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# Targeting diversity efforts

Complaint filed against SIU School of Medicine for scholarship honoring Tracey Meares

DIVERSITY | Scott Reeder

A scholarship for medical students on Southern Illinois University School of Medicine's Springfield campus is the target of an Ivy League law professor's ire because he says it discriminates against white and straight people.

William Jacobson is a Cornell University law professor and the founder of Legal Insurrection Foundation, a nonprofit conservative advocacy organization which focuses on free speech and academic freedom issues. He told *Illinois Times* he has filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights because the \$1,000 scholarship for fourth-year medical students is designated for underrepresented groups in medicine.

"We challenge educational practices which discriminate on the basis of race or ethnicity," Jacobson said. "On its face, it is discriminatory. It's a little bit different than most of the ones we face, because not only does it discriminate based on race and ethnicity, it also discriminates based on sexual orientation and gender identity."

Jacobson contends the scholarship's prerequisite limiting applicants to certain racial groups and specific sexual identities violates students' 14th Amendment right to equal protection under the law.

However, his complaint against SIU is not an isolated case. The Legal Insurrection Foundation launched the Equal Protection Project in 2023 and claims to have "challenged dozens of exclusionary fellowship programs, many of which are open only to nonwhites," according to the LIF website.



From left to right: SIU spokesperson Rikeesha Phelon, District 186 superintendent Jennifer Gill, Tracey Meares and documentary co-producers Maria Ansley and Dr. Nicole Florence, who is Meares' sister, at the 2022 premiere of *No Title for Tracey*. Following the screening, SIU announced the creation of the Tracey Meares Representation Matters Scholarship.

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that colleges could not give preference to underrepresented racial groups when considering whom to admit. Jacobson said his complaint is a logical follow-up to that case because creating racial preferences in scholarships is creating barriers for others.

"If you are Asian or white, you are not

even eligible to apply, with the exception of if you happen to be (LGBTQ)," he said.

But Yolanda Lawson, president of the National Medical Association, ascribes more sinister motives to Jacobson and others challenging diversity initiatives.

"It's racism and it's anger. It's unfortunate that they feel threatened," she said. "Obviously, there is an undertone of them feeling threatened about their position in society. And it's quite unfortunate, and it saddens me greatly."

The NMA, which Lawson leads, has 40,000 members and is the largest association of Black physicians in the United States.

"There's not one profession – whether it's attorneys, whether it's doctors, whether it's pharmacists, whether it's nurses – who have met their diversity goals. Not one profession," Lawson said. "It's not surprising to me that this is an issue. We know that people exist in these institutions and structures that don't believe certain folks deserve to be there."

The SIU scholarship was created in 2022 and named in honor of Tracey Meares, who graduated from Springfield High School in

1984 with the highest grade point average but was denied the valedictorian title. She would have been the first Black valedictorian at SHS.

In 2022, Springfield Public Schools apologized to Meares for what was widely regarded as an act of racism. She was retroactively named valedictorian and a scholarship was created in her name at SIU's medical school.

Meares, who is now a professor at Yale Law School, declined to discuss the complaint filed against the scholarship.

Her father, Bob Blackwell, issued this written statement to *IT*: "As the designated family spokesperson, I am aware of the complaint raised. Our only comment is as follows: 'It is an honor to have such a scholarship named after our daughter, Tracey, particularly on the heels of our Springfield community's recognition and reconciliation of her having been denied the valedictorian title.'"

Jacobson said he doesn't know fellow Ivy League law professor Meares.

"I had never heard of her until this (case came up)," he said. "This is not about her. From everything I've read, she is a great person and probably deserves to have a scholarship named after her. But that scholarship can't discriminate on the basis of race. That's the issue."

SIU spokesperson Rikeesha Phelon declined to comment on the complaint other than to say the matter is "under review."

However, SIU has not been formally served with the complaint yet because it is still being reviewed by the Office of Civil Rights. The office has to evaluate the information that it receives to determine whether it constitutes a complaint that is subject to further investigation.

Dominican Sister Marcelline Koch, a founder of the Springfield Coalition on Dismantling Racism, was more outspoken.

"The Tracey Meares Representation Matters Scholarship is one of 74 scholarships offered by the school," she said. "And some of those scholarships even focus on geographical areas. ... The school gives preferences to students from particular areas. So, I find it interesting that the one scholarship that they have an issue with is this one. What do these folks fear? Do they fear diversity?" □

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## Publishers' note

The pandemic put a pause on weddings, leading to a wedding boom in 2022. Now the annual number of weddings has returned to normal levels, but couples are increasingly likely to ditch tradition in favor of personalizing the venue, the ceremony and even the food. Instead of feeling obligated to invite every coworker and second cousin, micro weddings with 50 or fewer people are becoming popular, with an emphasis on what wedding planners call "focused lavishness" (p. 15). Plated dinners have been replaced by grazing tables and interactive dining experiences, often incorporating the couple's favorite foods or family recipes, and dessert buffets have taken the place of traditional wedding cakes (p. 13). Fortunately, another trend is a growing acceptance of premarital counseling, with some couples opting to devote as much time and energy to what happens after the wedding as on the big day (p. 17). — *Michelle Ownbey, publisher*

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# City council prepares to vote on new budget

Includes more money for police salaries, infrastructure and significant water and sewer rate increases

CITY | Dean Olsen

The Springfield City Council is poised to adopt a \$196 million corporate fund budget for the next fiscal year — \$4.7 million lower than the current year's budget — that includes increased spending for police salaries and more than \$12 million in federally funded infrastructure improvements.

"Our revenues have been strong," Ramona Metzger, director of the city's Department of Budget and Management, told *Illinois Times*.

She noted that the \$12 million scheduled to be spent in fiscal 2025, which begins March 1, 2024, will be the last of the \$33.8 million Springfield received through the federal American Rescue Plan Act. ARPA was the second major federal relief program in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Springfield City Council is scheduled to vote on the budget Feb. 20.

Springfield's corporate fund, which pays for most traditional functions of city government, such as the police, fire and public works departments and Lincoln Library, is part of the total proposed \$686 million budget for the city. The larger number includes the operations of City Water, Light & Power, Springfield's municipally owned water and electric utility.

The total budget includes funds from a proposed 32% water rate increase in fiscal 2025. CWLP has proposed another 32% increase for fiscal 2026, which begins March 1, 2025, followed by future annual increases tied to the Consumer Price Index. Water rates haven't risen since 2011.

The increases would increase the average residential customer's monthly water bill by \$4 or \$5 in the first year and between \$5 and \$7 in the second year, CWLP officials said.

City Council members voted 5-4 on Feb. 13 at their committee of the whole meeting to defeat a proposal by Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase that would spread the increase over three years instead of two. Under Purchase's plan, a 32% increase would take effect in fiscal 2025, followed by a 19% increase in fiscal 2026 and a 13% increase in fiscal 2027.

The council then voted by the same margin to defeat a proposal by Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano to cap any water rate increases in fiscal 2027 and beyond at 4% and require any money generated by the increases to fund specific water system infrastructure work.

Council members who voted against the proposed amendments said the city had delayed the increases long enough, and the



**Todd LaFountain, left, manager of CWLP's water division, and Doug Brown, CWLP's chief utility engineer, answer questions from city council members at the Feb. 13 committee of the whole meeting. CWLP has proposed significant water and sewer rate increases, which it says are needed to address the city's aging infrastructure.** COURTESY CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

total additional money to be generated — \$18.4 million over a two-year period — was needed to begin essential state-requirement replacement of lead service lines, reduce the frequency of water main breaks, dredge Lake Springfield and improve the water division's finances. They also didn't want to hamstring CWLP in its use of any new funds.

"This should have been done 10 years ago," Ward 1 Ald. Chuck Redpath said.

In addition to Redpath, council members voting against Purchase and Notariano's amendments included Ward 4 Ald. Larry Rockford, Ward 7 Ald. Brad Carlson, Ward 8 Ald. Erin Conley and Ward 9 Ald. Jim Donelan. Those voting for the amendments were Purchase, Notariano, Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory and Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams.

Increases similar to the proposed rate hikes also are proposed for sewer rates. Sewer rates appear on CWLP bills, generate funds for sewer line maintenance and installation within the city and are separate from rates charged for the treatment of sewage by the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District.

The last time sewer rates rose was in July 2022. Rates had risen 5% annually between 2013 and 2022, according to Nate Bottom, chief city engineer.

Rate increases of 32% are needed in each of the next two fiscal years to raise about \$6 million for sewer system improvements that

have been mandated by federal environmental officials and for other needed improvements, Bottom said.

For the average residential customer, the proposed sewer rate increase would add about \$3 to monthly bills in the first year and about \$4 in the second year, he said.

The property tax rate for Springfield city government is one of the lowest in downstate Illinois for comparable communities and is not expected to rise with the new budget, city officials said.

Metzger said several changes to the proposed budget for fiscal 2025 are expected before the City Council finalizes the new spending plan to ensure a healthy balance in the corporate fund.

Those changes include borrowing \$10 million for the ongoing construction of three new fire stations. The borrowing would reduce part of the \$23 million in corporate fund spending and \$7 million in ARPA spending that had been budgeted for the current fiscal year, Metzger said.

The borrowing will free up corporate fund money to pay for increases in the fiscal 2025 budget, she said.

The city enjoyed record corporate fund balances and reserves during the pandemic, both because of federal relief funds and increasing sales taxes as consumer spending rose when COVID-19 cases and fears about

mingling in public waned.

Several tweaks in the proposed budget planned by Mayor Misty Buscher would cut some money from proposed vehicle purchases and reduce the originally proposed pension payments by \$5 million but still maintain payments at 100% of the state-mandated minimum levels, Metzger said.

The changes would make the city's fund balance by the end of fiscal 2025 equal to 22.5% of expenses for the year, not including ARPA funds.

"This will make it a sustainable budget," Metzger said.

The budget would allow the city's headcount to rise from an authorized 1,414 in the current fiscal year to 1,469 in the new fiscal year.

Most of the additional 55 hires would come in the police and fire departments and through the creation of new zone manager positions in the public works department, Metzger said.

Pay raises approved for the police department in December would cost an estimated \$3.4 million in the next fiscal year and \$3.9 million in fiscal 2026, Metzger said.

The pay raises, totaling 21% over the term of a four-year collective-bargaining agreement retroactive to the beginning of the current fiscal year, are designed to help the city recruit and retain officers and put their salaries more in line with comparable cities.

Rockford said he plans to propose an amendment to the proposed budget to remove \$280,000 that had been set aside for the purchase of a vehicle to start a municipally operated ambulance service.

Whether the city should start its own ambulance service to supplement the three privately operated ambulance services in Springfield needs more study before the city commits such resources, Rockford said.

A supplemental ambulance service was one option in an analysis of Springfield Fire Department operations completed in January 2023 by the nonprofit Center for Public Safety Management in Washington, D.C.

"There just needs to be a more open discussion," Rockford said. "I'm not saying I'm against it, but right now I'm not for it." □

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# Sam McCann finally has his day in court

Bench trial begins for former elected official accused of misusing campaign funds for personal gain

COURTS | Dean Olsen

Sam McCann illegally spent political contributions funded by the union dues of those who saw him as a friend of working people on luxury vehicles, a recreational motor home, trips, personal debts, home mortgage payments and to boost his income.

Those were the allegations contained in evidence and statements presented on Feb. 13 during the first day of McCann's bench trial in Springfield's U.S. District Court.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy Bass said the illegal campaign spending and tax evasion case against McCann, the unsuccessful Conservative Party candidate for governor in 2018, was about "greed, fraud and arrogance."

Bass told Judge Colleen Lawless, who is presiding and will decide McCann's guilt or innocence, that the former Republican state senator from Macoupin County, who served from 2011 to 2019, used hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions to his campaign funds to live "far beyond his means."

McCann used numerous schemes to conceal the illegal spending from the Illinois State Board of Elections, and he continued the illegal activity even after FBI agents began to question him in early 2018, Bass said.

"There was really no limit to his schemes to steal money," Bass said in his opening statement at the trial, which was expected to last several days.

McCann, 54, has pleaded not guilty but so far not responded to the criminal allegations for which he was indicted by a grand jury in 2021. He could face a prison term of 20 years or more, if convicted.

McCann sat emotionless and took notes next to his court-appointed attorney, Jason Vincent, who opted to wait until the prosecution finished presenting its case before offering a defense.

McCann was interviewed by FBI agents at least four times in 2018 and "had almost no explanation for almost all" of the activities later charged as crimes in the indictment, Bass said.

At one point, McCann told FBI officials, "I would throw myself on the mercy of the court," according to Bass.

Even after the gubernatorial election, during which McCann received far fewer votes than incumbent GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner or the eventual winner, Democrat JB Pritzker, McCann illegally spent more than \$300,000 remaining in his political coffers in 2019, Bass said.

Marc Poulos, executive director of the labor management group of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, testified that the union endorsed McCann for governor and contributed more than \$3 million to McCann as a candidate, mostly during his unsuccessful bid for governor.

The union supported McCann because he was viewed as a "labor-friendly" and "lunch-pail" Republican who "stood up for working-class people," Poulos said.

Poulos testified that the union "would not have been pleased" to know McCann allegedly used some of its campaign contributions to support a lavish personal lifestyle.

McCann began his trial seated in a wheelchair and wearing a gray striped jumpsuit from the Macon County Jail. He had been free since his indictment, but Lawless revoked his pretrial release on Feb. 9 after he repeatedly failed to inform court officials of his whereabouts at various points before, during and after a recent hospital stay in Missouri.

McCann's wife, Vicki, a registered nurse, drove her husband about an hour from his home to Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis on Feb. 4 after he reportedly fell at home, had



Former state Sen. Sam McCann was taken into federal police custody Feb. 9 to await trial on charges of misuse of campaign funds and tax evasion. He is being held at the Macon County Jail in Decatur.

PHOTO COURTESY MACON COUNTY

chest pain and "almost passed out," according to medical records later discussed in court.

Doctors at the hospital never diagnosed McCann with any heart problems or other critical health issues during the stay. They discharged him Feb. 8 and said he was alert and oriented, according to evidence presented in court.

Lawless said McCann failed to inform the court that he was headed to the hospital and failed to comply with a court order to notify officials when he arrived back home after

discharge.

When McCann showed up for court on Feb. 9, Lawless granted a request from Bass that McCann be taken into police custody for the duration of the trial. Bass said McCann's hospital stay was "self-created" to delay and manipulate the legal process.

Lawless told McCann on Feb. 9, "There seems to be an excuse every time, and there are no more excuses, sir."

Bass said McCann was "cleared medically" for the trial, which had been scheduled to begin Feb. 12. But McCann told the judge that day that he wasn't receiving all of his prescribed medicines while in jail, was feeling chest pain and felt "like I could pass out at any moment."

He said he didn't feel "medically or psychologically ready" for the trial to begin. He also told the judge Feb. 12 that he had no recollection of getting dressed, driving to Springfield and appearing in court Feb. 9 even though he engaged in detailed interactions with Lawless about his attempts to update court officials after the hospital discharge.

The four-day hospital stay "left me in a very foggy state," McCann said Feb. 12.

McCann had fired his court-appointed attorneys in November, saying he wanted to represent himself. Then on Feb. 12, after conferring with Vincent, who at that time was his court-appointed "stand-by" attorney, McCann decided to allow Vincent to fully represent him at trial.

The judge granted Vincent's request for an additional day to prepare for trial. □

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OPINION

LETTERS

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OTHER PRIORITIES

Just in time for the city’s budget hearing, Prairie Rivers Network has published *Reconsidering Hunter Lake*, a public brochure highlighting significant flaws in the claimed need for Hunter Lake. CWLP officials have outlined a plan for a two-year, 74% water rate hike to pay for decades of neglected water infrastructure, but its plan only begins to touch the tip of the proverbial iceberg.

For example, only about 20% of needed dredging of Lake Springfield will be undertaken. Only about 7.7 miles of leaking, aging water mains will be replaced, ensuring that CWLP’s “unaccounted for” losses of 20-25% of treated water will continue indefinitely, since there are 200 miles of mains near or past the end of their useful life. Only 350-500 lead pipe service lines will be replaced each year, out of 11,000, guaranteeing years of adverse health effects.

Worse, the rate increases will not fund dredging the main body of Lake Springfield to prevent cyanotoxin outbreaks, where 90 years of phosphorus-laden sediment has accumulated, leading to significant taste and odor problems in the water supply. The increases do not even pay for the \$30 million expense of treating the taste and odor problems, or the expensive watershed improvements (estimated at over \$100 million) to keep sediment and phosphorus out of Lake Springfield once dredging is done. The increases also do not address looming costs of replacing the failing, 120-year-old-plus combined sewer system, estimated by the former mayor at over \$100 million.

Those are all infrastructure improvements that the city desperately needs. These rate increases do not include one other project pushed by CWLP for which there is no demonstrated need: Hunter Lake, with its bloated price tag and its destructive environmental impacts. Even if the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and then the Illinois EPA issue permits, it will add immense increases to water rates already stressed by long-delayed infrastructure needs.

Don Davis  
Coalition of Concerned Citizens

UNFAIR TO POSTAL WORKERS

Thank you to all who carried and delivered mail this holiday season (“Postal problems, Dec. 14). In addition to the large, unprecedented volume of mail, what is most crippling is an obsolete condition in the current contract. New hires are on totally temporary status – meaning they have no



Sangchris Lake, almost exactly the same size as the planned Hunter Lake, was built as a water supply reservoir for a large power plant. That plant will retire in 2027, significantly increasing the South Fork’s water flow, which feeds water into Lake Springfield when needed. Opponents of Hunter Lake suggest this is a low-cost way to expand Springfield’s water supply without the need for major construction.

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guarantee of a job and can be dismissed. Even after an exemplary probation period, a new carrier has no guaranteed career, no pension and no benefits. The starting salary is poor for today’s economy, equal to or less than some fast-food services.

Contract negotiation began in February for a new contract that will likely improve that, and though it’s slow or stalled, will possibly go to arbitration. Meanwhile, where is the incentive to stay or do a good job?

In the rushed season, regular carriers and new hires have been working 10 to 11 hours a day, six to seven days a week, with continual, excessive overtime. That means working after dark, which is more difficult and less safe.

Thank you to all the new – as yet not career-status – carriers for staying with it and trying to learn and become a dedicated

professional in this difficult time. Thank you to the regular carriers who have maintained their commitment to serve in a particularly overburdened environment.

Roz Stein  
Former letter carrier  
Springfield

DOUBLE STANDARD

The author of a letter in the Jan. 11 issue believes that the need for windmills trumps their detriment to the “beautiful country” where they are placed. I wonder if that writer would support constructing several windmills in Washington Park and Pasfield Park?

Years ago, Al Gore was flying about the country in a chartered jet preaching that common people should all give up our automobiles and ride the bus. Most of the fossil-fuel-avoiding endeavors he recommended – which we can and should adopt – have some offsetting financial and energy costs, such as the additional electric energy and greatly enlarged transmission and distribution facilities to deliver it as more electric cars are sold.

One of the very few things we could all do, which has virtually no offsetting financial or environmental costs, is to dry our laundry on outdoor clotheslines. After Gore delivered his speech in the liberal San Francisco area, one citizen had a clothesline built in her backyard. Her neighbors and HOA almost lynched her – wealthy, sophisticated Californians cannot have clotheslines in our gated neighborhoods like hick farmers in Iowa or hillbillies in West Virginia – a literal “not in my backyard” response.

I somehow suspect the windmill advocate letter writer similarly envisions all of these windmills being out in the country, rather than in Washington Park or Pasfield park, or atop the building in which she lives.

Clark Germann  
Chatham

Dynamite Poem Part 1

When the spring thaws broke up the huge platters of ice, big and thick as barn floors and sent them down Turtle Creek, they were broken up by dynamite when they approached the railroad bridge over the Stateline Road at the edge of Turtle Township so their weight would not break the bridge. My friend Jack who lived in town, but just on the edge of Turtle Township scouted out the farmland area with his red wagon and found a pack of wet dynamite carelessly left behind. He told me the only time his father ever reprimanded him was when he found wet dynamite drying in the household oven. Jack later wrote a book about being a kid in wartime, but he left out the dynamite story. the sequel to this tale, dear reader, will be related soon in Dynamite Poem Part 2.

2024 Jacqueline Jackson



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# Speaker Welch targets Rep. Mary Flowers

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Way back in 1990, I was making \$17,000 a year working for an online Statehouse news and information company. I was too broke for a vacation, so I helped pay for a modest trip by covering a strike at the Delta Pride catfish processing company in Indianola, Mississippi for a few publications. Almost all of the striking workers were Black women, and their highly unusual walkout had caused a national stir. I was fascinated by what was happening and wanted to see the action up close.

In the process of covering the strike, I visited the union's makeshift soup kitchen. I spotted a woman ladling soup who looked a lot like Rep. Mary Flowers, D-Chicago. Sure enough, after approaching the soup lady I discovered she was indeed Rep. Flowers, who it turned out is from Mississippi. Flowers explained that her sister was one of the strikers and she was spending her break helping as best she could. And even though she was there to support family and friends, she was clearly in Mississippi to also demonstrate solidarity with the striking union workers, and she was obviously proud to do her part for the over-worked, underpaid and mistreated employees, who eventually prevailed.

We didn't talk long, but seeing her in those circumstances has always stayed with me.

I'm telling you this because, despite the fact that Flowers has compiled an 89% lifetime AFL-CIO voting record after serving 39 years in the Illinois House, labor unions are falling all over each other to contribute to her Democratic primary opponent Michael Crawford. As I write this, those union contributions have totaled more than \$362,000, and much more is coming Crawford's way. We're likely looking at seven figures there.

I'm fully aware that voting records are not the be-all, end-all for any organization, including organized labor. Other factors often come into play.

But it's abundantly clear that those unions are acting at the behest of House Speaker Chris Welch, who can control their legislative destinies. No way could she have been targeted without his consent and even encouragement.

Welch stripped Flowers of her Deputy Majority Leader title and barred her from attending House Democratic caucus meetings last year after a large majority of his members complained about her behavior. She was disrespectful and rude to colleagues and allegedly abusive to some staff. She was

behaving as the opposite of a caucus leader. I fully support the notion that she should not have run again and instead should've retired and took her pension of at least \$256,000 after one year.

But this whole thing bothers me on multiple levels:

1) If the massive union contributions succeed in toppling Flowers, how much will Welch owe them for conducting this political hit, and what will he have to do to repay the favor? I've been wanting to ask Welch about this for weeks, but for the first time ever in my career I was denied an interview request after it was initially granted. I was told he wants to wait until after the primary to explain everything.

2) How beholden will Michael Crawford be to the unions and to any other interest groups which chip in on this endeavor if he wins?

3) How can other House Democrats be assured that regularly voting for organized labor's bills will prevent the same dire fate from happening to them? Yes, Flowers is an extreme case, but the unions and Welch are also trying to unseat Rep. Cyril Nichols,

D-Chicago, who has a 95% lifetime AFL-CIO voting record. I also wanted to ask Welch why Nichols is being targeted and why other members should feel secure, but, again, my interview request was denied.

I mean, I get it. This is Democratic Party "family business." Sometimes, things just gotta be done. "We had to sit still and take it," lamented the "Goodfellas" movie character Henry Hill after his friend Tommy DeVito was whacked by the mob. "It was revenge for Billy Batts, and a lot of other things. And there was nothing that we could do about it."

Flowers is Flowers. Nichols has associated himself with people hostile to Welch's leadership, including former Rep. Ken Dunkin. And both Nichols and Flowers have angered other powerful and influential interest groups which Welch relies on. I'd hope, though, that Welch has put some limits on his thankfulness.

I'll close by stating the obvious: Speaker Welch had better win these races. If everyone thought that Mary Flowers was a chaos agent before, just wait to see what happens if she gets another term. □



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# Personalizing the food

Couples opting to plan non-traditional receptions that reflect their own interests

WEDDING | Ashley Meyer

Of all the choices that must be made when planning a celebration, the food and drink that's served can provide a unique opportunity to personalize and differentiate the experience. This season couples are more inclined than ever to buck tradition and plan a party that reflects their own style and interests and the food is no exception. From lavish sushi displays to horseshoe bars, anything goes in 2024. Here are some of the top trends area caterers and event planners are seeing:

## Grazing tables and hors d'oeuvres displays

"We don't see as many sit-down, plated meals anymore," said Lynn Young, owner of Simply Detailed Event Planning in Springfield. "It's a lot of stations or buffets, and they're often not traditional menus. Couples want to serve the foods that they like to eat themselves."

Lori Moreno is the event coordinator for Broadguage, a recently refurbished historic space in Peterburg. "We still do plated dinners but heavy hors d'oeuvres like sushi or falafel, either passed or on a big display, have become extremely popular."

## Personalized or themed dining

"People still want formal weddings, but more couples are really coming into themselves and putting their own personality into the event," Moreno said. "We even had a Halloween wedding recently where the bride dressed up as the Bride of Frankenstein and the groom dressed as Frankenstein. They're having fun expressing their passions and interests as part of the event."

Indeed, Cured Catering owner Brian Reilly pointed out that many of his clients aren't interested in simply offering two



Lavish grazing tables are replacing sit-down, plated dinners. PHOTO COURTESY OF CURED CATERING

entrees and a salad. "Let's tell a story of the couple in a culinary way," he said. "Maybe it's a dish they had when they first met or something they shared on a trip together. We love to incorporate those memories into their celebration."

## Interactive dining experiences

Live action stations go beyond simply serving freshly prepared dishes. "It's more than just having something to eat before you start drinking and dancing," Reilly said. "It becomes part of the show. We worked with a couple who had lived in Italy, and

pasta carbonara was a special dish to them. That dish is best made-to-order on site, so we brought in a large boiler to cook the pasta fresh and toss it with the egg yolk and parmesan, and the guests got to choose how they wanted to customize their dish. It was a really fun and personal part of the experience."

Reilly pointed out that this type of dining also makes it easier to accommodate individual guests' dietary needs while still giving them a fun, delicious experience. "The more we can make the menu customizable to each guest, whether they're vegetarian or gluten or dairy free."

## Comfort food

Comfort foods like fried chicken and mac and cheese have become popular choices, as well as the global flavors that young couples have come to love. "Couples these days want to serve the foods that they like and they don't feel confined to tradition," Young explained.

Favorite street food dishes can still be upscale, pointed out Reilly. "We might be serving tacos for a wedding of 300 people, but they're still beautiful and refined and playful, not something you'd have seen at a wedding 15 or 20 years ago."

## Mini dessert assortments and coffee bars

Rather than serving one large cake, couples are often opting to serve a variety of sweet bites. "Instead of a fancy wedding cake, people are doing a dessert buffet," Moreno explained. They'll sit down with our baker and choose all different kinds of little treats that we'll create a big display with." While there might still be a small cake to cut, whimsical donut walls, cupcakes and even ice cream sundae bars have become increasingly trendy.

## Late-night snacks

Serving up a final round of hearty food toward the end of a fete is an idea that's likely to stick around. "For years, most of the weddings and receptions were being held in one place," said Young. "Now we're seeing more church weddings where the ceremonies are happening earlier in the day so dinner is happening earlier, like around 5:30, and then they're ready for late-night snacks." It's another opportunity for the couple to personalize the event and focus on their own favorite noshes, whether it's pizza, wings or Ramen. □

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# Big benefits for smaller weddings

WEDDING | Tara McClellan McAndrew

Thank the pandemic for helping make weddings smaller. The current trend of micro weddings – 50 guests or less – started shortly after COVID began, according to Springfield wedding planner Corrine Mayfield, co-owner of Shawfield Events & Design. “We saw micro weddings really take off after the start of the pandemic, when people were forced to have a smaller guest list. But then it became the preference of a lot of people to have more intimate weddings,” she said. “Micro weddings keep your budget low and allow for the personalities of the couple to shine, so it’s more personalized.”

Today’s average wedding costs about \$30,000 for 150 guests, according to *Brides* magazine. Micro weddings can cost one-third of that, typically between \$10,000 to \$15,000.

“With a large wedding, most of the couple’s time is taken up with talking to guests and thanking them for coming,” Mayfield said. “With fewer guests, they can enjoy the event with them. It doesn’t feel so formal.”

Micro weddings are popular for second marriages, according to independent Springfield wedding planner Vicki Howard, but are also part of a larger downsizing trend. “People don’t want to spend the money for a huge wedding. They take the money they’ll receive (as gifts) and buy a home or go on a nice trip.” Some of Howard’s couples wanted the best of both options and had a micro-wedding, then a large reception later.

With fewer guests, you can be more creative about where you celebrate and how. Locally, Howard has planned a micro wedding in the Brinkerhoff Mansion. Mayfield has seen a lot at park district sites and private homes, “even places that hold sentimental value to the family,” she said, such as a vacation home.



Nathan Peter and Nikki Carnes were married in a backyard ceremony with about 30 guests and then held a reception at Arlington's Catering & Historic Venue. CREDIT NATALIE LOWREY PHOTOGRAPHY

Other options include barns, art galleries, theaters, vineyards or restaurants. Some of her couples chose to get married at the courthouse, then have brunch at home or a small venue. Others had backyard weddings. If you’re using any space besides your own, you’ll need to get permission to use the location and pay any necessary fees.

A big benefit to small weddings is you can make the celebration more personal. Each guest can play a role in the event. You and your guests can play games together, for example, and take a group photo, something that’s impractical with a lot of attendees.

Along with your guest list, your budget for

decorations and flowers will likely be lower, too. Some couples use those savings to have a high-end meal, such as steak and lobster. Others want to make their micro celebration less formal. “We’re seeing a lot of family-style grazing tables rather than meals, so it’s an elevated party,” said Mayfield.

Another trend is combining a micro wedding with a destination wedding. Couples sometimes pick up part of their guest’s travel or lodging costs, using the money they save by having a smaller guest list. One couple who posted about their experience on Reddit did that by paying for a large rental house for themselves and all 17 of their guests. Another

had a beach destination wedding and paid for a sunset cruise for everyone immediately following the ceremony.

Small weddings sometimes have themes, such as rustic, Hollywood, cowboy, beach, the season of the year or any interest the couple has in common. Star Wars theme with light sabers, anybody?

While there are many advantages to a downsized bash – fewer thank you notes! – there is one big challenge, said Mayfield: the guest list. If you’re a couple with a big family or lots of friends, this can be a struggle. But remember, the day is about you, what you want and what you can afford. If you want a more intimate, personal affair, approach your guest list this way, suggests Junebugweddings.com: “Which guests can you not imagine your wedding day without?”

“The benefit of the micro wedding is for the couple who really has the strength to do what feels right to them and not fall prey to standard wedding conventions,” said Mayfield. “If large, over-produced weddings don’t fit with your personality,” plan a small one, she advised.

A downsized celebration also lets the couple focus more on themselves. “I feel that sometimes people spend too much money on the wedding and not enough on each other, and they can end up in a divorce before the wedding is paid for. I’ve had that happen before,” added Howard.

If big crowds aren’t your thing, if you’d like to spend less, if you want a more intimate wedding day and possibly less stress, consider a micro-wedding. Sometimes the best things really do come in small packages. □

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# After the big day

Premarital counseling can be the foundation for a solid future

WEDDING | Pamela Savage

I planned a wedding in Old City, Philadelphia, more than 14 years ago. I fondly remember the hustle and bustle of figuring out a venue, finding the right dress, sampling menus, curating a guest list and interviewing vendors. The vibe was celebratory, light and fun. Because I was to be wed in a Catholic Jesuit Church, my partner and I were also required to participate in “pre cana,” or premarital counseling.

Cue the record scratch.

At the time, I was not keen on having to participate in counseling. It seemed archaic and certainly not exciting. Thankfully, we kept an open mind and my soon-to-be husband and I were connected with a lovely, vibrant couple who were each on their second marriage. They were gracious and full of great insights about their previous marriages compared to their current one. Ultimately, the experience was a positive one, and here we are years later with two kids, a home, a life, a marriage.

Whether religious or not, premarital counseling is an opportunity for couples to set aside the logistics of their wedding and instead focus entirely on everything that will happen after the big day – the relationship at the heart of the wedding and its long arc over a lifetime. Luckily for couples considering this step, acceptance for and access to counseling seems to be having a moment. According to the Centers for Disease Control, nearly one-quarter of Americans ages 18-44 are taking an active interest and involvement in their mental health, up from just 18% a few years ago.

I spoke with three area mental health



Alexis and Evan Manning married in September and had their reception at Panther Creek Country Club.

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clinicians about the topics most often explored in premarital counseling, overcoming any barriers to premarital counseling and what couples can expect to gain.

David Vail, a licensed clinical social worker and owner of Thrive Center for Wellness in Springfield, said that the primary topics that many couples bring to counseling are breakdowns in communication, managing finances, addressing one’s partner’s needs and desires and integrating into their partner’s family systems. Julia Schwartz, a licensed professional counselor at Still Waters Counseling, said that a counselor will explore these topics with the couple through unraveling past experiences and relationships,

addressing partners’ similarities and differences, and creating an environment that allows each member of the couple to be heard and to share their unique point of view.

Even though the issues that couples bring to premarital counseling are very common and largely relatable, Kelly Neal, LCSW at Luminary Counseling Solutions, said that there is definitely a stigma regarding counseling. Some individuals may be reluctant to participate in counseling because they feel that acknowledging their issues may inevitably lead to a breakup. Others feel as though their issues “aren’t that bad” or that their issues will solve themselves.

Vail said, “Some people have a belief that if

I just love this person enough, everything will take care of itself. That would be wonderful, but it doesn’t seem to work that way in the long term.” Schwartz agreed that stigma may be a barrier to therapy for some, citing concerns about perceived weakness, fear of judgment or invasion of privacy.

But shying away from couples therapy because of fear or inertia is ultimately short-sighted. Vail said, “Relationships may be some of the hardest work that we do, and one that flourishes on its own is rare. We all benefit when we take the time to nurture our relationships.”

Couples or premarital counseling can help to lay healthy foundations for a couple. “Rather than a last resort, counseling should be seen as a proactive and empowering choice for couples invested in the health and longevity of their relationship,” Schwartz said. “Seeking therapy is an act of strength courage, and commitment to personal and relational growth. In that line, premarital counseling is a proactive commitment to building a strong, resilient and thriving relationship.”

Kelly Neal summed it up, adding that “counseling is suited to everyone, no matter the problems you’re facing.” After all, we practice self-care and maintenance in many areas of our lives. Our minds and relationships deserve that same attention and care. □

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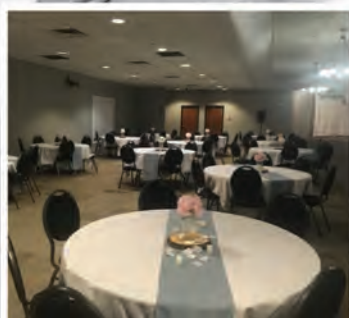
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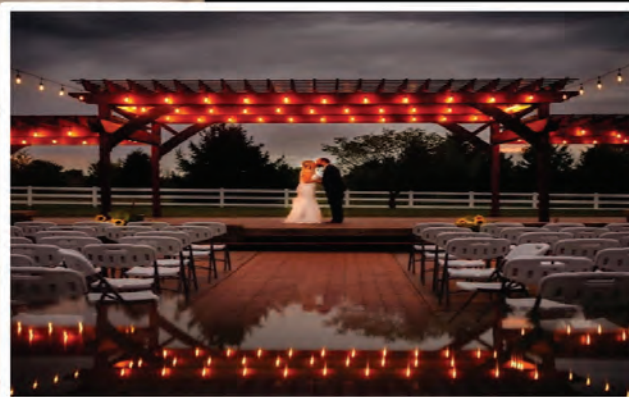
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# Springfield native back home at the Hoogland

Jacob Seidman performs in *Looped* Feb. 24 and 25

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Jacob Seidman, 33, grew up in Springfield where theater and dance were a huge part of his life. He now lives in Los Angeles where he is focused on writing, acting and producing. He was a member of the Springfield Ballet Company (SBC) throughout high school and spent countless hours at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, performing and practicing. On Feb. 24 and 25 he will be back on stage performing in the regional premiere of the play *Looped*. Seidman last performed in Springfield when he was 18. He is thrilled to bring this play to Springfield, thanks to Gus Gordon and the Hoogland Center.

*Looped*, by Matthew Lombardo, will be presented in the Peggy Ryder Theatre at the Hoogland Saturday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 25, at 3 p.m. For tickets, call 217-523-2787 or go to [www.hcfta.org/tickets](http://www.hcfta.org/tickets).

Based on a real event, *Looped* takes place in the summer of 1965 when an inebriated Tallulah Bankhead, well-known for her husky voice, outrageous personality, and devastating wit, returns to the studio to redub – or loop – one line of dialogue for her last movie *Die! Die! My Darling!* Bankhead's outsized personality dominates the young, frustrated film editor who is thrown for a loop by the tempestuous stage and screen icon. Seidman first saw *Looped* on Broadway, where Valerie Harper played Tallulah Bankhead, when he was in college. He found the script beautiful and well-written.

Seidman started dancing with the Springfield Ballet Company at the age of three. In second grade he was a Munchkin in a *Wizard of Oz* performance at the Masonic Temple, which later became the Hoogland Center. He performed in many shows at the Springfield Theatre Centre and The Muni, including *Cats*, *Jekyll and Hyde* and *Chicago*.

After graduating from Springfield High School in 2008, Seidman went to Montclair State University in New Jersey, lived in New York City, worked on cruise ships and was involved in musical theater. In 2015 he stopped dancing to focus on acting, and after a vacation to Los Angeles he moved there in August 2017. He started taking acting classes and found his "creative family" of active writers, producers and content creators.

In acting class, he met Julie Phillips, who will join him onstage in Springfield playing Tallulah Bankhead. Phillips was born and raised in L.A. Phillips' mother sang at the legendary Copa Cabana with Frank Sinatra and Fats



Julie Phillips as Tallulah Bankhead and Jacob Seidman as Danny Miller in *Looped*.

Domino, and her father was an award-winning composer. Because of her parents' connections, she helped when there was a need for kids in commercials and has had a SAG (Screen Actors Guild) card since 1974. After a 25-year hiatus from performance, she took an acting class and is now a full-time actor and creator.

When everything closed during the pandemic, Seidman and Phillips saw the opportunity to be creative. They joined forces on numerous endeavors which led to producing and performing in the play *Looped*. They claim to be the first people to use Zoom as a full medium for a film series. Their amusing series, based on a real story, can be viewed here: <https://watch.seeka.tv/en/searching-for-josh-brolin>.

Seidman's short film *Fall to Fame* was first recognized at the Micheaux Film Festival in L.A., where he was awarded the outstanding dramatic actor award. His most recent short film, *A New Era of Cowboy*, recently completed a successful film festival run.

"The arts gave me my entire life," said

Seidman. He had friends' groups in high school, but thanks to his after-school activities, he had friends all over the city, including people of all ages. "The arts gave me purpose, an outlet, and kept me focused," said Seidman. He also says that when he came out in high school, his community of friends made it easy for him. He credits incredible role models. As a result, "it wasn't scary to discover who I am," said Seidman. He observed that others have had a much harder time.

"Jacob was always full of energy and excitement," said Grace Nanavati, whose name is synonymous with dance in Springfield. "He was thoughtful, but always brought humor and light into his classes. I'm smiling just thinking about and remembering him." Seidman says it feels very special to be coming back to Springfield, where he had many mentors. He was previously strictly a dancer. "To do a play and showcase how I've grown is exciting for me," said Seidman. For more information about Seidman and his work, go to [www.jacobseidman.com](http://www.jacobseidman.com). □

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# Mangia! Mangia! (Eat! Eat!)

Sunday gravy is a delicious assortment of meats in simmered tomato sauce

FOOD | Peter Glatz

I grew up in a family that never went to church. Our next-door neighbors, on the other hand, were devout Catholic Italian-Americans who took their faith seriously. They had a framed photo of the pope in their kitchen and a holy water font with a bust of the Virgin Mary inside their front door.

The neighbor kids were my favorite playmates, and every Sunday I would sit by the window waiting for them to return from Mass. Sunday afternoons at their house were festive occasions with lots of relatives. Nonna always made her Sunday gravy, an assortment of meats and sausages in a slow-simmered tomato sauce. When you entered their house, you'd be greeted by its wonderful aromas. Sometimes Nonna would give us a meatball to tide us over until it was time to sit down to dinner.

Like many traditional Italian dishes, every family has its own version of Sunday gravy based on heirloom recipes that have been passed down for generations. Most versions include one or more cuts of pork and beef, plus Italian sausages and meatballs. The meats are removed from the sauce and served on the side. The remaining sauce is served with pasta. The best Sunday gravy simmers on the stove for hours, allowing the ingredients to infuse the sauce with a deep, rich umami. The long, slow cooking time was also time for families to be together.

Sunday gravy is featured in two classic movies: *The Godfather* and *Goodfellas*. My favorite scene from *The Godfather* shows Clemenza teaching Michael how to make Sunday gravy. The recipe was actually Francis Ford Coppola's family recipe. "Heh, come over 'ere, kid. Learn something. You never know, you might have to cook for 20 guys someday. You see, you start out with a little bit of oil. Then you fry some garlic. Then you throw in some tomatoes, tomato paste, you fry it. Ya make sure it doesn't stick. You get it to a boil; you shove in all your sausage and your meatballs, heh...? And a little bit of wine. An' a little bit o' sugar, and that's my trick."

The prison scene in *Goodfellas* shows Paul Cicero slicing garlic for Sunday gravy: The voiceover explains: "In prison, dinner was always a big thing. We had a pasta course and then we had a meat or a fish. Paulie did the prep work. He was doing a year for contempt and he had a wonderful system for doing the garlic. He had a razor and he used to slice it so thin that it would liquify in the pan with just a little oil. It was a very good system." (Fact



Sunday gravy with pasta and braised meats. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

check: Razor-thin garlic doesn't liquify – it usually burns!)

Sunday gravy can be made from a variety of meats. I scout the grocery store's meat counter for markdowns, meat that's still good but needs to be used soon. If you have a Parmesan rind on hand, add it to the gravy for extra flavor.

## Italian-American Sunday gravy

Serves: 8-10

### Ingredients:

1 cup olive oil, divided  
5 peeled garlic cloves – 4 smashed for the gravy, 1 minced for the meatballs  
1 pound beef, such as sirloin, eye of round, or short ribs  
1 pound pork, such as neck bones, bone-in pork chops, or spareribs  
1 pound hot or sweet Italian sausage  
2 medium onions, finely chopped  
3 tablespoons tomato paste  
3 28-ounce cans whole San Marzano tomatoes,

crushed by hand, with their juices

½ cup red wine

Kosher salt, freshly ground black pepper, and sugar, to taste

Chopped Italian parsley, for garnish

2 pounds of dry pasta, such as rigatoni, penne or fusilli

### For the meatballs:

1 pound ground beef

½ pound ground pork

½ pound ground veal

1 cup grated Pecorino Romano

1 ½ tablespoons minced Italian parsley

2 large eggs, beaten

2 cups panko breadcrumbs

### Preparation:

Brown the meats: Pat the meats dry with paper towels. Heat ½ cup of olive oil in a large stockpot over medium heat and add the smashed garlic. Sauté until the garlic turns a light golden brown, then remove the garlic from the pot and discard. The garlic flavor will

remain in the oil.

Increase the heat to medium-high. Using tongs, sear each type of meat separately, turning frequently, until nicely browned all over, 8 to 10 minutes total. Transfer each batch to a bowl before browning the next batch. Then brown the sausages and transfer to the bowl.

After you have removed all the meats, sauté the onion until translucent. Add the tomato paste to the pot and sauté for about a minute, stirring with a wooden spoon or silicone spatula to prevent scorching. Add the tomatoes and their juices. Fill one of the tomato cans with water and add to the pot. Increase the heat to high and bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Add the wine and scrape up any browned bits on the bottom. Return the seared meats and sausages to the pot. Adjust the heat to a simmer and cover with a lid propped slightly open. Simmer for 2 hours, stirring frequently, then season to taste with salt, pepper, and sugar.

Meanwhile, make the meatballs: In a large bowl, combine the ground meats, Pecorino Romano, minced garlic, and parsley until evenly combined. Incorporate the panko, then moisten the mixture by adding water, a little at a time. Season with salt and pepper. Shape into 1 ½-inch balls, place on a sheet tray, and transfer to your freezer to firm up for 15 minutes.

Warm a large skillet over medium high heat and add the remaining olive oil. Brown the meatballs in batches. Transfer the meatballs to a plate lined with paper towels.

After the Sunday gravy has simmered for about two hours, add the meatballs and continue to cook for about 30 minutes more.

Transfer the meats to a large serving platter, and slice into serving-size portions. Cover loosely with foil and set aside.

Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a boil over high. Add the pasta and cook until al dente. Drain the pasta, reserving a cup of the cooking liquid, and return to the pot. Ladle in 2 cups of the gravy and gently toss, thinning with some of the reserved pasta water until the sauce clings to the pasta. Transfer to a serving bowl and add another ladle of gravy.

Top the meat platter with a ladleful of the gravy and garnish with parsley. Serve as a second course.

Sunday gravy can be made ahead and refrigerated for one week or frozen up to three months. □





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### Thursday, Feb. 15: Lunch and Learn – The Underground Railroad in Springfield

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Register online. Guests are welcome to bring a lunch to enjoy during the discussion. Speakers will share recent research about legal hearings related to the Underground Railroad.

### Monday, Feb. 19: Lunch and Learn – The Campaign Speeches of Barack Obama

Lincoln-Herndon Law Office building, Sixth and Adams Streets, Noon

Register online. Guests are welcome to bring a lunch to enjoy during the discussion. Join IDNR staff members who worked behind the scenes during both of Barack Obama's campaign speeches at the Old State Capitol.

### Saturday, Feb. 24: Black History Hikes

Central IL African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave, 11 A.M. | 2:30 P.M.

Springfield State Historic Sites will partner with the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum to offer a history hike in Oak Ridge Cemetery. The 90-minute hike will begin at the museum, 1440 Monument Ave. Register online.

### Saturday, Feb 24: Race Riot Walking Tour

Tour begins at the Visitor Center inside the Lincoln Herndon Law Office (Sixth and Adams), 11 A.M. | 2:30 P.M.

Register online. Participants will walk downtown Springfield streets with a state historic sites team member and learn about a violent summer weekend in 1908. The 1.5-mile walking tour takes a little over one hour.

### Thursday, Feb. 29: Lunch and Learn – Langston Hughes

Lincoln-Herndon Law Office building, Sixth and Adams Streets, Noon

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## MUSIC



Mr. Opporknockity reunites at George Rank's this Friday and Saturday.

# Don't be wary of music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Things are swinging and singing, hopping and not stopping in the music section this February. I'm not sure what's happening, but we're just going to let it and not regret it. Now let's see if I know what I'm talking about or not.

Thursday evenings roll on with another open mic breaking into the scene. This one goes down at Lincoln Land Community College (6-8 p.m.), sponsored by the Black Student Union and the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum. Use the event listing in IT's calendar section to find the online sign-up sheet for the advance registration that's "encouraged" for all musicians, poets, singers, spoken word artists and songwriters looking for a spot on the stage.

Other Thursday night open mics in town take place at the Railyard Cafe (4-6), The Wakery (7-10) and The Blue Grouch (7-11), while venues in neighboring cities getting in on the fun include Door 4 Brewing (6-9) in Decatur and Spirited Republic/Limerick Brewing Company (7-10) in Lincoln.

Heading into Friday night, the big event must be a(nother) welcomed reunion show by Mr. Opporknockity, this time in the friendly confines of George Rank's. The duo of Doug Gholson and Troy Roark had a local radio hit back in the late '90s called "Lisa's Shirt", then formed a band and went on to become one of our most popular groups doing predominantly original music for a good part of the early-mid 2000s. Mr. O highlights include winning several IT's "Best of Springfield" reader polls, producing multiple CDs of all original material, opening up for Journey at the Illinois State Fair and appearing on Michael Feldman's "Whad'ya Know," hosted by NPR at UIS. That's some pretty cool cred for a hometown heroes band, which along with Troy and

Doug includes Mark Sanders, Chris Camp and Steve Myers, with Michael Sullivan joining as guest guitarist. Little ol' me was the original bassist back in the day. The boys play again on Saturday night for a double dose of Mr. O.

Then there's a rare local show on Saturday as well, this time by the super-duper, national touring band ClusterPluck, out of the St. Louis area, at The Curve Inn. These guys started as a mostly acoustic, always rippin' bluegrass trio in 2010 and now, nearly 15 years later, they've progressively morphed into a quartet utilizing "electric guitar, acoustic guitar, electric bass, Dobro, mandolin, banjo, drums and four-part vocal harmony" to play mostly all original tunes with old standards and few surprises tossed into the mix. With a new album scheduled for release in late March "the 'Pluck" is on the move, and here's a chance to see them up close and personal right here in town.

Small towns around Springfield take the prize for cooking up the good stuff this Sunday. Check out Tim Crosby at Hill Prairie Winery near Oakford, After School Special at Vixen Hill Winery near Palmyra, Isaiah Christian at Hand of Fate, Not Petty at Lucky's on the Square in Petersburg and Bruce Baise at Trails End in Curran. Jacksonville hosts an acoustic version of Exit 52 at Twisted Tree Music Hall while Geezer is at American Legion Post 279. Plus, you can find me hanging out with Ben Bedford and Stuart Smith for a Songwriters in the Round concert at Jax Yoga. And at the Alamo in downtown Springfield, David Lumsden and friends jam out at a fundraiser starting at 2 p.m. for Regina Lock (Springfield Shaky's wife) and the Illinois Central Blues Club.

Please check our listings for the many other musical experiences going on and next week we shall carry on. □

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**Kortney and friends open mic**  
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**Ole Stogie**  
Crows Mill Pub, 7-10pm

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

**Open mic with Bob Besser**  
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 6pm

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

**Karaoke**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

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

**Karaoke**  
La Fiesta Chatham, 6pm

**Open mic**  
The Railyard, 4-6pm

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

### Friday Feb 16

**The Damn Quails with Mike Davis**  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

**J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke**  
Bald Buddha Brewing, 7-11pm

**Stone Cold Blues Band**  
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

**it Square of the Roots**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

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

**Highway 615**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Windy City Dueling Pianos**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8-11pm

**The Back Porch Trio**  
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7-9pm

**it Mr. Opporknockity**  
George Rank's, 7:30-10:30pm

**Mattison Avenue**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**Silas Tockey**  
Hy-Vee Wahlburgers, 5:30-7pm

**Ricarda Rosalina**  
La Fiesta Grande, 6-9pm

**Blue Note Quintet with Buddy Rogers**  
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

**Rod Grant**  
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

**Brushville**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8pm

**Thomas J Beverly**  
Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 6-9pm

**Tom Irwin & those Raouligans**  
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

### Saturday Feb 17

**John Drake**  
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, Petersburg, 3-6pm

**Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band**  
Broadgauge, Petersburg, 6:30-9:30pm

**Buzzed Karaoke with DJ Smokey J & The Hootie Sound Machine**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 6-11pm

**Jobe & Woody**  
Caraway Pub, Virginia, 8pm

**ClusterPluck**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**The Dave Matthews Tribute Band**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

**Mr. Opporknockity**  
George Rank's, 7:30-10:30pm

**The Collective**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

**OAT (Owen, Amy and Tom)**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**Jonny Vodka**  
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8-11pm

**Blue Note Quintet with Buddy Rogers**  
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

**Lick Creek**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 9pm

**The Ivory Bros Dueling Pianos**  
Maddy's Tavern, Divernon, 7-10pm

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

**Revel in Red**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8pm

**Hippies of the Heartland**  
South Fork Pub, Kincaid, 5pm

**Whitney Devine**  
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

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

**JackAsh**  
The Topp Hat, Girard, 7-10pm

**Dan Grover**  
Twisted Fork at the Saint Nicholas, 11am-2pm

**Casper McWade**  
Twisted Tree Music Hall, Jacksonville, 7-10pm

**Catseye**  
VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30pm

**Off the Wall**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

### Sunday Feb 18

**Illinois Central Blues Club jam session**  
The Alamo, 2pm

**Geezer**  
American Legion Post 279, Jacksonville, 3-6pm

**Buzz Bomb Fantastical Folk Jam**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 4-6pm.

**Isaiah Christian**  
Hand of Fate Brewing Company, Petersburg, 3pm

**John Drake**  
Harvest Market, 10am-1pm

**Tim Crosby**  
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

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

**Tom Irwin, Ben Bedford and Stuart Smith**  
Jax Yoga, Jacksonville, 4pm

**Not Petty**  
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 3-6pm

**Open mic**  
The Other Bar, Morrisonville, 2-6pm

**Mississippi Heat**  
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

**Bruce Baise**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

**Exit 52**  
Twisted Tree Music Hall, Jacksonville, 3-6pm

### Monday Feb 19

**Bluesmattic Blues Band**  
The Alamo, 7pm

**Al Kitchen**  
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

### Tuesday Feb 20

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

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

**John Drake**  
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant, 6-8pm

**Open jam with Silas Tockey**  
George Rank's, 7-10pm

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

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

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

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

### Wednesday Feb 21

**Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey**  
Boone's, 7-10pm

**Open mic with ZAK**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-9:30pm

**Karaoke**  
Clique, 9pm-1am

**Karaoke with Melissa**  
Coghlan's Hideout LLC, Bulpitt, 7-11pm

**After School Special**  
Coz's Pizza and Pub, 7:30pm

**Open mic**  
Crows Mill Pub, 7-10pm

**Karaoke**  
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 6-9pm

**Al Kitchen and friends**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 6-9pm

**Open mic with Casey Cantrall**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 7-10pm

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Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

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## THE CALENDAR



### Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight: A Springfield Festival

Thu., Feb. 22, 7:30pm; Fri., Feb. 23, 6:30pm; Sun., Feb. 24, 1:30pm, 2:30pm and 3:30pm and 7:30pm  
Four locations (see write-up)  
[Springfieldchoralsociety.org](http://Springfieldchoralsociety.org)

### MUSIC | Black composer's lost cantata brings Vachel Lindsay poem to life

**it** A four-part festival begins a week from today, inspired by a long-lost cantata set to the poem Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight by Springfield's own Vachel Lindsay. The cantata, by African-American composer Florence Price, was found in Price's papers 14 years ago and decades after the Chicagoan's death in 1953. In four separate events, Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight will spotlight Lincoln, Price and Lindsay. In the fourth and final event, Price's cantata will be played in Springfield for the first time. But first, the festival begins Feb. 22 at First Presbyterian Church with an event centering on Price called, "Don't You Tell Me No: The Life of Florence Price in Story and Song." Set to perform are Tiffany Williams, Reggie Guyton, Bonnie Ettinger and Springfield Choral Society ensembles. The second part, Feb. 23 at the Springfield and Central Illinois African American Museum, is part panel discussion and performance by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra String Quartet. It is titled "In Our Little Town: A Musical Conversation About Race." Reservations are required – go to [springfieldchoralsociety.org](http://springfieldchoralsociety.org) for more info. The third part, "Lincoln Walks at the Lindsay Home," features guided tours of the poet's home (now a state historic site) at 603 S. Fifth St. Tour reservations at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) are recommended. Finally, the conclusion – "Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight – A Festival Concert" takes place Feb. 24 at the UIS Performing Arts Center with a performance by the Springfield Choral Society and UIS Orchestra conducted by Jacobsen Woollen. All events are free.

### ■ Special Music Events

#### Brown Bag Concert

Wed., Feb. 21, 12:15-12:45pm. Enjoy the sounds of Sangamon Brass. Bring your own lunch or purchase one for \$5. [lincolnschurch.org](http://lincolnschurch.org). Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

#### Captivating Contrasts

Fri., Feb. 16, 7:30pm. The Illinois Symphony Orchestra will present selections by Beethoven, Barber and Nielson with guest violinist Timothy Chooi and conducted by Tania Miller. Join a discussion with the conductor candidate at 6:30pm. [uispac.com](http://uispac.com). \$21-\$63; students \$10. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

#### Ho Etsu Tauko Drummers

Sat., Feb. 17, 7:30-9:30pm. Part of the Illinois College Fine Arts

Series. \$20. Students and children free. Illinois College Rammelkamp Chapel, Jacksonville, 215 Park St., 218-245-3192.

#### Jesus Christ Superstar

Sat., Feb. 17, 7:30pm and Sun., Feb. 18, 2pm. This iconic musical returns to the stage on the show's 50th anniversary. With lyrics and music by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, the show is set against the backdrop of the extraordinary events during the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ. [uispac.com](http://uispac.com). \$34-\$99. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

#### Open mic night

Thu., Feb. 15, 6-8pm. Let your voice be heard, whether you are a singer, poet, musician or an enthusiastic audience member. Advance registration is encouraged. This event is sponsored by LLCC's Black

Student Union. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

### ■ Books & Authors

#### Blind Date with a Book

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Through Feb. 24. The genre and the first line of each book will be the only clues you will receive before purchasing, but every date will have a sweet ending with your choice of milk or dark chocolates. Adult and young adult books available. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). \$12 members, \$15 nonmembers. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

#### Meet author Kristina Barbee

Wed., Feb. 21, 6pm. Meet Kristina Barbee, author of the fantasy novel *The Fallout of Fallacy*. Hardcover and paperback copies

of the novel will be available for purchase and signing. Call for more info. Free. Ad Astra Wine Bar and Market, 308 E. Adams St., 217-679-1323.

#### Meet author Nina Ayers

Sat., Feb. 17, 12-3pm. Ayers is the author of "Joy of Murder: Life of a Serial Killer," a story about a Chicago area serial killer in the 1980s and 90s. The book will be available for purchase. Free. Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 3111 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-546-9440.

### ■ Theater & Comedy

#### Capital City Improv Workshops

Third Thursday of every month, 7-9pm. Through May 17. Want to try improvisational theater? Join Capital City Improv for workshops and learn improv basics and play a variety of improv games. Everyone 12+ is welcome. Space

is limited. Please RSVP via a link on the Capital City Improv Facebook page to reserve a spot. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

#### First Date

Feb. 16-17, 7:30pm and Sun., Feb. 18, 2pm. In this musical comedy, a simple drink turns into a sidesplitting, high-stakes dinner in the bustling heart of New York City. Presented by the Springfield Theatre Centre. [hcfta.org](http://hcfta.org). \$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

#### Little Women

Feb. 16-17, 7:30pm and Sun., Feb. 18, 2pm. The Active & Creative Teen Theatre presents a dramatized adaptation of the classic novel. Under the guidance of their mother, the four March sisters struggle to keep their family going while their father is away in the Civil War. \$15. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

#### The Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company

Feb. 16-17, 8-10pm. Springfield's longest-running improv cast is back on stage. In two hours, five actors will create two hours of live improv comedy sketches based on suggestions from the audience. If you love *Whose Line is it Anyway* and *The Second City*, you'll love this night of laughs. [hcfta.org](http://hcfta.org). \$17. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

### ■ Spoken Word

#### Poetry Out Loud Central Illinois Regional Contest

Thu., Feb. 15, 4pm. Listen as students from six local high schools recite from memory classic and contemporary poems. Hosted by the Springfield Area Arts Council. Winners will advance to the state tournament March 11 in Springfield. [poetryoutloud.org](http://poetryoutloud.org). Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-753-3519.

### ■ Art & Architecture

#### Art Tour: Behind the Ropes

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

Jackson St., 217-782-6450.

#### "Consider a Disappearance"

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

#### "Echo Life" Art Show

Sat., Feb. 17, 5-8pm and Sun., Feb. 18, 1-4pm. Featuring the works of Waxing Moon Whimsicals, Valkyrie Recover Art and Kristyn Yocius Slime Art. Music by Jeff Williams. On Sunday, the artists will discuss their processes and give demos. Slime Art. Visit the DIM Art House Facebook page for more info. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Road.

#### "Water, Sky, Stone, Clay" opening exhibit

Fri., Feb. 16, 6-9pm and Sat., Feb. 17, 6-9pm. Unique and innovative works by members, some of whom were inspired by the theme of water, sky, stone and clay. Live music by The Rodrigues-Sier Jazz Duo. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres served. [pharmacygallery.com](http://pharmacygallery.com). Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-741-8624.

### ■ Film & Television

#### Singin' in the Rain

Sat., Feb. 17, 4-7pm. First movie in the afternoon at Stella's. All ages welcome. Free admission. Popcorn, candy, soda, lemonade available. Call for more info. Free. Stella Coffee & Tea, 1135 W. Governor St., 262-622-3151.

#### Past Lives

Sun., Feb. 18, 1, 4pm and Tue., Feb. 20, 7pm. Childhood friends Nora and Hae Sung are wrestled apart after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea. Twenty years later, they are reunited as they confront notions of love and destiny. Part of the Molly Schlich Independent | International Film Series presented by the Springfield Art Association. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). \$10; students with ID \$5. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Dr., 217-523-2631.

### ■ History

#### Abraham Lincoln 215th Birthday Banquet





# Spring Guide

Coming Thursday, March 21, 2024

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## THE CALENDAR

Sat., Feb. 17, 6-9pm. Mark Lincoln's 215th birthday with this event. Historian Nigel Hamilton will deliver the keynote address, "Lincoln and Roosevelt: Two Wartime Commanders in Chief." The evening begins with registration and social hour at 6pm, followed by the banquet at 7pm. [abrahamlincolnassociation.org](http://abrahamlincolnassociation.org). \$95. President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center, 701 E. Adams, 217-544-8800.

**Amos Duncan's Dreamland Park**  
Sat., Feb. 17, 12-1pm. Historical presentation about Springfield's eastside Dreamland Park and its creator, Amos Duncan, an African American. Funded by a grant from Illinois Humanities. [lincolnlbrary.info](http://lincolnlbrary.info). Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

**Benjamin P. Thomas Memorial Symposium**  
Sat., Feb. 17, 9:30am-4pm. Take a deep dive into Abraham Lincoln and Civil War history with four leading historians. Speakers will be James H. Read at 10am, Gordon Leidner at 10:45am, Elizabeth Leonard at noon and George C. Rable at 1:15pm. Roundtable to follow at 2:15pm with moderator Michael Burlingame. Optional luncheon at 11:30am. [abrahamlincolnassociation.org](http://abrahamlincolnassociation.org). Free, optional \$45 lunch. President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center, 701 E. Adams, 217-544-8800.

**Discussion on British uniforms of WWI and WW2**  
Sat., Feb. 17, 2-3pm. Dr. Chris McDonald will lead an interactive discussion. Free. Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-761-3910.

**"Lincoln's Springfield" exhibit grand opening**  
Fri., Feb. 16, 11am. Ribbon-cutting ceremony, open house and grand opening. Event will be at Corneau House. Exhibit explores the stories of six members of the historic community whose life experiences illustrate the potential of the American experiment. [nps.gov/liho](http://nps.gov/liho). Follow link to register. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-391-3221.

**Sangamon County Historical Society**  
Tue., Feb. 20, 5:30-7pm. Mid-19th century neighbors of Benjamin Edwards will be discussed by Sarah Adams,

curator of Edwards Place. [sangamonhistory.org](http://sangamonhistory.org). Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-525-1961.

**Springfield's Immigrant Stories, Part 2**  
Thu., Feb. 15, 6-7:30pm. Second of a two-part panel discussion highlighting the history of immigration in the U.S., contributions made by diverse immigrant groups in Springfield as well as challenges faced. See the Facebook page for more info. Dove Conference Center, Prairie Heart Institute, 619 E. Mason St., 217-544-6464, ext. 44619.

### ■ Fundraisers and Galas

**Abe Lincoln Route 66 Chili Cook-off**  
Sat., Feb. 17, 12-4pm. NASCAR-themed cook-off with sampling from cooks far and wide. Proceeds benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children and Springfield Dyslexic Center. Competitors must be members of the International Chili Society. Includes cash bar, silent auction. \$10. Riverton Knights of Columbus, Riverton, 335 S. Fourth St., 217-341-1782.

**Joe DeFrates Memorial Regional Chili Cook-Off**  
Sun., Feb. 18, 11am. Love making and eating chili? Then you can't miss this annual event. Features all-you-can-eat "Chill Man" chili, hot dogs, competition samples, raffles and auction. All proceeds benefit Shriners Hospital for Children in St. Louis and the Children's Dyslexic Center in Springfield. <https://joedefrateschilicookoff.com>. \$10. Marian Banquet Hall, Riverton, 335 South 4th St., 217-697-1188, 217-793-7728.

**Mardi Gras Masquerade Gala Fundraiser**  
Sat., Feb. 17, 6pm. Cajun dinner, raffle, silent auction, cash bar and king and queen competitions. Hosted by the Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland. [agelinc.org](http://agelinc.org). \$60. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-787-9234.

**Refuge Ranch Pancake Breakfast**  
Sat., Feb. 17, 8-11am. Come eat pancakes and support Refuge Ranch, which helps empower at-risk youth, women and families using equine-assisted activities, mentoring, ranch life and a Christ-centered community. [refuge-ranch.org](http://refuge-ranch.org). \$10, children under 5 free. Cherry Hills Baptist Church,

2125 Woodside Road, 217-498-7679.

### ■ Nature, Science & Environment

**Third Thursday Program**  
Thu., Feb. 15, 6-7pm. "Illinois Audubon Sanctuaries: Preserving geological and cultural history," presented by Michael Wiant. Every parcel of land has a story to tell that ranges from contemporary efforts to restore/conserv habitat to its geological history. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-899-6150.

### ■ Lectures & Meetings

**Artificial Intelligence, Data Literacy and Society**  
Wed., Feb. 21 7:30pm. Dessa Gypalo, chief data officer for the state of Illinois, will explore issues on leadership in AI, data analytics and the importance of developing data literacy skills, along with how we can build a strong foundation of data allowing a more precise analysis and better understanding of policy impact on society. [uis.edu](http://uis.edu). Free. UIS Brookens Auditorium, One University Plaza, 217-206-6245.

### ■ Bulletin Board

**Beware of scams and fraud**  
Wed., Feb. 21, 12:15pm. Presented by Heather Calcara, community outreach specialist with the Illinois Attorney General. [ssoci.org](http://ssoci.org). Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

**SIU's Student-led Global Brigade program**  
Wed., Feb. 21, 7-8:30pm. Learn more about the work of the SIU School of Medicine's Global Health Interest group, a student-led organization whose mission is to serve those around the world who are in need. [mywacci.org](http://mywacci.org). Free. Illini Country Club, 1601 S. Illini Road, 217 502-6956.

**Starting Your Business In Illinois**  
Tues., Feb. 20, 11:30am-1:30pm. Learn how to start a business, about tools for business success and more by registering for this workshop. Free. Register on Eventbrite. [com.CAP1908SocialInnovationCenter](http://com.CAP1908SocialInnovationCenter), 1100 South Grand Ave. E., 217-753-3551 or email [lashonda@cisddc.com](mailto:lashonda@cisddc.com).



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SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
PLAINTIFF,  
-vs-  
Lawrence T. White a/k/a Lawrence Todd White;  
DEFENDANTS NO. 23 FC 107  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on August 16, 2023;  
Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 19, 2024 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.  
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Permanent Index No.: 14-25-0-401-018  
Improvements: Single Family Residential  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
PHH Mortgage Corporation  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Gregory A. Prichard; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2022FC000236  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/11/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 19, 2024 at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
PIN 14-23.0-329-009  
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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codillis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-08843.  
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of SANDRA DURNING BAUER, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
NO. 2024-PR-0054  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of SANDRA DURNING BAUER, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 6, 2024, to Elizabeth Bauer Peach and Gwendolyn Bauer Rudolph, Co-Executors, 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 Clerk, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representatives, or both, on or before August 20, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.  
Dated this 7th day of February, 2024.  
Dwight O'Keefe  
Brown, Hay & Stephens  
1000 US Bank Building  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 544-8491

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
SHIRLEY I. KIEFFER, DECEASED.  
NO. 2024-PR-58  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of SHIRLEY I. KIEFFER, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on February 8th, 2024, to DENIS KIEFFER (a/k/a Dennis Kieffer) and BRUCE KIEFFER of 10751 Cardinal Hill Rd., Pawnee, IL 62558 and 1711 Wiedman Rd., Cazenovia, IL 62712, as Independent Co-Executors. Their attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite D1, 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 Street, Springfield, Illinois or with the representatives, or both, within 6 months from the 15th day of February 2024 being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
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Dated this 8th day of February 2024  
DENIS KIEFFER and BRUCE KIEFFER, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of SHIRLEY I. KIEFFER, Deceased  
BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN W. CARTER, Deceased.  
Case No. 2024-PR-49  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of BENJAMIN W. CARTER, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 07, 2024, to Audrey Renea Lemar, 791 County Road 19., Mountain Home, AR 72653, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before August 08, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 07th day of February, 2024.  
Alex B. Rabin  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
KATHY CARUSO, Deceased.  
NO. 2024-PR-56  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Kathy Caruso of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 7, 2024 to Jeffrey Atterberry, 3212 Red Oak Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62712, 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 Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before August 14, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 7th day of February, 2024.  
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
[rsegatto@barberlaw.com](mailto:rsegatto@barberlaw.com)  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
MICHAEL JAMES GAITHER, Deceased.  
No. 2024PR000016  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of MICHAEL JAMES GAITHER.



Letters of Office were issued on January 18, 2024 to JOHN PATRICK GAITHER of 130 Woodcutter Lane, Palm Harbor, Florida, as Independent Administrator, whose attorneys are Sorling Northrup, Michael G. Horstman Jr., of Counsel, 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois 62701. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28 4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 15, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. DATED this 6th day of February, 2024. Attorneys for Independent Administrator: Sorling Northrup Michael G. Horstman Jr., of Counsel (6243141) 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544 1144 Fax: 217-522-3173 E-mail: [mghorstman@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:mghorstman@sorlinglaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ESTATE OF SANDRA B. HILST DECEASED Case No. 2024-PR-33 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is hereby given of the death of SANDRA B. HILST. Letters Testamentary were issued on February 1, 2024, appointing EDWARD B. BERGEN, 141 Maple Street, Crystal Lake, IL 60014, as Executor, whose attorney is Creighton R. Castle of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., 900 Community Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 525-1571. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Court, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated: February 1, 2024 Clerk of the Circuit Court 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 8051-939591

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

In the Matter of the Estate SHIRLEY L. TOZER, Deceased. IN PROBATE No. 2024-PR-000044 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Shirley L. Tozer, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 1, 2024, to Stuart W. Vost, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Harvey M. Stephens, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 15th day of July, 2024, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 1st day of February 1, 2024. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Harvey M. Stephens Registration No. 6198845 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Sara Knobloch, Deceased Case No. 2024-PR-000021 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Sara Knobloch. Letters of Office were issued on Jan. 30, 2024 to David Coplea as Executor, 35 DelMar, Springfield IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Executor, on or before, Aug. 8, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Rosemary A. Kellus, Deceased Case No. 2024-PR-000024 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Rosemary A. Kellus. Letters of Administration were issued on Jan. 31, 2024 to Linda Watts as Administrator, 943 N. Wheeler Ave., Springfield IL 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Administrator, on or before, Aug. 8, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

IN THE ESTATE OF: SHANEL WOMACK, Deceased. Case No.: 2023-PR-432 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS Notice is hereby given of the death of Shanel Womack. Letters of Office were issued. The name and address of the Administrator is William Gordon, 300 S. 14th St., Springfield, Illinois 62703. James Ackerman is counsel for the Administrator. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 4, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before August 4, 2024, is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 31st day of January 2024. William Gordon, Administrator, By: /s/ James W. Ackerman James W. Ackerman, Attorney for Administrator PREPARED BY: James W. Ackerman 06192795 ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE 2601 South Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1977 [jim@ackermanlawoffices.com](mailto:jim@ackermanlawoffices.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ESTATE OF: MARY S. McDERMOTT, Deceased. 2024-PR-41 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Mary S. McDermott. Letters of Administration were issued on January 31, 2024, to Eileen M. Pam, 15 Belhaven Dr., Springfield, IL 62704 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 8, 2024, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/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 contact your local Circuit Clerk's office. Dated this 31st day of January 2024 Dan E. Way #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC Attorney for Administrator 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: WILLIAM LOUIS HEINTZELMAN, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-26 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of William Louis Heintzelman of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued January 29, 2024, to Thomas L. Heintzelman, 823 Colorado Ct, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in

the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before August 5, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 29th day of January, 2024. Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 [bk@barberlaw.com](mailto:bk@barberlaw.com) 349493

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE ESTATE OF: RUTH ANNE WANKEL, Deceased. Case No.: 2024-PR-27 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS Notice is hereby given of the death of Ruth Anne Wankel. Letters of Office were issued. The name and address of the Administrator is Marcia Herter. James Ackerman is counsel for the Administrator. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 25, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before August 25, 2024, is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 26th day of January 2024. Marcia Herter, Administrator, By: /s/ James W. Ackerman

James W. Ackerman, Attorney for Administrator PREPARED BY: James W. Ackerman 06192795 ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE 2601 South Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1977 [jim@ackermanlawoffices.com](mailto:jim@ackermanlawoffices.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF AUDREY J. THOMPSON, Deceased. No. 2024-PR-14 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Audrey J. Thompson. Letters of Office were issued to Thomas L. Thompson, as Independent Executor, whose address is 6805 Ironwood Drive, Springfield, Illinois. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 1, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated: January 24, 2024 Attorneys for Independent Executor: Sorling Northrup Aaron D. Evans, Attorney (6305883) 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-522-3173 E-Mail: [adevans@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:adevans@sorlinglaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF CLIFTON R. BAXTER, Deceased. No. 2023-PR-479 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Clifton R. Baxter. Letters of Office were issued to Jan G. Baxter, as Independent Executor, whose address is 2104 Augusta Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with



the representative, or both, on or before August 1, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/> service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated: January 4, 2024  
Attorneys for Independent Executor:  
Sorling Northrup  
Aaron D. Evans, Attorney (6305883)  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P.O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-522-3173  
E-Mail: [adevans@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:adevans@sorlinglaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the estate of:  
Cleda Arlene Morrow, Deceased  
Case No. 2023-PR-000477  
Claim Notice  
Notice is given of the death of Cleda Arlene Morrow. Letters of Administration were issued on Jan. 11, 2024 to Bradley Eugene Morrow as Administrator, 330 W. Frick St., Macon, IL 62544. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Representative, on or before, Aug. 1, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

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

LUCY E. LADD, DECEASED.  
NO. 2024-PR-29  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of LUCY E. LADD, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on January 24, 2024, to STEVEN C. LADD of 1613 Chancelor Place, Chatham, IL 62629, whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite D1, 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 Street, Springfield, Illinois or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 1st day of February, 2024, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
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STEVEN C. LADD, Executor of the Estate of LUCY E. LADD, Deceased  
BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney  
Attorneys for Estate:  
Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney  
IARDC No. 6277358  
DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
2160 S. Sixth St., Ste. D-1  
Springfield, IL 62703  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
BARBARA K. ELDRIDGE, DECEASED  
Case #2024-PR-23  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of BARBARA K. ELDRIDGE. Letters of Office have been issued to FREDERICK KOCHER, 208 Bristol Road, Chatham, IL 62629, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 5, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 23rd day of January, 2024.  
William P. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
KAREN MARIE MOLLETT, DECEASED  
Case #2024-PR-25

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
EDWARD SAVORGINO, JR., Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2024-PR-15  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of EDWARD SAVORGINO, JR., deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 24, 2024, to William K. Miller, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 31st day of July 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it

has been filed.  
Dated this 24th day of January, 2024.  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Hugh F. Drake  
(Registration No. 6269666)  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
(217) 544-8491  
[hdrake@bhslaw.com](mailto:hdrake@bhslaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:  
TO ADOPT  
BELLA ROSE JACKS, a minor,  
v.  
THOMAS JACKS and ALL UNKNOWN, FATHERS,  
Respondents.  
Case No. 23-AD-90  
ADOPTION NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, THOMAS JACKS and ALL UNKNOW FATHERS, that a Petition for Adoption (which includes a Prayer for the TERMINATION OF THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THOMAS JACKS and ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS) has been filed against you The Petitioners seek an order terminating your parental rights and leave to adopt the minor child, BELLA ROSE JACKS, and any other relief the Court deems appropriate.  
UNLESS you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Complex, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 25th day of March, 2024, an order or decree by default may be entered against you for the relief in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.  
Dated: February 8, 2024  
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch  
Joseph B. Roesch, Circuit Clerk  
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP  
Roland R. Cross  
Registration No. 6274757  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
(217) 544-8491  
[rcross@bhslaw.com](mailto:rcross@bhslaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Dakota James Londo  
For change of name to  
Corynn Casey Londo  
Case No. 2024MR000048  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 26, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Dakota James Londo to Corynn Casey Londo pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Feb. 15, 2024

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Laia Storm Ettress  
For change of name to  
Alaia Storm Ettress  
Case No. 2023MR000388  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Laia Storm Ettress to Alaia Storm Ettress pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Feb. 1, 2024

## Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS,  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC.,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF  
NITA JANE BLUE; CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; TRAVON BLUE; VONCELLE BLUE; FATIMA BLUE; WILLIAM L. BLUE; REGINALD C. BLUE; ANGELICA BLUE, Defendants,  
Case No. 2023FC000202  
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Nita Jane Blue, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Travon Blue, Fatima Blue, William L. Blue, Reginald C. Blue, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:  
Lot 55 and the South Half of Lot 54 of Spaulding's East Monroe Heights a Subdivision of the West three-quarters of the East Half of the Northeast 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.  
225 White City Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62703  
14-35.0-232-022  
Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Nita Jane Blue, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Travon Blue, Fatima Blue, William L. Blue, Reginald C. Blue, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on or before April 8, 2024, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.  
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an 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 contact the Clerk of this Court.  
Jenna M. Rogers (6308109)  
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago,

IL 60601  
Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613  
Email: [sef-JMRogers@manleydeas.com](mailto:sef-JMRogers@manleydeas.com)  
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
File Number: 23-008512  
I3238174

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
PLAINTIFF,  
-vs-  
Lawrence T. White a/k/a Lawrence Todd White;  
DEFENDANTS  
NO. 23 FC 107  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on August 16, 2023; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 19, 2024 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:  
THE SOUTH 310 FEET OF THE WEST 48 FEET OF LOT 10 IN WANLESS' BERGEN PARK ADDITION.  
EXCEPTING ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT, WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME.  
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Commonly known as 3229 East Enos Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702  
Permanent Index No.: 14-25.0-401-018  
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 \$40,989.18. 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](mailto:ILNOTICES@logs.com)  
(847) 291-1717  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301  
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(847) 291-1717  
[ILNOTICES@logs.com](mailto:ILNOTICES@logs.com) Randal S. Berg



(6277119)  
Michael N. Burke (6291435)  
Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452)  
Laura J. Anderson (6224385)  
Mallory Snyderman (6306039)  
Thomas Belczak (6193705)  
Debra Miller (6205477)  
Amy Aronson (6206512)  
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 BANK-  
RUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN  
REMY 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.  
8051-939730

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR SANGAMON  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION  
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JENNY M. WYZARD; SECRETARY OF  
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;  
ACUITY, A MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
Case No.: 2024FC000008  
Property Address:  
608 N 3RD ST, RIVERTON, IL 62561  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOL-  
LOWING,  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS  
defendants, that this case has been  
commenced in this Court against you and  
other defendants, asking for the foreclo-  
sure of a certain Mortgage conveying the  
premises described as follows, to wit:  
THE SOUTH 50 FEET OF LOT 24 IN THE  
SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF  
THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION  
9, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST  
OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,  
REFERENCE BEING HAD TO THE PLAT  
OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN  
SANGAMON COUNTY, DEED RECORD 56,  
PAGE 640.  
Commonly known as: 608 N 3RD ST,  
RIVERTON, IL 62561  
Names of the titleholders of record: JENNY  
M. WYZARD.  
Date of the Mortgage: March 24, 2015.  
Name or names of the mortgagors: JENNY  
M. WYZARD.  
Name of the mortgagee: TOWN AND  
COUNTRY BANK, BANKING CORPORATION.  
Date and place of recording: March 25,  
2015; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds  
of Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Identification of recording: Document No.  
2015R07302.  
NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your  
answer or otherwise file your appearance  
in this case, on or before March 11, 2024,  
A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT  
MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE  
RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.  
E-filing is now mandatory with limited  
exceptions. To e-file, you must first cre-  
ate an account with an e-filing service  
provider. Visit [http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/](http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm)  
service-providers.htm to learn more and  
to select a service provider. If you need  
additional help or have trouble e-filing,  
visit <http://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or  
talk with your local circuit clerk's office.  
If you cannot e-file, you may be able to  
get an exemption that allows you to file  
in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit  
clerk for more information or visit [www.](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org)

[illinoislegalaid.org](http://illinoislegalaid.org). For information about  
defending yourself in a court case (includ-  
ing filing an appearance or fee waiver),  
or to apply for free legal help, go to [www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org). You can also ask your  
local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver  
application.  
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-  
TION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S  
ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT  
COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT  
A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE  
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Lender Legal PLLC  
1800 Pembrook Drive, Suite 250  
Orlando, Florida 32810  
Tel: (407) 730-4644  
Service Emails:  
[cwinters@lenderlegal.com](mailto:cwinters@lenderlegal.com)  
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LLS11970-IL - WYZARD  
\_s/ Colin Winters, Esq.\_\_\_\_  
Colin Winters, Esq.  
Counsel of Record for Plaintiff  
ARDC # 6297980  
I3237773

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Rita Stepp; Unknown Owners and Nonre-  
cord Claimants  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2023FC000204  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:  
Rita Stepp  
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claim-  
ants  
That this case has been commenced in  
this Court against you and other defen-  
dants, praying for the foreclosure of a  
certain Mortgage conveying the premises  
described as follows, to-wit:  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
814 W Edwards St  
Springfield, IL 62704  
and which said Mortgage was made by:  
Rita Stepp  
the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic  
Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee,  
as nominee for Guaranteed Rate, Inc.,  
as Mortgagee, and recorded in the  
Office of the Recorder of Deeds of  
Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document  
No. 2022R07320; and for other relief; that  
summons was duly issued out of said  
Court against you as provided by law and  
that the said suit is now pending.  
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your  
answer or otherwise file your appearance  
in this case in the Office of the Clerk of  
this Court,  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sangamon County Courthouse  
200 South Ninth Street, Room 405  
Springfield, IL 62701  
on or before March 11, 2024, A DEFAULT  
MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY  
TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT  
MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.  
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527  
(630) 794-5300  
DuPage # 15170  
Winnebago # 531  
Our File No. 14-23-07218  
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.  
I3237667

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
PLAINTIFF,  
v.  
ESTHER V. DEGROOT; CYNTINA WARD;  
REBECCA JURGENS; UNKNOWN HEIRS  
AND LEGATEES OF RANDY DEGROOT;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS;  
DEFENDANTS.  
CASE NO.: 2023FC000227  
PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
819 N DANIEL AVE  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
The requisite affidavit for publication  
having been filed, notice is hereby given  
to you:  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF  
RANDY DEGROOT  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS  
that Plaintiff commenced this case in  
the Circuit Court of Sangamon County  
against you and other defendants, for  
foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien  
recorded against the real estate described  
as follows:  
LOT 433 SPAULDING'S CAPITAL PARK AD-  
DITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, IL-  
LINOIS, TOGETHER WITH ALL EASEMENTS  
AND APPURTENANCES IN FAVOR OF SAID  
ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY.  
Common Address: 819 N DANIEL AVE  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
PIN: 14-25.0-157-018  
Said mortgage was executed by RANDY  
E. DEGROOT AND ESTHER DEGROOT, as  
mortgagor(s) and U.S. BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION, as mortgagee, on 8/9/2021  
and recorded in the Office of the Recorder  
of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as  
Document Number 2021R32589.  
You have been sued. Read all documents  
attached to this Summons. To participate  
in the case, you MUST file an official  
document with the court within the  
time stated on this Summons called an  
"Appearance" and a document called an  
"Answer/Response". The Answer/  
Response is not required in small claims  
or eviction cases unless ordered by the  
court. If you do not file an Appearance  
and Answer/Response on time, the court  
my decide the case without hearing from  
you, and you could be held in default and  
lose the case.  
After you fill out the necessary docu-  
ments, you need to electronically file (e-  
file) them with the court. To e-file, you  
must create an account with an e-filing  
service provider. For more information, go  
to [ilcourts.info/efiling](http://ilcourts.info/efiling). If you cannot e-file,  
you can get an exemption that allows you  
to file in-person or by mail.  
You may be charged filing fees, but if  
you cannot pay them, you can file an Ap-  
plication for Waiver of Court Fees.  
It is possible that the court will allow  
you to attend the first court date in this  
case in-person or remotely by video or  
phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's  
office or visit the Court's website to find  
out whether this is possible and, if so,  
how to do this.  
Need help? Call or text Illinois Court  
Help at 833-411-1121 or go to [ilcourthelp.gov](http://ilcourthelp.gov) for information about going  
to court, including how to fill our and  
file documents. You can also get free  
legal information and legal referrals at  
[illinoislegalaid.org](http://illinoislegalaid.org). All documents referred  
to in this Summons can be found at  
[ilcourts.info/forms](http://ilcourts.info/forms). Other documents may  
be available from your local Circuit Court  
Clerk's office or website.  
¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un  
mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al  
833-411-1121, o visite [ilcourthelp.gov](http://ilcourthelp.gov)  
para obtener información sobre los casos

de la corte y cómo completar y presentar  
formularios.  
Unless you file your Appearance and  
Answer/Response in this case in the office  
of the clerk of this court by 3/4/2024  
A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR  
DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED  
AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR  
IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.  
David Mazzella  
6344319  
Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane &  
Partners, PLLC  
205 N. Michigan Suite 810  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: (561) 241-6901  
E-mail: [llmail@raslg.com](mailto:llmail@raslg.com)  
File: 23-162488  
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT  
COLLECTOR.  
8051-939389

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
PHH Mortgage Corporation  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Gregory A. Prichard; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2022FC000236  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL  
ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale entered in the above cause on  
10/11/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon  
County, Illinois will on March 19, 2024  
at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th  
Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place  
otherwise designated at the time of sale,  
County of Sangamon and State of Illinois,  
sell at public auction to the highest bidder  
for cash, as set forth below, the following  
described real estate:  
THE EAST SIX (6) FEET OF LOT SIXTY-  
ONE (61); ALL OF LOT SIXTY-TWO (62)  
AND THE WEST FOUR (4) FEET OF LOT  
SIXTY THREE (63) OF FRED W. WANLESS'  
NORTHWOOD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF  
SPRINGFIELD, A SUBDIVISION OF PART  
OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE  
SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION  
TWENTY THREE (23), TOWNSHIP SIXTEEN  
(16) NORTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE  
THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.  
EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER 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.  
PIN 14-23.0-329-009  
Improved with Residential  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
1932 East Black Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62702  
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest  
bid by certified funds at the close of  
the auction; The balance, including  
the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned  
Residential Property Municipality Relief  
Fund, which is calculated at the rate of  
\$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of  
the amount paid by the purchaser not to  
exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due  
within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject  
property is subject to general real estate  
taxes, special assessments, or special  
taxes levied against said real estate and is  
offered for sale without any representa-  
tion as to quality or quantity of title and  
without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"  
condition. The sale is further subject to  
confirmation by the court.  
If the property is a condominium and the  
foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007,  
purchasers other than the mortgagees will

be required to pay any assessment and  
legal fees due under The Condominium  
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and  
(g)(4).  
If the property is located in a common  
interest community, purchasers other  
than mortgagees will be required to pay  
any assessment and legal fees due under  
the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS  
605/18.5(g-1).  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the  
Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled  
only to a return of the deposit paid. The  
Purchaser shall have no further recourse  
against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or  
the Mortgagee's attorney.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid,  
the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of  
Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a  
Deed to the real estate after Confirmation  
of the sale. The successful purchaser has  
the sole responsibility/expense of evicting  
any tenants or other individuals presently  
in possession of the subject premises.  
The property will NOT be open for inspec-  
tion and Plaintiff makes no representation  
as to the condition of the property. Pro-  
spective bidders are admonished to check  
the Court file to verify all information.  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-  
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS  
AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-  
SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information: Examine the court file  
or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis &  
Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage  
Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527,  
(630) 794-9876. Please refer to file  
number 14-22-08843.  
I3237457

"THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A  
DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION  
OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT  
PURPOSE"  
42463  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Nationstar Mortgage LLC;  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Erick Gudgel a/k/a Erick W. Gudgel;  
Unknown Owners and Non Record  
Claimants;  
Defendants.  
Case No. 23 FC 143  
Judge Presiding  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
The requisite affidavit for publication  
having been filed, notice is hereby given  
to you:  
-Erick Gudgel a/k/a Erick W. Gudgel  
-Unknown Owners and Non Record  
Claimants  
that Plaintiff has commenced this case  
in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County  
against you and other defendants, for  
foreclosure of a certain Mortgage lien  
recorded against the premises described  
as follows:  
PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTH-  
EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWN-  
SHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE  
THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AS  
FOLLOWS, TO -WIT:  
BEGINNING AT A POINT 20.91 3/4 CHAINS  
SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF  
SAID SECTION; THENCE RUNNING WEST  
PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF  
SAID SECTION, 5 CHAINS; THENCE SOUTH  
PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID  
SECTION 1.25 CHAINS; THENCE EAST  
PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID  
SECTION, 5 CHAINS; THENCE NORTH 1.25  
CHAINS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.  
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL,

GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING  
THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETO-  
FORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR  
CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND  
EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF  
SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINER-  
ALS, IF ANY.  
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS.  
C/K/A: 345 North Walnut Street, Rochester,  
IL 62563  
PIN: 23-16.0-226-016  
said Mortgage was given by Erick Gudgel  
a/k/a Erick W. Gudgel, Mortgagor(s), to  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,  
Inc., acting solely as nominee for Synergy  
One Lending, Inc. dba Mutual of Omaha  
Mortgage, Mortgagee, and recorded in  
the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of  
Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document  
No. 2019R07174.  
E-Filing is now mandatory for documents  
in civil cases with limited exemptions. To  
e-file, you must first create an account  
with an e-filing service provider. Visit  
[https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-](https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm)  
providers.htm to learn more and to select  
a service provider. If you need additional  
help or have trouble e-filing, visit [http://](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp)  
[www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp),  
or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.  
UNLESS YOU file your appearance or  
otherwise file your answer in this case  
in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of  
Sangamon County, Sangamon County  
Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street,  
Springfield IL 62701 on or before March 4,  
2024, A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR  
DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED  
AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR  
IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.  
Russell C. Wirbicki (6186310)  
Christopher J. Irk (6300084)  
Cory J. Harris (6319221)  
Tracey M. Coons (6311050)  
The Wirbicki Law Group LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Phone: 312-360-9455  
W23-0286  
[pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com](mailto:pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com)  
I3237241

Capitol Storage LLC  
818 S Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-522-0300  
Sale 2/24/2024  
Great Northern Drive  
#327 Christopher Wyler  
#231 Somer Baylark  
Dirksen  
#93 & 171 Angelica Estes  
#176 Rae Ann Martin  
#94 Rachel Smith  
#193 Ashley Watkins  
#112 & 211 Sharon Malone  
#160 Megan Peddycoart  
Taintor Road  
HH24 & OS11, Richard Gregory  
To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-  
522-0300. Private Sale will be February  
24, 2024 at 9AM. The sale will begin at  
Dirksen Parkway Location. Please call to  
verify start location before sale.

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDI-  
CIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF LYDIA DUBREY, MINOR  
CHILD  
No. 2023-GR-245  
To: Alicia Dubrey and Unknown fathers at  
addresses unknown: Please be notified  
that Joseph Smith has filed a Petition for  
Guardianship of Lydia Dubrey, minor child.  
You are required to answer said Petition  
By March 11, 2024 or be defaulted by the



Court thereafter.

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facilities gives notice of the sale under said act; Friday the 23rd day of February, 2024 at 11:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Self Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Wilesha Parker 67. Joshua Bridges 862. Steven Livingston jr 625/588. Frhetas bosange 254. April Fulton 355. Alicia Barton 674. Juan Cortez 770. Christopher Gentry 844. Ransha Taylor 272. Brandon Mccaddon 672. heaven sandidge 519A. Brandon Mccaddon 827. HOWARD MOFFITT 234. Heaven Sandidge 823. Destiny Shaw 512. Nicole Thompson P16. Teresa Houston 14. Stephen Bynum 211. Derek James 826. april valtille 3. kristopher vincent 121. Ashley Verry 447/448. Henry Gayton 363. Brad Langley 236. Eva Hook 235. Phantayesia King 842. Coady Vanmeter 816. Kevin Sullivan 179. Isabella Fisher 206. Coady Vanmeter P17. Mary Chepulis P14. Joslyn Ellis 224. LaToya Williams 347. Nate Clemmer P76. Henry Gayton 362. Cory Williams 489. Phillip Campbell 63. Robert Sauter 151. Joshua Myers 169. Gregory Blankenship 477. Nick Mably 438. Nick Mably 312. Nancy Holshouser 60/75. Nancy Holshouser 426. Zachary Huocher 59/76; 10 Federal Self Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Travon Fairlee A7. Ashley Eller A79. Sanotta Mitchell A113. Keanna Reese A42. Monique Sanders B238. Malorie Elliott A108. MaKayla Metzger A112. Kyle Cline B169. Danielle McCoy A91. melisa miller A72. Miranda Bell B220. Kiana Goldson A8. Shaun Stark A1. Deanne Miller A58. Justin Liss B141. Tamia Byrd A98. Beverly Peters A21. Beverly Peters B175. Ronald (Rick) Lufkin A31. Ronald (Rick) Lufkin A45; 10 Federal Self Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Bridget Harden 162C. martina tribbet 205D. Marlon Williams 257E. tyiesha jackson 103B. Alicia Davis 290e. Joseph Myers 240E. Joseph Myers 241E/286E. Alexis Lay 107B. Aaron Grover 115B; 10 Federal Self Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Darin Huckabee 129. Cassandra Smith E292/E327. Demetriz Hopson 100. Belinda Le 98. Brian Johnson E304. Terri Nelson F366/F471. Brian Johnson E303. Brian Johnson E302. Justin Smith F407/F420. Belinda Le 69. Belinda Le E298. Lea Beach 189. Justin Smith 202/254. Ginger Danenberger 20. Marshawn Higins 127. Dave Lott 15. Sue Beach 122. Fatina Rice 66. Sue Beach 124. Jason Pittman 2. Jeff Kunz E354/265. Gary Graham E275

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Morton Community Bank, Plaintiff, Vs. Keith Brodhacker, et. al. Defendants. No. 2023-FC-209 NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KATHLEEN J. BRODHACKER (a/k/a KATHLEEN J. BOYD): Notice is given of the death of Kathleen Brodhacker (a/k/a Kathleen J. Boyd). The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as

Special Representative for Kathleen J. Brodhacker (a/k/a Kathleen J. Boyd), deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 3607 Lancaster Rd., Springfield, Illinois 62703. The address of the Special Representative is Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers. htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. /s/ Dan E. Way Special Representative for Kathleen J. Brodhacker, (a/k/a Kathleen J. Boyd), deceased. Dan E. Way, #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Ph.: (217) 525-7003 dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff, Vs. TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$2,654.00) USC Ladell Holt No. 23-MX-1090 23-AF-109 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on October 23rd , 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW. Joe Roesch Clerk of Court J.W. Pierceall Assistant State's Attorney 200 S. 9th Street, Room 402 Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 753-6690 Sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.gov

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

County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold 11/12/2021 Certificate No. 141-403-2 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number: Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Installment No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 902 South 14th Street, Springfield, IL 62703 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-34.0-436-001 This Notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/17/2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subse-quentially accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This Notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/17/2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Springfield, IL 62701, on 8/19/2024 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/17/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, IL 62701. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK Address: 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-6700 NR DEED, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 1/18/2024 8051-939278

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

CASE NO. 2023TX000204 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: ASHLEY SEWARD, WILLIAM GROVES, BAILEY GROVES, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 721 N 4TH ST, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 14-27.0-159-009 On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois,

the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-373-1. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. VOYAGEUR HOLDINGS LLC PETITIONER 8051-939067

CASE NO. 2023TX000203 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: CLARRISSA HUPP, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 2213 STOKEBRIDGE RD, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 14-23.0-255-004 On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-362-5. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. SAFIRE HOLDINGS, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939066

CASE NO. 2023TX000202 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: 3208-3210 BRECKENRIDGE LLC, 3208-3210 BRECKENRIDGE LLC A DIS-SOLVED IL CORP C/O IL SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES DEPT, CINDY KRUEGER, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 3210 BRECKENRIDGE DR, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 22-18.0-279-008 On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-448-1. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. ROCKCREEK, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939065

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

WRIGHT DR, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 14-31.0-227-019 On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-391-7. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. ROCKCREEK, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939064

CASE NO. 2023TX000200 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: LAWRENCE SEELBACH, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 20 LAKEWIND DR, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 22-28.0-228-003 On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-12-6. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. ROCKCREEK, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939063

CASE NO. 2023TX000199 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: TRAVIS BRAZZEL JR, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 1716 S DOUGLAS AVE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 22-05.0-277-006 On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-442-7. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. PRAIRIE LOCK, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939062

CASE NO. 2023TX000198 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: VICKY MCGUAR AKA VICKI L MCGUAR, UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/OR DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF CAROL MCGUAR, FRED MALCOM, SPOUSE OF FRED MALCOM, NICHOLAS BURTON, JAMES DAVIS, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD C/O CITY CLERK, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND

UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 1933 S 2ND ST, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 22-04.0-278-030 On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-440-1. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. PRAIRIE LOCK, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939061

CASE NO. 2023TX000197 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: VELL'S PROPERTY, INC, VELL'S PROPERTY, INC C/O REG AGENT COREY WICK-ERSHAM, CHERYL LACY, MELISSA PETERS, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD C/O CITY CLERK, OCCUPANT 814 ENTERPRISE ST, OCCUPANT 816 ENTERPRISE ST, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 814-816 ENTERPRISE ST, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 14-27.0-251-013 On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-376-5. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. PRAIRIE LOCK, LLC PETITIONER 8051-939060

CASE NO. 2023TX000196 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE TO: SCOTT QUEDNOW, SONYA QUEDNOW, ABBY BITNER, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 1807 S GLENWOOD AVE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 22-04.0-152-045 On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-437-3. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024. OLD SCHOOL INVESTMENTS LLC PETITIONER 8051-939059

CASE NO. 2023TX000195 FILED December 14, 2023 TAKE NOTICE

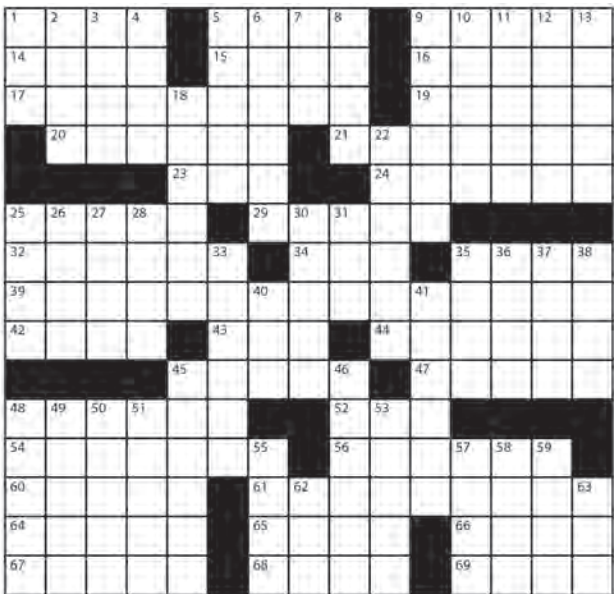


A sign

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 828

Across

1. Volvo rival  
5. Baseball's Hersher  
9. Reef material  
14. \_\_\_ Vista  
15. Irene of "Fame"  
16. "La Bohème," e.g.  
17. Kind of contest  
19. Support person  
20. Bad looks  
21. Bringing in  
23. Itsy-bitsy  
24. Comfortable with  
25. Figure skater Cohen  
29. Caravan maker  
32. Daniel of Nicaragua  
34. Debtor's note  
35. "\_\_\_ Karenina"  
39. Stepped in for another  
42. Each  
43. .0000001 joule  
44. English assignments  
45. "\_\_\_ the Beat" (Go-Go's hit)  
47. Beautify  
48. Certain fir  
52. Inquire  
54. Common parental "explanation"  
56. Clippers  
60. French pen filler  
61. No end of 17-across, No end of 39-across, \_\_\_  
64. Critic  
65. Bleacher feature



66. And others: Abbr.  
67. Spooks  
68. Earthen pot  
69. \_\_\_ Club  
Down  
1. Cut through  
2. Brews  
3. Env. notation  
4. Diminish  
5. Autumn color  
6. Brought up  
7. "To \_\_\_ is human ..."  
8. Overdue  
9. Not polished  
10. Express a thought  
11. Made over  
12. "You \_\_\_ kidding!"  
13. Florida's Key \_\_\_  
18. Waste  
22. Majestic  
25. Comfy spot  
26. Give \_\_\_ (care)  
27. WWII battle site  
28. "S.O.S.!"  
30. Rock ensemble \_\_\_  
31. Buck's mate  
33. Revokes, as a legacy, at law  
35. Expressed wonder  
36. Pitcher Hideo  
37. Not e'en once  
38. PGA part  
40. Dot follower  
41. Salt dispenser  
45. Fishing gear  
46. Mortarboard attachment  
48. Coffin stands ("Easy!")  
49. "It's \_\_\_!"  
50. Milk: Prefix  
51. Yes or no follower  
53. He-Man's twin sister  
55. "I'm \_\_\_ you!"  
57. 1st and 2nd in N.Y.C.  
58. Actress Hayworth  
59. Ponzi scheme, e.g.  
62. Black gold  
63. 1997 U.S. Open champ

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #827



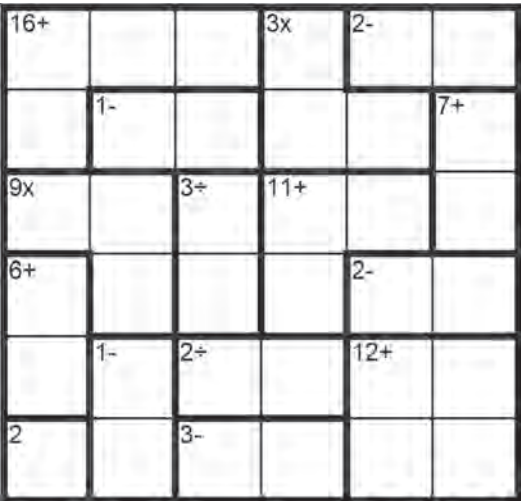
Sudoku answers from #827



JoshJosh answers from #827

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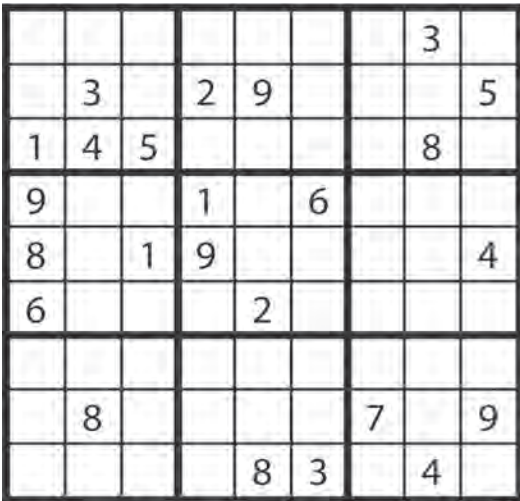
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty medium

Sudoku No. 828

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



Difficulty hard

TO: AARON GRAVES, LISA MENNER, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL KWAME RAOUL, ILLINOIS DEPT OF REVENUE C/O DIRECTOR DAVID HARRIS, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS  
This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 524 S PARK, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
Property Index Number: 14-32.0-277-006  
On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-393-5. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024.  
OLD SCHOOL INVESTMENTS LLC PETITIONER  
8051-939058

CASE NO. 2023TX000194  
FILED December 14, 2023  
TAKE NOTICE  
TO: JOYCE GREGORY, BRIANNA NOLTING, JOSHUA GREGORY, MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS  
This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 10582 MAIN ST, LOWDER, ILLINOIS  
Property Index Number: 33-26.0-132-012  
On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-69-2. The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024.  
OLD SCHOOL INVESTMENTS LLC PETITIONER  
8051-939057

CASE NO. 2023TX000193  
FILED December 14, 2023  
TAKE NOTICE  
TO: ALEX WATSON, MICHAEL SLAVE, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD C/O CITY CLERK, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS  
This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 2920 S STATE ST, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
Property Index Number: 22-09.0-152-008  
On July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM, in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th Street, Courtroom 5D, Springfield, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 12, 2021, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020. Certificate No. 141-4-7.

The period of redemption will expire on June 12, 2024.  
DOLomite ENTERPRISES, LLC PETITIONER  
8051-939056

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

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