfield, as Springfield's Dick Hart has been trying to tell people for years. (The book is dedicated to Hart.) The young Lincoln didn't need an education about slavery but he did need to learn about the lives and opinions of free Black people, and

Springfield's African American residents, Hart has written, "were a significant part not only of the town's life, but of Abraham Lincoln's life and environment." The Black people Lincoln knew in Springfield were for the most part draymen and servants and barbers, so it was not until he got to the White House that he became acquainted with what Burlingame describes as educated and sophisticated people of color who "helped deepen Lincoln's egalitarian faith and enlarge his frame of reference as he thought

in challenging the conventional historical views on Lincoln and race. Historians, like committed social activists and politicians, are creatures of their times and often err. But if one wants to challenge the accounts of past historians, one must be better historians than they were, and, as Burlingame demonstrates, too few critics are.

According to the more extravagant definitions of the term, Lincoln was not only a cynical and self-serving politician

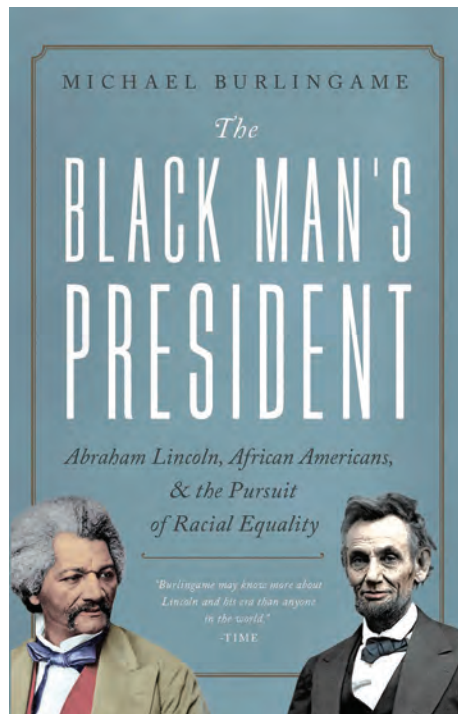
fact noted by a great many of the African Americans who knew him, and how he outgrew them.

In the opinion of many critics, it was not Lincoln's personality but his policies that reveal his racism. Many of those policies date from the pre-presidential years, and his views changed and matured as he did. Now and in his own day, Lincoln is sometimes damned for doing only what was possible even if doing what was right was impossible. Burlingame better understands the depth and the social forces arrayed against Lincoln. What Lincoln's critics damn as timidity was in fact patient politics. Lincoln knew that a president cannot lead until the people are ready to follow. So did Frederick Douglass, who wrote about the president, "He never shocked prejudices unnecessarily. Having learned statesmanship while splitting rails, he always used the thin edge of the wedge first – and the fact that he used it at all meant that he would if need be, use the thick as well as the thin."

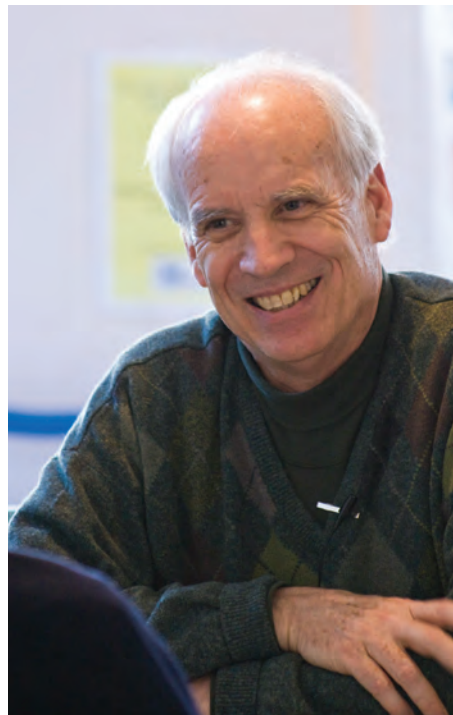
Lincoln traveled a long way toward equal rights for African Americans in his 56 years. Much of the country has not moved so far in 156. The fear that enfranchised Blacks would use the mechanism of democracy to unseat whites from their throne animates white antagonism to this day. Denying Black citizens the vote that Lincoln would have given them is the *raison d'être* of today's GOP. It would have grieved Springfield's best son to know that, while he ended slavery, the old South would endure as a political and social movement.

Defenders of Lincoln risk being branded as dupes if not racists themselves. Burlingame by now knows what he was getting into; in his acknowledgements he thanks his publisher for daring to publish a book likely to "raise hackles in the stormy political and cultural climes of 2021." In Burlingame Lincoln has a worthy advocate, judicious, informed and temperate, and open-minded readers will find his book well worth the reading. □

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(Left) *The Black Man's President: Abraham Lincoln, African Americans, and the Pursuit of Racial Equality*. (Pegasus Books, 2021) (Right) Michael Burlingame, author, is the Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies at University of Illinois Springfield.



about the future of African Americans."

The vignettes describing these encounters are neatly drawn and well illustrate the dimensions and the complications of the issues that various petitioners brought before the president, from colonization to voting rights to black enfranchisement in border states. Just as valuable is Burlingame's appendix, "Evaluation of Evidence Cited to Illustrate Lincoln's Purported Racism." There is no harm and some chance of good

when it came to race but an actual racist. The claim is plausible. He was born white and raised among poor whites who barely recognized Black people as human. He also spent his adult years before 1860 in Illinois, which, Burlingame has said, was arguably the most Negro-phobic state in the Union. That Lincoln might share some of the prejudices of those people is hardly remarkable. What was remarkable is how few of those prejudices he shared, a



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FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Oysters are a natural choice for intimate entertaining. They've been touted as an aphrodisiac since Roman times and were reputedly consumed as a virility booster by Casanova himself. Questionable libido-boosting claims aside, oysters are indeed perfect to serve on a date night at home or indeed any occasion. Not only are they a delicious and refreshing delicacy, they're incredibly nutritious and sustainable. Unlike many farmed seafood products, cultivated oysters and mussels actually improve the marine environment around them.

There is an incredibly diverse variety of oysters available to consumers today. Five species of commonly cultivated oysters are farmed in North America: Eastern, European Flat, Pacific, Kumamoto and Olympia. Much like wine, oysters reflect the sense of place where they're from and each variety and growing region produces different flavors and nuances. "I generally prefer East Coast oysters like Blue Points," said Zach Beatty, a fishmonger with Robert's Seafood in Springfield. "I personally prefer their flavor and they can be easier to open. The West Coast oysters are a little more difficult to open...their shells are more ruffled and can be more brittle. I recommend Blue Point oysters for cooking, for example if you were making something like an Oysters Rockefeller, because they are easier to open and they're a little bigger so you get more bang for your buck."

When shopping for oysters they first question to ask is how do you want to prepare them? If they're to be used in a casserole or stew, then the pre-shucked oysters are a great option. "Most people don't realize that shucked oysters will keep for a week or even two in a refrigerator, and they freeze really well too," Beatty pointed out. For raw oysters he recommends specialty varieties such as French Kiss, which comes from the waters near New Brunswick. "I enjoy their briny sharpness on the front of the palate with a sweet finish at the back. They're a really nice, bright style of oyster."

When shopping for oysters to serve raw or on the half-shell in a preparation like Oysters Rockefeller (broiled oysters on the half-shell topped with spinach, parmesan and garlic bread crumbs) then look for



Oysters Rockefeller

heavy specimens that have a solid feel. When properly stored, oysters last for two weeks from their harvest date, so be sure to ask your fishmonger for that date. They should always have air circulating around them, so make sure that your oysters aren't sealed up in a plastic bag on the way home. Once home, place them in a colander over a bowl or drip tray and cover them with a damp towel in the coldest spot in your fridge. Don't store them in or on ice because they will die in the fresh water that accumulates as the water melts.

To shuck the oysters, make sure the hand that's holding the oyster is covered with a mesh glove or kitchen towel. Hold the oyster so that the bowl side is face down and the flat, thin-shelled top side facing up. "I definitely recommend that folks use an oyster knife. They're inexpensive and last forever," Beatty advised. "Don't use a paring knife or something like a screwdriver – that's a disaster waiting to happen." Insert

the tip of the knife into the crevice where the oyster hinges and push it forward as much as you can and twist to pop the hinge. Once it's popped then use the edge of the knife to detach the oyster from the top shell, then run it gently along the underside of the oyster to detach it from bottom shell. Try to keep as much of the delicious liquor in the shell as possible. "It's really not hard, once you get the hang of it, and there are lots of good video tutorials available online," Beatty advised.

Serve raw oysters on a rimmed tray filled with crushed ice. There are scores of delicious sauces traditionally served with raw oysters, from bright French mignonette to horseradish-spiked cocktail sauce. However, for the best and freshest oysters, a simple squeeze of lemon and a tiny dash of hot sauce is often all that's required.

While Champagne is often thought of as the ultimate compliment for fresh oysters, there are a range of pairing possibilities to

choose from. There is arguably no more fitting choice of wine than a crisp Muscadet from the Loire Valley. This seaside growing region produces wines with mineral and citrus notes, perfect for pairing with oysters plucked from the adjacent Atlantic Ocean. Oysters and stout beer is a classic if not surprising combination. Just like sea salt sprinkled on dark chocolate, the salty brine of the oyster is a delightful play on the rich malty flavors found in good stout beer. Saison-style ales, with their rustic, spicy funkiness, match well with oysters as well as IPAs with their hoppy, citrus-forward flavors. And for the cocktail lovers out there, consider mixing up a Vesper Martini. Made famous by James Bond in Ian Fleming's 1953 novel, *Casino Royale*, this classic cocktail is comprised of three measures of Gordon's, one of vodka, and half a measure of Lillet Blanc, topped off with a twist. □

*Ashley Meyer lives and writes in Springfield with her snow-loving husband and two young daughters.*



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## MUSIC

Downstate plays Whiskey Jack's this Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m.

## Much more February music

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Well, now wasn't that a fun time of snow, shoveling, snow again, shoveling again, cancelled gigs, other gigs that weren't but probably should have been, and all kinds of delightful experiences we can happily move on from. This weekend looks to be a bit different weatherwise so let's see what's out there in the bars and clubs without much concern of scheduling changes.

Thursdays are still slim pickings for live music, but Whiskey Jack's downtown on Fifth and Monroe is doing its best to beef up the night. This week, blues singer, songwriter and guitarist Timo Arthur sets up shop from 7 to 10 p.m. Timo, an extremely accomplished player who's been touring with Brandon Santini for years, lined up Eric Tinsley on bass (he ain't no slouch either) and the one-and-only Michael Wallace on drums to join in on the music-making.

In two weeks, on Feb. 24, your friend and mine, Johnny Burgin, rolls into town for a Thursday night gig. Also, Whiskey Jack's has Joel Honey and Silas Tockey hosting a killer open mic on Mondays. This Saturday, Downstate, an acoustic-based trio of Conor McCormick, Griffin Eggleston and Garrett Eggleston, hits the window stage area bringing family harmonies to cool country songs with a true passion. And here's a thanks to Whiskey Jack's for keeping things going in that special spot where so much has happened in our Springfield music scene.

Look who's back and playing at the Curve Inn on Friday night when Out of the Woods is out for a gig and onto Ric Major's soundstage. You can expect a whole bunch of good rockin' tonight as these guys are well-primed to do just that as they have done many times before and will do many times more.

Also on Friday, the Cocktails head over to Coonrod's to try again after the snow cancelled them out last week. You know, you can't keep a good cocktail down, or something like that, anyway. Saturday at Buzz Bomb, we have some visitors from out of town when Jonah Leatherman and his band drop in from Fort Wayne, Indiana, to rock 'n' roll the brewing company. Check our listings for much more music all over town through the weekend.

Before I get out of here, here's a happy birthday shout-out to Tiffany Riech, half of the Tangents, along with Casey Cantrall doing the other part of the duo. I missed telling you about her Dirty Thirty birthday jam at Coni's this past Wednesday, but I can direct you to three chances this weekend to see this terrific twosome and wish Tiffany a happy belated birthday. Friday, The Tangents land at Mowie's Cue, Saturday takes them to Golden Fox Brewing in Decatur, a cool spot that's been booking lots of Springfield talent lately, and Sunday you will find Tiffany and Casey singing, playing and entertaining at Slauterhouse Brewing in Auburn. How's that for a weekend run? I love to see musicians working hard, staying busy and making it happen, I really, really do.

Let's wrap up with a nod to LiL Higgy and the House Reckers, tearing up the Alamo on Monday with some harmonica-driven, old-school boogie woogie, foot-stompin' blues. As always, Whiskey Ben's spirit will be floating along in the ether, soaking up the sweet sounds. It's a bit down the road, but on May 28, there will be a Ben Pope Celebration of Life at the Uptown Saloon in Farmersville hosted by Higgy and the boys. Let's celebrate that life gone too soon.

Until next week, stay safe and warm. □



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## Thursday Feb 10

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

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

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

**Timo Arthur**  
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 7-10pm

## Friday Feb 11

**Mike Burnett & The Suns**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

**The House Trio**  
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

**Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan**  
Brewski's Pub, 6:30-8:30pm

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

**it Frank Parker's Jambalaya Jazz**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 8-11pm

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

**Out of the Woods**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**John Drake**  
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

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

**P-Nut and The Shells**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7:30-11:30pm

**The Tangents**  
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

**Jay Larson Band**  
The Penny Bar, 7:30pm



JackAsh plays at Maddy's Tavern in  
Divernon, on Sat., Feb. 12, at 6:30p.m.

## Saturday Feb 12

**ReMix**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

**Jonah Leatherman**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**White Lightnin'**  
Coyote Den, Salisbury, 7:30pm

**Fun DMC**  
Curve Inn, 6pm

**The Tangents**  
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

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

**it JackAsh**  
Maddy's Tavern, Divernon, 6:30-9:30pm

**Deja Voodoo**  
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 8pm

**Joel Honey**  
Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 6-9pm

**Karaoke with Cam and Lori**  
VFW Post #755, 8-11pm

**Lick Creek**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 8-11pm

**Downstate**  
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 7-10pm

## Sunday Feb 13

**Legendary Shack Shakers**  
Bar None, 8pm

**Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan**  
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

**it The Tangents**  
Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 12-3pm

## Monday Feb 14

**Lil Higgs and the House Reckers**  
The Alamo, 7pm

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

## Tuesday Feb 15

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

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

**Open mic with Jeff Cordes**  
George Rank's, 7:30-10pm

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

## Wednesday Feb 16

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

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

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## THE CALENDAR



### Springfielding the Love

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Saturday, Feb. 13, 12-4 p.m.

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### CHILDREN'S CORNER | Community appreciation weekend

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## THE CALENDAR

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### ■ Theater & Comedy

#### Jodi White

Fri., Feb. 11, 8pm and Sat., Feb. 12, 7:30, 9:30pm. The better half of comedian Dale Jones. Get tickets online at [donniebs.com](http://donniebs.com). Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-787-2360.

### ■ Art & Architecture

#### "Art for the Ages"

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

#### "Reflections"

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

#### Romantic couple glazed plates

Sat., Feb. 12, 5:30-8:30pm. Glaze a 11-inch plate with love imagery. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). \$20 members, \$30 non-members. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

#### Water color and light paintings

Through Feb. 27. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-243-9390.

### ■ Film & Television

#### The Man Who Sold His Skin

Sun., Feb. 13, 1, 4pm and Tue., Feb. 15, 7pm. Part of the Springfield Art Association's Molly Schlich International and Independent Film Series benefiting the Michael Victor II Art Library.

\$10 or \$5 for students with ID. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Drive.

#### The Courier

Sat., Feb. 12, 2pm. Movie matinee for adults. Masks required. Captions available upon request. Free. Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, 201 W. College Ave., 217-243-5435.

### ■ Auditions

#### Auditions for a women's suffrage play

Sat., Feb. 12, 10am-2pm. Rehearsals will be in the early evenings of weekdays during March and April. The performances will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church May 6-8, 2022. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-522-4415.

#### Maur or Less and Musing 2

Sat., Feb. 12, 2pm. A twin bill of plays, a Springfield comedy and a Chicago drama, about the creative process. Performances will be at the Hoogland Center for the Arts on May 13-15. Call for more information. Goodenow Insurance Agency, 719 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-553-8282.

### ■ Food & Drink

#### 217 Burger Week

Through Feb. 16. Seven days was not enough time to try them all, so most locations have added three more days to Burger Week. Check [217foodweek.com](http://217foodweek.com) to confirm the number of days being offered at a location. Get together with your friends and check out all the restaurants' offerings. Various locations, Springfield, 217-753-2226.

### ■ History

#### it Lincoln's birthday

Sat., Feb. 12, 9am-5pm. Free admission in celebration of the 16th president's birthday. See artifacts such as rare copies of books by abolitionists Frederick Douglass and Sojourner Truth, and a letter in which Lincoln discusses emancipation and the importance of Black soldiers. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

#### Volunteer Orientation at the ALPLM

Wed., Feb. 16, 5:30-6:30pm. A one-hour orientation will spell out how to join the team. Volunteers will then

be asked to attend three additional training sessions in the near future. Call the director of volunteer services for more info. [presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov). Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8872.

#### What's new with Lincoln in 2022?

Sat., Feb. 12, 1pm. James Cornelius, John Lupton and Bill Furry will discuss Lincoln photos, Lincoln and the law and books about the 16th President. Call for reservations as space is limited. Books on the Square, 427 Washington St., 217-965-5443.

### ■ Holiday Happenings

#### Valentine Fun

Fri., Feb. 11, 12:15pm. Enjoy entertainment by Barbara Grissom, sweet treats and more. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

### ■ Fundraisers

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### ■ Children's Corner

#### Being You! Story Time

Sat., Feb. 12, 10:30am. Stories and a painting craft. Read books and learn how to paint each other's faces with none of the mess. Call for more information. [illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://illinoisstatemuseum.org). Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-5993.

#### it Springfielding with Love

Feb. 12-13, 9am-4pm. Community appreciation weekend. Exhibits, Valentine's Day crafts, STEAM programs and resources for Black History Month. IDPH, CDC and WHO guidelines including masks and monitoring building capacity. Free. Kidzeum of Health and Science Children's Museum, 412 E. Adams St., 217-971-4435.

### ■ Nature, Science & Environment

#### Chainsaw workshops

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### ■ Bulletin Board

#### ABATE Swapmeet and Motorcycle Show

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#### Diabetes therapeutic shoe clinic

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### ■ Sports

#### Springfield Jr. Blues vs. Anchorage Wolverines

Fri., Feb. 11, 7pm, Sat., Feb. 12, 6pm and Sun., Feb. 13, 1pm. Adults \$10-\$12. Children 12 and under \$6-\$8. Nelson Center, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-525-2589.



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SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
QUICKEN LOANS INC., PLAINTIFF  
vs.  
EARNEST R. GRAY; LASHONNA L. GRAY; DEFENDANTS  
NO. 2019CH000400  
Judge Ryan Cadigan  
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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 November 17, 2021, I, Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on March 15, 2022 at the hour of 9:00 AM at the Sangamon County Building, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
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No. 2021CH92  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.  
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitigation, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL

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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. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 19 7676. Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite 1125 Chicago, Illinois 60606 Email: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Ph. 312-541-9710 / Fax 312-541-9711 JB&A # IL 19 7676 13186583

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS BANKUNITED N.A. PLAINTIFF, -vs- Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Judie A. Renier, Deceased; Ramon Renier; Ivory Renier a/k/a Ivory Renier Jr.; Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Dawn Renier, Deceased; Julie E. Fox, as Special Representative for Judie A. Renier, Deceased; 1st MidAmerica Credit Union; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS NO. 21 CH 5 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on January 19, 2022; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"

condition. Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Commonly known as 1948 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703 Permanent Index No.: 14-35.0-328-001, 14-35.0-328-002 and 14-35.0-328-003 Improvements: Single Family Residential The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. The judgment amount was \$58,326.54. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717 BankUnited N.A. One of Plaintiff's Attorneys LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 Randal S. Berg (6277119) Michael N. Burke (6291435) Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452) Joseph M. Herbas (6277645) Michael Kalkowski (6185654) Laura J. Anderson (6224385) Mallory Snyderman (6306039) Thomas Belczak (6193705) THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION. COMMON AD/SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE FORM 1948 East Lawrence Avenue Springfield, IL 62703

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC, Plaintiff(s), vs. MATTHEW E. MEYERS, NANCY MEYERS, TREVI GARDENS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Case No. 18 CH 263 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on March 15, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COM-

PLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: Common Address: 128 GENOA, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 P.I.N. 22-21.0-205-012 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevellaw.com SL # 18-02662

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. HEIRS AT LAW OR LEGATEES OF MARGARET A. PIKE, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. IN CHANCERY Case No. 2021-CH-56 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Suzanna Scherf BANK OF SPRINGFIELD 3400 West Wabash Avenue Springfield, IL 62711 (217) 529-5555 (B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real

estate is: 15 Windsor Road, Springfield, IL 62702 (C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows: Lot Seventeen (17) of Morningside Place, Springfield, Illinois, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Sangamon County, Illinois in Book 16 of Plats, Page 22. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Common address or location of mortgaged premises: 15 Windsor Road, Springfield, IL 62702 Parcel Number: 14-29-105-017 (D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows: Single-Family Residence (E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale. (F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, in the Sangamon County Board Chambers (2nd Floor) of the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois. (G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale. (H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, Plaintiff By: /s/ Brian D. Jones One of Its Attorneys Sorling Northrup Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – Reg. #6286510 Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel – Reg. #2793369 Attorneys for Plaintiff One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P. O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: (217) 544-1144 E-Mail: bdjones@sorlinglaw.com; satagge@sorlinglaw.com

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NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, Plaintiff, vs. MARK A. LEHMANN and STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, Defendants. CASE NO. 21-CH-100 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2757 S. COLLEGE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on January 19, 2022, the following described

real estate, to-wit: Permanent Index Number: 22-09.0-206-019 Commonly known as: 2757 S. College, Springfield, IL 62704 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on March 1, 2022, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$46,666.37. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION

15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, Plaintiff, Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754

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"THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE" W19-0501 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Community Loan Servicing, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. Kevin Schaul a/k/a Kevin W. Schaul; Misty White a/k/a Misty L. White; Trace Homeowners Association; Illinois Department of Revenue; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Marine Bank f/k/a Marine Bank, Springfield; Defendants. 19 CH 227 Judge Presiding NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, Sheriff of Sangamon, Illinois, will on March 15, 2022, at the hour of 09:00 AM at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, County Board Chambers or Conference Room on 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit: C/K/A: 201 North Natchez Trace, Springfield, IL 62711 PIN: 13-25-0-382-015 The person to contact regarding information regarding this property is: Sales Dept., The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540, Chicago, IL 60603. Any questions regarding this sale should refer to file number W19-0501. The terms of the sale are Cash. 10% at time of sale, with the balance due within 24 hours. The property is improved by: single family home . The Property is not open for inspection prior to sale. The real estate, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and tenements, hereditament and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be sold under such terms. The Wirbicki Law Group LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540 Chicago, IL 60603 Phone: 312-360-9455 W19-0501 pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com 13186432

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF

CHARLES T. NELSON,  
DECEASED  
No. 2021 P 714  
CLAIMS NOTICE

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

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Administrator, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2022.

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

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

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

No.: 2022PR3  
CLAIM NOTICE

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

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

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Christian County Courthouse, 101 S Main St, Taylorville, Illinois 62568, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 11, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2022.

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

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

### FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,

## ILLINOIS

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

Deceased.

Case No. 2022-PR-29

## DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

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

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

DATED this 24th day of January, A.D., 2022.

ESTATE OF WANDA S. RISEMAN,  
Deceased,

BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart  
Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys.  
PREPARED BY:

Pamela E. Hart (6299974)  
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.

Attorneys at Law  
611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

## ESTATE OF

PAULINE J. HAAS,

Deceased.

No. 2022PR000048

## CLAIM NOTICE

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

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

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

Springfield, Illinois 62701  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of

DUONG CUNG HONG,

Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-15

## CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Duong Cung Hong of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2022, to Andy Trinh, 2269 E. Eleanor Ave., Springfield, Illinois 62702, and Ben Trinh, 1208 Dani Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representatives or both, on or before July 26, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2022.

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of

PATRICIA LOUISE TRUEBLOOD,

Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-23

## CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Patricia Louise Trueblood of Divernon, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2022, to Monica L. Harmon, P.O. Box 362, Divernon, Illinois 62530, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before July 26, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2022.

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF:

DONALD E. CRENSHAW, III

Deceased.

Case No. 2022-PR-00035

## CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of

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

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative, or both, on or before July 30, 2022. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2022

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Sangamon County, Illinois  
200 South Ninth Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Herman G. Bodewes  
GIFFIN, WINNING, COHEN & BODEWES, P.C.  
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Springfield, IL 62705-2117  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:

JANET RUTH COLE,

Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-16

## CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Janet Ruth Cole of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2022, to Tonya D. Sandstrom, 108 Verona Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before July 26, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2022.

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

STEPHANIE A. KENNEDY,

CASE NO. 2022-PR-34

Deceased.

## DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Stephanie A. Kennedy, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 26, 2022 to George M. A. Kennedy, as Executor, whose attorney is Emmet A. Fairfield, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. Fifth St., Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 12, 2022 or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is

later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Dated this 28th day of January, 2022.

BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF:

CHARLES G. CLEER,

Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-24

## CLAIM NOTICE

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

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

DATED this 20th day of January 2022.

James R. Enlow(#6199891)

Todd M. Goebel (#6275004)

GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL

Attorneys at Law

1231 South Eighth Street  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

### SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,

a Municipal Corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LOUIS CLAYBORN, UNKNOWN OWNERS

and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

No. 22-MR-27

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

Lot 14 in Block 7 in Furniture Factory Park Addition to the City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-27.0-279-010); and for other relief.

UNLESS Louis Clayborn, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before March 7, 2022. A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of Court

James K. Zerkle

Corporation Counsel

Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668

Assistant Corporation Counsel

Attorneys for Plaintiff

800 E. Monroe, Room 327

Springfield, IL 62701-1653

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In re the Estate of

KENNETH L. ROSSI,

Deceased.

Case No. 2022-PR-26

## DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Kenneth L. Rossi. Letters of office have been issued to Trudy A. Sponsler, 2903 E. Howell St., Seattle, WA 98122, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is R. Phillip Reed, Attorney at Law, 1129 S. Seventh St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Executor, or both, on or before August 10, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/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.

R. PHILLIP REED  
Attorney at Law

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ARDC No. 2300478

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF

IONA MAE HUMPHREY

DECEASED

Case No. 2021-P-719

## CLAIM NOTICE

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

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

Dated: 01/18/2022

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sangamon County Complex  
200 S. Ninth Street



Springfield, IL 62701  
Prepared By:  
Creighton R. Castle, ARDC No. 6215856  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of  
ROBERT T. CASSENS,  
Deceased.  
2021-P-718  
CLAIM NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMIN-  
ISTRATION  
Notice is given of the death of ROBERT  
T. CASSENS, of the County of Sangamon,  
State of Illinois. Letters of Office were  
issued on December 29, 2021, to Elizabeth  
A. Cassens of 67 Sugar Creek Hills,  
Auburn, Illinois 62615, whose attorney is  
Mark A. Cassens of Goehl, Schuering &  
Cassens, LLP, 506 Vermont Street, Quincy,  
Illinois 62301.  
The estate will be administered without  
court supervision, unless under Section  
28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill.Rev.Stat. Ch.  
110½, ¶(28-4) any interested person  
terminates independent administration at  
any time by mailing or delivering a petition  
to terminate to the clerk.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in  
the Office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court  
at the Adams County Courthouse, Quincy,  
Illinois, or with the representative, or both,  
on or before August 15, 2022, or if mailing  
or delivery of a notice from the representa-  
tive is required by Section 5/18-3 of the  
Probate Act, the date stated in that notice.  
Any claim not filed on or before that date  
is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the  
clerk must be mailed or delivered to the  
representative and to the attorney within  
10 days after it has been filed.  
Elizabeth A. Cassens, Independent  
Executor  
By her attorneys, GOEHL, SCHUERING &  
CASSENS, LLP  
Per /s/ Mark A. Cassens  
GOEHL, SCHUERING & CASSENS, LLP  
Mark A. Cassens  
Attorneys at Law  
506 Vermont Street  
Quincy, IL 62301  
Telephone: (217) 224-2555  
Fax: (217) 224-2569  
Email: mcassens@gsclawyers.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased  
NO. 22-PR-11  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate  
of WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on January  
13, 2022 to Susan Wells, 617 Washington  
Avenue, Dunkirk, NY 14048 as Indepen-  
dent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex  
B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin &  
Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Spring-  
field, 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 13thst day of  
July, 2022 or three months from the date  
the Representative mailed or delivered a  
Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any  
claim not filed within that period is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must  
be mailed or delivered to the Representa-  
tive and to the attorney within 10 days  
after it has been filed.  
Dated this 14th day of January, 2022.  
Alex B. Rabin  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold,  
LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
MARY P. HEMP, deceased.  
2021-P-715  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of MARY P.  
HEMP, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of  
Office were issued on December 28, 2021,  
to MARK R. HEMP, 213 Quarterstaff Road,  
Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Executor of  
the Estate, whose attorney is Timothy M.  
Shay, of SHAY & ASSOCIATES, 1030 Durkin  
Drive, Springfield, IL 62704. Claims against  
the Estate may be filed in the office of the  
Clerk of the Court of Sangamon County,  
200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois  
62701, or with a representative or both  
within six months from the date of this  
Notice and any claim not filed within that  
period is barred. Copies of a Claim filed  
with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered  
to the representative and to the attorney  
within ten days after it has been filed.  
The Estate will be administered without  
court supervision, unless under Section  
28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) of the Probate  
Act any interested person terminates  
Independent Administration at any time by  
mailing or delivering a Petition to terminate  
to the Clerk.  
Dated: December 28, 2021.  
MARK R. HEMP,  
Executor of the Estate, MARY P. HEMP,  
Deceased  
BY: /s/ Timothy M. Shay  
Timothy M. Shay  
Shay & Associates  
1030 Durkin Drive  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Phone (217) 523-5900

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ROBERT REYNOLDS, Deceased  
NO. 2022-PR-000021  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate  
of Robert Reynolds, Deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on January  
18, 2022, to Yvonne C. Miller, 718 S. Park  
Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent  
Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory  
P. Sgro, Sgro,  
Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP,  
1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the  
Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,  
Sangamon County  
Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield,  
IL 62701, or with the Representative, or  
both, on or  
before the 1st day of August, 2022, or  
three months from the date the Represen-  
tative 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 Representa-  
tive and to the attorney within 10 days  
after it has been filed.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2022.  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold,  
LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
SHELBA BURRIS, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
NO. 2021-P-651  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate  
of SHELBA BURRIS, deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on January  
20, 2022, to Darren Burris, Executor,  
whose attorney is Dwight O’Keefe, Brown,  
Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building,  
P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed  
in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit  
Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200  
S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or  
with the representative, or both, on or  
before August 1, 2022, or three months  
from the date the representative mailed or  
delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is  
later. Any claim not filed within that period  
is barred.  
Dated this 20th day of January, 2022.  
Dwight O’Keefe, of Counsel  
Brown, Hay & Stephens  
1000 US Bank Building  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JOSEPH TOWNE, Deceased  
NO. 2022-PR-31  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate  
of JOSEPH TOWNE, Deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on January  
20, 2022 to Terri Morris, 2705 Findley  
Drive, Springfield, IL 62704-5360 as  
Executor under Independent Administra-  
tion, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin,  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold,  
LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL  
62703. Claims against the Estate may  
be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the  
Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex,  
200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701,  
or with the Representative, or both, on or  
before the 20th day of July, 2022 or three  
months from the date the Representative  
mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor,  
whichever is later. Any claim not filed  
within that period is barred. Copies of a  
claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed  
or delivered to the Representative and to  
the attorney within 10 days after it has  
been filed.  
Dated this 21st day of January, 2022.  
Alex B. Rabin  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold,  
LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
ESTATE OF  
Yvonne Ann James,  
Deceased  
Case No. 2022 PR 12  
CLAIM NOTICE

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS – IN  
PROBATE  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
KAROL JEAN FRANKLIN, Deceased.  
No. 21-P-572  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of KAROL  
JEAN FRANKLIN, of Springfield, Illinois.  
Letters of Office were issued on October  
13, 2021, to Mark Alex, 59 Lamar Court,  
Spaulding, Illinois 62563, as Indepen-  
dent Administrator of the Estate, whose  
attorney is Timothy M. Shay, of SHAY  
& ASSOCIATES, 1030 Durkin Drive,  
Springfield, IL 62704. Claims against the  
Estate may be filed in the office of the  
Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County  
Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, 4th  
Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with a  
representative or both within six months  
from the date of this Notice and any claim  
not filed within that period is barred. Cop-  
ies of a Claim filed with the Clerk must be  
mailed or delivered to the representative  
and to the attorney within ten days after it  
has been filed.  
The Estate will be administered without  
court supervision, unless under Section  
28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) of the Probate  
Act any interested person terminates  
Independent Administration at any time by  
mailing or delivering a Petition to terminate  
to the Clerk.  
Dated: October 15, 2021.  
MARK ALEX,  
Independent Administrator of the Estate,  
Karol Jean Franklin, Deceased  
BY: /s/ Timothy M. Shay  
Timothy M. Shay  
Shay & Associates  
1030 Durkin Drive  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Phone (217) 523-5900

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF  
EILEEN KIRCHNER, DECEASED.  
NO. 2022-PR-36  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of EILEEN  
KIRCHNER, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters  
of Office were issued on January 24, 2022,  
to LAURA M. BOLTE of 700 S. Lincoln Ave.;

Springfield IL 62704, whose attorney is  
DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th  
Street, Suite E, Springfield, Illinois 62703.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed  
in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at  
the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S  
9th St., room 405, Springfield, IL 62701  
or with the representative, or both, within  
6 months from the 3rd day of February,  
2022, being the date of first publication  
of this Notice and any claim not filed  
within that period is barred. Copies of a  
claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed  
or delivered to the representative and to  
the attorney within 10 days after it has  
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providers.htm](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](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp) or  
talk with your local circuit clerk’s office.  
Dated this 24th day of January, 2022.  
LAURA M. BOLTE, Executor of the Estate of  
EILEEN KIRCHNER, Deceased  
BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
By: Anthony J. DelGiorno Attorney  
Attorneys for Estate:  
Anthony J. DelGiorno (IARDC 6277358)  
DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
2160 S. Sixth St., Ste. E  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Tel: (217) 773-5337  
Service: [service@delgiornolawoffice.com](mailto:service@delgiornolawoffice.com)

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF  
DENNIS R. SHACKELFORD, DECEASED.  
NO. 2020-P-538  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of DENNIS  
R. SHACKELFORD, of Rochester, Illinois.  
Letters of Office were issued on October  
15, 2020, to Judith A. Shackelford, 409  
W. Main St., Rochester, IL 62563, whose  
attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC;  
2160 S. 6th Street, Suite E, Springfield,  
IL 62703.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed  
in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at  
the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S  
9th St., room 405, Springfield, IL 62701  
or with the representative, or both, within  
6 months from the 10th day of February,  
2022, being the date of first publication  
of this Notice and any claim not filed  
within that period is barred. Copies of a  
claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed  
or delivered to the representative and to  
the attorney within 10 days after it has  
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providers.htm](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](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp) or  
talk with your local circuit clerk’s office.  
Dated this 28th day of January, 2022.  
JUDITH A. SHACKELFORD, Executor of  
the Estate of DENNIS R. SHACKELFORD,  
Deceased  
BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney  
Attorneys for Estate (local counsel):  
Anthony J. DelGiorno (IARDC 6277358)  
DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
2160 S. Sixth St., Ste. E  
Springfield, IL 62703

Tel: (217) 773-5337  
Service: [service@delgiornolawoffice.com](mailto:service@delgiornolawoffice.com)

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Elisabeth Grace Morrison  
For change of name to  
Elisabeth Grace Patton  
And, in the matter of the Petition on  
Addison Marie Morrison  
For change of name to  
Addison Marie Patton  
Case No.: 22-MR-23  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on April  
19, 2022 I will petition in said Court pray-  
ing for the change of name from Elisabeth  
Grace Morrison to Elisabeth Grace Patton,  
and I will petition in said Court praying  
for the change of name from Addison  
Marie Morrison to Addison Marie Patton,  
pursuant to the statute in such case made  
and provided.  
Dated: Feb. 3, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Jesse William Cody  
For change of name to  
Jesse Kenneth Morgan  
Case No.: 21-MR-1176  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on April  
19, 2022 I will petition in said Court pray-  
ing for the change of name from Jesse  
William Cody to Jesse Kenneth Morgan,  
pursuant to the statute in such case made  
and provided.  
Dated: Feb. 10, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Joyce Cannon  
For change of name to  
Josette Marie Slaughter  
Case No.: 22-MR-16  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on  
April 19, 2022 I will petition in said Court  
praying for the change of name from  
Joyce Cannon to Josette Marie Slaughter,  
pursuant to the statute in such case made  
and provided.  
Dated: Feb. 10, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Aaliyah Kay Blissett  
For change of name to  
Vincent Kay Blissett  
Case No.: 22-MR-21  
PUBLIC NOTICE



Public Notice is hereby given that on April 19, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Aaliyah Kay Blissett to Vincent Kay Blissett , pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Feb. 10, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs.  
TARA HOLLO, ERIN LANCASTER, MEGAN LANG, JESSE LANG, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PENNY M. LANG, Deceased, THEODORE J. HARVATIN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR PENNY M. LANG, deceased, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 2021CH92  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.  
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitigation, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL 62615; Telephone: (217) 438-5467  
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:  
905 S. Henrietta Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704  
(C) The legal description of the real estate is:  
The North 40 feet of the South 120 feet of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 3 of Mrs. Ulrich's Addition to the City of Springfield. Excepting and reserving the West 20 feet.  
(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.  
(E) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are: March 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM in the County Board Chambers Room on the 2nd Floor of the Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.  
(G) The terms of the sale are: Cash in hand on day of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(H) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2021 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Emmet A. Fairfield  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
QUICKEN LOANS INC., PLAINTIFF  
vs.  
EARNEST R. GRAY; LASHONNA L. GRAY; DEFENDANTS  
NO. 2019CH000400  
Judge Ryan Cadigan  
Address: 3030 South 3rd Street Springfield, IL 62703  
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 November 17, 2021, I, Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on March 15, 2022 at the hour of 9:00 AM at the Sangamon County Building, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
LOT 5 OF APPLE ORCHARD SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 15 AND 16 OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S SUBDIVISION OF PARTS OF SECTIONS 9, 10, 15 AND 16 IN TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5, WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.  
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS, AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
COMMON ADDRESS: 3030 South 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62703  
P.I.N.: 22-09.0-477-006  
The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.  
THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$108,188.46  
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.  
Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C)

OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 19 7676.  
Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois  
Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC  
230 W. Monroe Street, Suite 1125  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Email: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com  
Ph. 312-541-9710 / Fax 312-541-9711  
JB&A # IL 19 7676  
I3186583

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
BANKUNITED N.A. PLAINTIFF,  
-vs-  
Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Judie A. Renier, Deceased; Ramon Renier; Ivory Renier a/k/a Ivory Renier Jr.; Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Dawn Renier, Deceased; Julie E. Fox, as Special Representative for Judie A. Renier, Deceased; 1st MidAmerica Credit Union; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS  
DEFENDANTS  
NO. 21 CH 5  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on January 19, 2022; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.  
Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/ or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Said property is legally described as follows:  
LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 IN BLOCK 3 IN GATSCHENBERGER'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHWEST PART OF THE EAST HALF, SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.  
EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.  
Commonly known as 1948 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703  
Permanent Index No.: 14-35.0-328-001, 14-35.0-328-002 and 14-35.0-328-003  
Improvements: Single Family Residential  
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.  
The judgment amount was \$58,326.54.  
Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE

MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For Bid Amount contact:  
Sale Clerk  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301  
Bannockburn, IL 60015  
ILNOTICES@logs.com  
(847) 291-1717  
BankUnited N.A.  
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301  
Bannockburn, IL 60015  
(847) 291-1717  
ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119)  
Michael N. Burke (6291435)  
Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452)  
Joseph M. Herbas (6277645)  
Michael Kalkowski (6185654)  
Laura J. Anderson (6224385)  
Mallory Snyderman (6306039)  
Thomas Belczak (6193705)  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.  
COMMON AD/SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE FORM  
1948 East Lawrence Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62703  
8051-920776

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS  
VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC, Plaintiff(s), vs.  
MATTHEW E. MEYERS, NANCY MEYERS, TREVI GARDENS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).  
Case No. 18 CH 263  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on March 15, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: PART OF LOT 14 TREVI GARDENS 5TH ADDITION, SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 14; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 34.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ON SAID COURSE, 35.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, 105.02 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 00

MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST, 34.26 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST, 105.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.083 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.  
EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Common Address: 128 GENOA, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
P.I.N. 22-21.0-205-012  
EXCEPT THE Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.  
The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.  
The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808  
Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172  
Greg Elnic - ARDC #6242847  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs.  
HEIRS AT LAW OR LEGATEES OF MARGARET A. PIKE, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
IN CHANCERY  
Case No. 2021-CH-56  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.  
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:  
Suzanna Scherf  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD  
3400 West Wabash Avenue

Springfield, IL 62711  
(217) 529-5555  
(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:  
15 Windsor Road, Springfield, IL 62702  
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:  
Lot Seventeen (17) of Morningside Place, Springfield, Illinois, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Sangamon County, Illinois in Book 16 of Plats, Page 22. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Common address or location of mortgaged premises:  
15 Windsor Road, Springfield, IL 62702  
Parcel Number: 14-29-105-017  
(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:  
Single-Family Residence  
(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, in the Sangamon County Board Chambers (2nd Floor) of the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois.  
(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.  
(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, Plaintiff  
By: /s/ Brian D. Jones  
One of Its Attorneys  
Sorling Northrup  
Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – Reg. #6286510  
Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel – Reg. #2793369  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P. O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: (217) 544-1144  
E-Mail: bdjones@sorlinglaw.com; satagge@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.  
DAVID G. COOLEY, TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 21-CH-86  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure



entered by the Court in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Kevin Barnai  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
800 E. Monroe, Room 327  
Springfield, IL 62701-1653  
(217) 789-2375

B. The common address or other common description of the real estate is: 3005 Clifton Drive, Springfield, Illinois.

C. The legal description of the real estate is:  
Lot 170 of Colony West, Sixth Addition.  
Parcel ID: 22-07.0-183-019

D. The following improvements are located on the real estate: Single Family Residence.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale.

F. The time and place of the sale are: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., County Board Chambers, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

G. The terms of the sale are 10% cash or certified funds down payment on the day of sale and the balance payable by cash or certified funds within 24 hours.

H. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are now or past due and a lien upon the real estate, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

James K. Zerkle  
Corporation Counsel  
Kevin Barnai, Assistant Corporation Counsel (#6329422)  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
800 E. Monroe, Room 327  
Springfield, IL 62701-1653  
(217) 789-2375  
Kevin.Barnai@springfield.il.us

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NOTICE OF SALE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MARK A. LEHMANN and STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, Defendants.  
CASE NO. 21-CH-100  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2757 S. COLLEGE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on January 19, 2022, the following described real estate, to-wit:  
LOT EIGHTY-ONE (81) EXCEPT THE SOUTH FIFTEEN (15) FEET OF THE WEST FORTY-TWO (42) FEET OF "THE HIGHLANDS", A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION NINE (9), TOWNSHIP FIFTEEN (15) NORTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Permanent Index Number: 22-09.0-206-019  
Commonly known as: 2757 S. College, Springfield, IL 62704  
will be offered for sale and sold at public

venue on March 1, 2022, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$46,666.37. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.  
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719  
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, Plaintiff,  
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC  
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549)  
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC  
Attorneys at Law  
P.O. Box 740  
Decatur, IL 62525  
Send Notice/Pleadings to:  
Veronika J. Miles (#6313161)  
Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com  
Telephone: (217) 422-1719  
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754  
8051-920691

"THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE"  
W19-0501  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Community Loan Servicing, LLC; Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Kevin Schaul a/k/a Kevin W. Schaul; Misty White a/k/a Misty L. White; Trace Homeowners Association; Illinois Department of Revenue; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Marine Bank f/k/a Marine Bank, Springfield; Defendants.  
19 CH 227  
Judge Presiding  
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, Sheriff of Sangamon, Illinois, will on March 15, 2022, at the hour of 09:00 AM at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, County Board Chambers or Conference Room on 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit:  
LOT 40 OF THE TRACE.  
EXCEPT ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LAND WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME.  
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
C/K/A: 201 North Natchez Trace, Springfield, IL 62711  
PIN: 13-25-0-382-015  
The person to contact regarding information regarding this property is: Sales Dept., The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540, Chicago, IL 60603. Any questions regarding this sale should refer to file number W19-0501. The terms of the sale are Cash. 10% at time of sale, with the balance due within 24 hours. The property is improved by: single family home . The Property is not open for inspection prior to sale.  
The real estate, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and tenements, hereditament and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be sold under such terms.  
The Wirbicki Law Group LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Phone: 312-360-9455  
W19-0501  
pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com  
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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON

COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF Stefany Arango  
No. 2022-GR-16  
To: William Arango at address unknown:  
Please be notified that Marleny Spainhour has filed a Petition for Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Stefany Arango, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By March 21, 2022 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
WARREN-BOYNTON STATE BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
REAL ESTATE SERVICE AND CONSULTATION LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, THOMAS L. MINOR, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
Case No. 2022-FC-14  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is March 8, 2022  
Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on January 25, 2022.  
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: Warren-Boynton State Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2022-FC-14.  
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois.  
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Real Estate Service and Consultation LLC  
4. Legal descriptions of the real estate sufficient to identify them with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
COUNT I  
LOT 68 IN CHARLES S. WANLESS' LAKELAWN, FOURTH PLAT, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 16 OF PLATS, PAGE 51 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.  
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNT II:  
PARCEL 1:  
Lot 75 and the East 2 feet of Lot Seventy-four (74) of Charles S. Wanless' South First Street Courts.  
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.  
PARCEL 2:  
Lot 6 in C.H. Schenk's Subdivision of Lots 7, 8 and 9 in Block 3 of Mrs. Ulrich's Addition to the City of Springfield.  
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.  
PARCEL 3:  
Lot Two (2) in Mester's Osburn Avenue Addition to the City of Springfield.

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.  
PARCEL 4:  
The North Half of Lot 6, all of Lot 7 and the South Half of Lot 8 in Cowgill's Addition to the City of Springfield.  
Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record.  
5. Common addresses or descriptions of the locations of the real estate are as follows:  
COUNT I  
2623 Huntington Road, Springfield, Illinois 62703  
COUNT II:  
Parcel 1: 65 Ruth Court, Springfield, Illinois 62704  
Parcel 2: 532 Fayette Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62704  
Parcel 3: 815 W. North Grand Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702  
Parcel 4: 128 N. Walnut Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702  
6. The Tax Identification Numbers for the real estate are as follows:  
COUNT I:  
22-14.0-278-025  
COUNT II:  
Parcel 1: 22-04.0-428-004  
Parcel 2: 14-33.0-407-006  
Parcel 3: 14-21.0-380-027  
Parcel 4: 14-28.0-455-023  
7. Identification of the mortgages sought to be foreclosed are as follows:  
COUNT I:  
Name of Mortgagor: Real Estate Service and Consultation LLC  
Name of Mortgagee: Warren-Boynton State Bank  
Date of Mortgage: May 30, 2018  
Date of recording: June 8, 2018  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document No. 2018R11805  
COUNT II:  
Name of Mortgagor: Real Estate Service and Consultation LLC  
Name of Mortgagee: Warren-Boynton State Bank  
Date of Mortgages: September 25, 2018  
Date of recordings: September 27, 2018  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document No's. 2018R20274, 2018R20275, 2018R20273, and 2018R20277  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
LAKESHA JONES, KEVIN B. HOSKINS A/K/A KEVIN B. HOPKINS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 18-MR-776  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, LAKESHA JONES, kevin b. hoskins a/k/a kevin b. hopkins, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claim-

ants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on October 9, 2018 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 2139 E. Jackson, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: L 27 B 2 John Howes Brown Sub M PT W1/2 NE 35-16-5 (Permanent Parcel No. 14-35.0-251-027); and for other relief.  
UNLESS LAKESHA JONES, kevin b. hoskins a/k/a kevin b. hopkins, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before February 28, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DANIEL R. NIKA, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 22-MR-29  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Daniel R. Nika, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on January 27, 2022 for demolition of the structure located on the real estate commonly known as 1132 Reservoir Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lot 1 in Block 2 of Reservoir Addition, excepting the West 77 feet thereof. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-27.0-229-003); and for other relief.  
UNLESS Daniel R. Nika, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before March 7, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,



vs.  
STEVEN LAMAR DAVIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants  
No. 22-MR-28  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Steven Lamar Davis, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on January 27, 2022 for demolition of the structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1528 Carolina Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:  
Lot 35 of Reservoir Park Addition to the City of Springfield, situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois.  
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-22.0-435-001); and for other relief.  
UNLESS Steven Lamar Davis, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before March 7, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – SANGAMON COUNTY, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff,  
v.  
SUSANA JUSTUS BRINTON, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,  
Case No. 2022-FC-9  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is March 7, 2022.  
Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on January 21, 2022.  
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: Habitat for Humanity – Sangamon County Case 2022-FC-9  
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois  
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Susana Justus Brinton  
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Lot Twenty (20) of Plat 1 of Glenarm North. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:  
11615 Orange Lane, Glenarm, Illinois 62536  
6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
Name of Mortgagor: Susana Justus Brinton

Name of Mortgagee: Habitat for Humanity – Sangamon County  
Date of Mortgage: December 28, 2007  
Date of recording: December 31, 2007  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document number 2007R49454  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Jarisha Watson, Petitioner  
vs.  
Teela Dickerson, Respondent  
Case No: 2021-OP-2232  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Teela Dickerson this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before March 3, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: Feb. 3, 2022

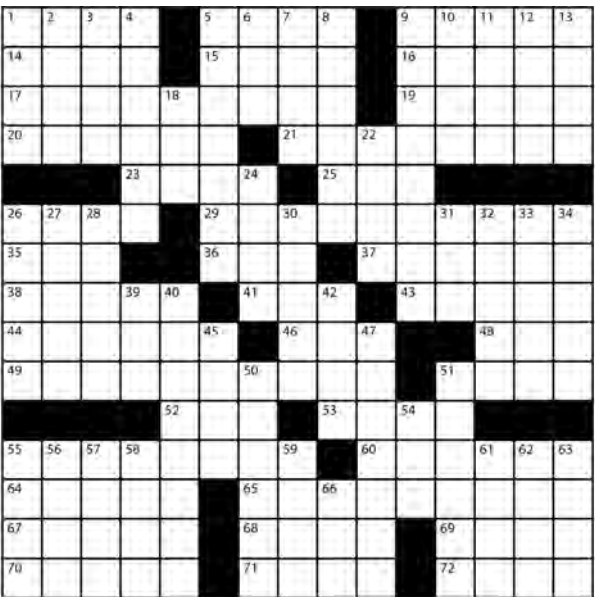
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Ronald Lutz, Petitioner  
and  
Tylisha Tracy, Respondent  
Case No. 2021-F-371  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Tylisha Tracy, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a child custody case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 17th Day of March, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF  
Chance Allan Robert Drew, Minor Child  
No. 2011-P-239  
To: All Persons Having A Right To Notice:  
Please be notified that Jamie Bellucci and Jodie Bellucci have filed a Petition for the Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Chance Allan Robert Drew, a minor child. You are required to answer said Petition before March 14, 2022 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.  
Dated: February 10, 2022

Circle of Words

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 726

- Across  
1. "The King and I" woman  
5. Wife of Zeus  
9. Flushed  
14. Takes a turn  
15. Narc tail?  
16. Classical mall  
17. How some police patrol the streets  
19. Pelvis part  
20. Like llamas  
21. Wages  
23. Telegram "period"  
25. No gentleman  
26. Works on a kakuro puzzle  
29. Surrounding circumstances  
35. Island garland  
36. Hot spot  
37. Sudden raid  
38. Plays "Simon Says"  
41. Band booster  
43. Cut back  
44. Atsuta Shrine city  
46. Dads  
48. Fish stick?  
49. Foundation  
51. Wayside stops  
52. Mai \_\_\_\_  
53. Rebel (against)  
55. Lazy quality  
60. Second of a pair  
64. Alpine tool  
65. Productive one  
67. Stock unit  
68. Flu symptom  
69. It smells  
70. Certain drags  
71. Listen and obey

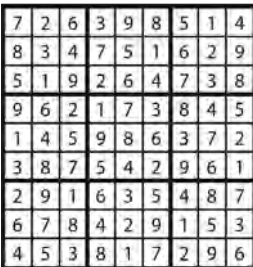


72. Kept tabs on  
Down  
1. Turkish title  
2. Twelve, maybe  
3. Unlikely class president  
4. Put a value on  
5. Associates  
6. Itinerary abbr.  
7. Sushi ingredient  
8. Antiaircraft fire  
9. Bit of drizzle  
10. \_\_\_\_ fruit  
11. "Whatcha \_\_\_\_?"  
12. Dope  
13. Thanksgiving dish  
18. "Dig in!"  
22. Castaway's clothing  
24. Perry Como's "\_\_\_\_ Loves Mambo"  
26. Beside  
27. Except  
28. San \_\_\_\_, Calif.  
30. Grassy plain  
31. Hockey's Bobby  
32. 180, so to speak  
33. Curtain fabric  
34. Accomplishments  
39. "\_\_\_\_ rang?"  
40. Sentence structures  
42. Actor's goal  
45. Month before Nisan  
47. Lay low  
50. Native American house  
51. Chant  
54. "Go!"  
55. "Schindler's \_\_\_\_"  
56. Bounce back, in a way  
57. Heavy, durable furniture wood  
58. Aesop's also-ran  
59. Cartoon bear  
61. "Iliad" city  
62. "\_\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)  
63. Bassoon, e.g.  
66. Bleed

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #725



Sudoku answers from #725

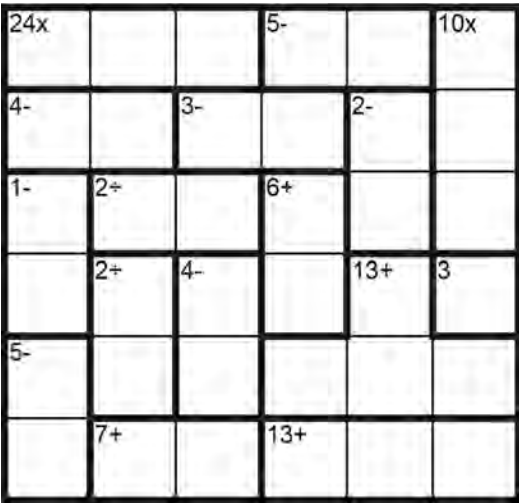


JoshJosh answers from #725

JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 726

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

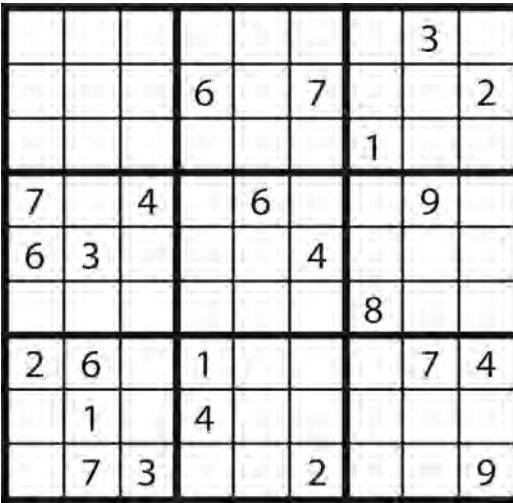


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Sudoku

No. 726

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



Difficulty medium





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