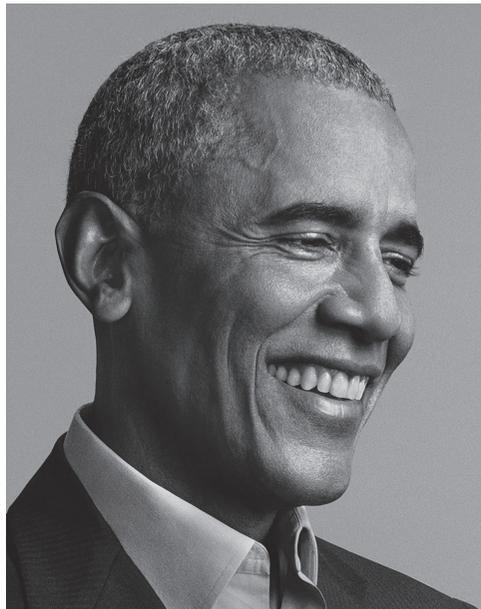




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# Neither snow nor rain nor heat

Greg Weickart delivers

UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

The courtship was prolonged.

White, male and lacking military experience, Greg Weickart wasn't a priority for the postal service – it took nine years before he got an offer after applying in 1975. He said no. At the time, he was selling shoes in Wisconsin. He also recalls life as a purchasing agent and working at loading docks. "I didn't realize that being a letter carrier was my dream job," he says as he totes his satchel in 12-degree temperatures, eschewing the right glove because he uses that hand a lot.

Years later, the postal service called again. This time, Weickart said yes. He started out sorting mail in Chicago and ended up here. Last Friday was his final day of delivering to 746 addresses in the Fairview neighborhood, where he's been a regular in a place he doesn't live for 20 years. It's one of the longest walking routes in town, about 15 miles trudging each day, Weickart figures, based on what a route evaluator once determined. Takes seven hours, more or less. He's gained five pounds since high school.

At 62, knees are giving out. Rather than retire, Weickart is taking a route in Indian Hills, where he'll make most deliveries via van instead of door to door.

His beard is seasonal: What insulates the chin in February is gone come summer, when there is no solution to 110-degree heat indexes. This is why Weickart cherishes folks who freeze bottles of water, just long enough to create slush, and have them ready when he arrives. "I'm going to miss you, Bob – I probably owe you five cases of Gatorade," he tells someone who always came through. During winter, the kind shovel paths across snowy yards where they know he'll tread. Not everyone is kind.

"Don't walk on that lawn," Weickart warns as he sticks to sidewalks while delivering



After two decades delivering mail in Fairview, Greg Weickart is moving to a new route.  
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letters at a house with "No Trespassing" signs. The occupant, he says, once reported him for stealing mail: She'd seen him deliver letters, then come back and take them. "Let's put it this way: For awhile, her nickname was Psycho Bitch," he says. "You meet all kinds on this job." A cop recently threatened him with a parking ticket and noted that his postal service van lacked a license plate. It took nearly 30 years for that to happen, he says.

There is plenty of time for thinking in Weickart's line of work, and he uses some of it to compose limericks:

*Knee pain has passed my barrier*

*To be your letter carrier  
What's more painful to me  
Is to say I can't be  
The mailman for the Fairview area*

"Hold on, I've still got your Christmas card," a woman in her 80s says upon learning that tomorrow will be Weickart's last day on her street. She disappears for a moment, then comes out with an envelope. "Merry Christmas!" she tells him. "Merry Valentine's Day!" Weickart replies. The woman's husband, a tall fellow, died a few years ago. She's short and has trouble reaching. Weickart tucks letters so that the ends stick out from the mailbox, within plucking range.

"I'm really going to miss you," says the woman, who's shy about her name being in the paper. She's not Weickart's only fan.

"He's spoiled us," declares Leona Beja, who's lived in the neighborhood for 45 years. "He has our mail here between 10:30 and 11 every day. He's fast, isn't he? We're going to miss him."

Weickart knows how cool it is to find a California Raisin figurine on a sidewalk, give it to a little girl a few blocks later and from then on watch her dance and sing "I Heard It Through The Grapevine" whenever she saw him. Before delivering in Fairview, he called police after returning from vacation to find mail accumulated at the home of a woman who lived alone in Enos Park. She'd fallen and broken a hip, but came out fine. He recalls five dog bites.

Four of them were yip dogs, the small, sneaky sort that nip heels, then skedaddle. The outlier bit his foot, then went higher. "I basically ended up sitting on top of him, putting him in a headlock and choking that SOB until he gave up," Weickart says. He quit early that day to get a tetanus shot. Pepper spray is a last resort – do that once and a dog forever afterward will go after letter carriers. A good kick works best.

Weickart knows names and traits as well as he knows how much their owners shop online – Phoenix barks big from behind a fence but is mostly bluster; Butch, who eyes him through a window, has been an issue. People, though, are most important.

"I've established so many friendships," Weickart says. "I can supply a service that nobody else can." □

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## Good foreign policy is good domestic policy, and vice-versa

GUESTWORK | Lee H. Hamilton

There was an interesting moment in Washington at the end of January, on Antony Blinken's first full day as secretary of state. Meeting with the press corps that covers the State Department, he called an independent press "a cornerstone of our democracy," and told the assembled reporters, "You keep the American people and the world informed about what we do here. That's key to our mission."

I have no doubt that there will be plenty of tense moments between Blinken and the journalists who cover U.S. foreign policy. But Blinken's comment – meant to signal a change from the hostile relationship that developed under the previous administration – underscored a key facet of American diplomacy: what happens at home affects our posture and capabilities abroad. Just as important, how we conduct ourselves abroad says a great deal about who we are at home.

One way to think about this is to imagine a foreign policy that puts us at the forefront of curbing human rights abuses around the world or that makes certain that in cases of major natural disasters, the U.S. leads the way in providing disaster relief. These actions send messages about who we are as a nation – and as the American people – that resonate with ordinary people the world over, even if foreign regimes sometimes resent them.

Boiled down, we ought not to apologize for trying to do the right thing as a country. If we can be a factor for improvement and a force for good in the world, that will have profound consequences for the way the world looks at us and the way we look at ourselves. Trying to do good in the world is good foreign policy, and I would argue makes us stronger and safer at home.

But you can see the issue. We are only as strong abroad as we are at home. A nation incapable

### Editor's note

This week marks the semi-retirement of *Illinois Times* business manager Brenda Matheis, who has held that position for the past 18 years. Brenda has done a little bit of everything around here to keep us organized and the bills paid, while managing our print circulation and human resources. We're happy she'll continue part time, handling books and billing. To say thank you our staff had a surprise Zoom-Bye-Ya gathering. It deteriorated into giggles after too many technical glitches, which included Brenda's phone echoing. Leaving her position, she said, is bittersweet, bittersweet, bittersweet. –Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO.

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## OPINION

# Virtual meetings, term limits among rule changes

POLITICS | Rich Miller

While the House Republicans made some decent points last week when arguing against the chamber's new rules, they all but dismissed some pretty darned historic changes.

For years, decades even, the House Republicans have argued for leadership term limits. House Speaker Michael Madigan rebuffed them at every single turn. Heck, Madigan retaliated against members of his own party who dared broach the subject.

Remember in 2018 when labor union leaders loyal to Madigan revolted against then-Senate President John Cullerton when he aired TV ads for four suburban candidates who argued for leader term limits, including limits on the House Speaker? Cullerton was threatened so strongly with financial retribution that he had to pull down the ads and agree not to ever do that again.

The Senate Democrats have been all but completely shut out of the significant postage discount provided by Madigan's Democratic Party of Illinois the last couple of election cycles because their mailers often referenced their candidates' support for leader term limits (without even mentioning Madigan). That DPI rebuke has cost the SDems a small fortune.

The new rule for leader term limits is, therefore, big. And, yes, a chamber's rules can be fairly easily changed, but it's a start and a constitutional change couldn't take effect until 2023 at the earliest anyway.

The new rules also mean House committees will be allowed to meet virtually as long as the House isn't in session. That's a good step during the pandemic, but I'm not sure it's something they should be doing after this nightmare is finally over.

The Republicans have demanded a rule requiring up or down committee votes on all bills. Rep. Avery Bourne (R-Morrisonville) made a hypothetical argument during debate that a bill could be co-sponsored by every member of a committee and still not get a vote. But such a thing is unheard of in the real world. And if a bill did reach even close to such a milestone and didn't get a hearing, it would likely be because the co-sponsors only signed on for a press pop and had no intention of ever moving it.

The demand is also a clear and open invitation to parliamentary mischief. Republicans could easily flood the zone with bills and bog down every single committee in perpetuity. They did it many years ago and paralyzed the House with hundreds of floor amendments, before those rules were tightened up.

Not to mention the national upheaval's

impact on the state. Two weeks ago, Rep. Brad Halbrook (R-Shelbyville) called the governor's pandemic-related executive orders and emergency rules "COVID fascism," according to WCIA TV's Mark Maxwell. Last month, the FBI warned that "Armed protests are being planned at all 50 state capitols," so Gov. JB Pritzker, like many others, called in the National Guard. Last week, Rep. Dan Caulkins (R-Decatur) called the governor's response "a political agenda."

Most Republican legislators here are not that far out there, but empowering folks who say things like that just ain't going to be very high on the Democrats' agenda. Those characters could be ignored or even laughed at before the violent Jan. 6 insurrection. No longer.

All that being said, the Republicans made decent points about the use of shelled-out bills as vehicles for last-minute legislation, or for requiring more time to review important legislation before it can be passed. But Majority Leader Greg Harris was unapologetic, saying if using these parliamentary maneuvers helped pass bills that he and his caucus strongly supports, then

so be it.

But Leader Harris did say that the working group in charge of rule changes would continue to meet at the request of Republicans. The vote, he said, was only a first step. He said items like notice for consideration of legislation, selection of committee chairs, debate times and other items would be up for consideration. We'll see if that ever happens.

After the debate, Harris gave me a copy of my *Capitol Fax* newsletter from 20 years ago which was published the day after a similarly contentious floor debate on the House rules. The biggest difference between then and now, though, is that some rank-and-file House Democrats, including some anti-Madigan folks like Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz (D-Glenview), were allowed input on the new rules and spoke in favor of the resolution's passage. That would've been completely out of the question in 2001.

So, while the Republicans, reform advocates, newspaper editorial boards and even I, aren't totally pleased, there was progress. And that's not the norm. Keep at it. □

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b) harm by mob? Y  N



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**strong advice poem #1**

these lines come from a young mom daughter of a former student – we’ve kept up over the years here she hits a bullseye with me I bet many of us: “When my elderly aunt died the task of cleaning up her affairs fell to me her closest relative. She was a painter writer hoarder – it was a nightmare! when it came to paper-sorting there was no rhyme nor reason no filing system her precious poems medical statements bills paid and unpaid mixed together in a soup a little mildew and a few mouse droppings for added flavor. So anything we can do to ‘tidy up’ while we are still in this world is a gift to those we love – they don’t need the headache! Start now, no matter what our chronological age – for one never knows!”

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**SANGAMON AUDITORIUM TURNS 40**

On Feb. 21, 1981, Sangamon Auditorium was sold out for its inaugural public offering starring Hal Holbrook in “Mark Twain, Tonight!”

After years of political maneuvering to seek funding, as well as public doubt and institutional skepticism, Springfield’s wish for a formidable performing arts facility became reality, to be housed at the recently birthed Sangamon State University. Finally, a home for the symphony, the ballet, a class venue for community performing arts and for public assembly endeavors. All would contribute to an arts collaboration in Lincoln’s hometown. It was a noble challenge led by local community leaders, a stellar political achievement of funding, and eventually, it would be a bold regional influence in the competitive cultural and entertainment arena.

As the first director of Sangamon Auditorium, I arrived with my wife, Ronée, in Springfield in 1980 to open the new Public Affairs Center which housed the 2,000-seat venue. I still say it is one of the most enduring and workable

low-bid projects the State of Illinois has seen: a formidable array of architects, engineers, contractors, outfitters and workers collaborated to produce a true gem for central Illinois.

I would like to acknowledge the many players in the daily operation in the ensuing years to include the hundreds of volunteer ushers, stagehands, full and part-time staff and the many donors so seriously needed in sustaining a viable performance facility such as this.

Among the thousands of public and private performances on the Sangamon Auditorium stage before I retired in 2004, Hal Holbrook returned four more times to share the wit and wisdom of Mark Twain. And on behalf of all the performers especially, I want to thank the many varied audiences for giving them the applause they so artfully deserve.

*John Dale Kennedy, director Sangamon Auditorium, retired Springfield*

**SLAVERY NOT UNIQUE TO SOUTH**

Your recent story on teaching black history had a glaring historical error that was completely overlooked (“Teaching Black history better,” Feb. 4). The article rightly criticized a McGraw-Hill textbook for referring to imported African slaves as “workers,” yet there was another inaccuracy in the textbook that went unnoticed.

The textbook said that the slave trade “brought millions of workers from Africa to the southern United States.” This is false. According to Dr. Henry Louis Gates, director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University, there were approximately 12.5 million African slaves brought to the Americas between 1525 and 1865. Of those, only 388,000 were brought directly to the United States and another 60,000 came here after first arriving in the Caribbean. So, the total number of African slaves brought into this country was around 450,000. Brazil, by itself, imported 10 times that number. Haiti, which is one-third the size of South Carolina, received almost 800,000. Also, many of these slaves were brought to the North. New York State, for example, did not completely ban slavery until 1827.

Yes, we need to do a better job teaching Black history. I would also say we need to do a better job teaching all of history, but that’s a discussion for another day. I am also not trying to minimize slavery or make excuses for it. It was an evil institution that should never have stained our history. But if you are going to teach about slavery, you must not treat it as though it were an institution unique to the American South. It wasn’t, not by a longshot.  
*Robert Huck Springfield*

**Good foreign policy is good domestic policy, and vice-versa**

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of managing a pandemic response or riven by conspiracy theories and misinformation or unable to nurture its economy in ways that improve the lives of those who are not already wealthy will struggle to project strength and confidence abroad. That is because there is a direct line between the ideals we seek to communicate and our ability to practice them at home. I have never yet heard of “do as I say, not as I do” turning out to be a good strategy.

This is why I believe our struggles at home over basic democratic processes – over the right to vote and the way those votes are counted – leave us weaker abroad. It is hard to take the greatest democracy in the world seriously when many of its elected leaders were willing to seek to overturn the results of a legitimate election, or when state leaders pursue policies aimed at limiting the ability of voters to cast their ballots.

In the end, you cannot separate foreign and domestic policy. They are different aspects of the same world. What you do with respect to one affects the other.

Over the next few years, if we can do the right thing regarding domestic issues, from the environment to ballot access to the economy, it will strengthen our hand in foreign policy, since of course the rest of the world watches us closely. And if we can use our dealings and posture abroad to stand for the best of American ideals – promoting decency, respecting individuals’ rights, settling disputes as often as possible through responsible negotiation, nurturing democracy and the institutions that sustain it – we will undoubtedly reap the benefits at home through strong political and economic relationships, healthy alliances with friendly nations, and a position as a world leader widely seen as deserving the role.

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Dozens of paintings by the late folk artist George Colin are stored in August Appleton's law office. PHOTO COURTESY OF AUGUST APPLETON

# A scammer with an eye for art

ART | Bruce Rushton

It wasn't Al Capone's secret vault, which proved an overhyped dud that held a few empty bottles and not much else.

This was more colorful – and valuable.

Chris Schaller, a former mortgage broker who awaits sentencing after pleading guilty to wire fraud last year in federal court, had a taste for artwork by the late George Colin, who made his home in Salisbury and died in 2014. Schaller was such a fan of Colin's work that he acquired more than 100 paintings, dozens of which now sit in the office of August Appleton, a Springfield lawyer who spent years battling Schaller in Menard County Circuit Court on behalf of Dan Fricke.

Fricke, who sued in 2017, pegged Schaller as a con man before the state Department of Financial and Professional Regulation revoked the mortgage broker's license in 2018 and a federal grand jury issued an indictment in 2019 that was made public last spring. In his lawsuit, Fricke says he thought that Schaller had loaned him money when, in fact, the former mortgage broker had taken over ownership of his land, then obtained a mortgage on the property. In other cases, prosecutors say, Schaller falsified paperwork to obtain mortgages for clients who didn't qualify and told other people that they were getting mortgages when, in fact, they were signing contracts for deed and turning property over to Schaller.

In addition to suing Schaller, Fricke also sued Diamond Residential Mortgage Corporation, Schaller's former employer, with Salisbury's most famous folk artist square in the

middle.

The Colin paintings once graced Schaller's office on Greenbriar Drive, according to Fricke's lawsuit. Diamond Residential, according to the lawsuit, claimed that the art belonged to the company and that a \$125,000 settlement Fricke received, plus a \$1.27 million fund established with money from Diamond to make Schaller's victims whole, should have concluded the matter. Not so, Fricke argued.

The case, Appleton says, was settled amicably last summer. "As part of that, I took possession of the paintings for Dan Fricke – basically, they were in storage space, and I



George Colin, who died in 2014, worked fast and was prolific.

have a fairly large office," he says. "I took a few for my fee for getting them out of the storage place and getting them to a safe place." Fricke, Appleton says, also picked out a few paintings for himself.

What's left is now up for liquidation.

Dave Bourland, who owns an art gallery near Clocktower Drive, has taken possession of several, which remain wrapped in plain brown paper. Bourland figures each painting is worth about \$600, which would put the value of the collection at about \$60,000.

Colin worked fast and was prolific. A Lanphier High School graduate who worked at Pillsbury Mill for nearly 30 years before becoming a full-time artist in the mid-1970s, Colin became a folk art star. During the 1980s, Georgeart, a Chicago gallery, was devoted to Colin's work. Fans include Sen. Dick Durbin, and Oprah Winfrey and Michael Jordan are said to own Colin's artwork. *Jubilation*, a 1989 album by The Band, features a Colin painting on the cover. Colin also painted furniture and syrup bottles and bowling balls and practically anything he could get his hands on. He once told the *Chicago Tribune* that he'd paint a cat if he could catch one.

Appleton says that he plans to keep a painting of an orange dog and yellow cat. Call it serendipity.

"I have an orange cat and a yellow dog," the lawyer says. □

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## AND THE WINNER IS...

**CAP CITY** Know a good teacher? Someone who stays – or Zooms – late to help struggling students learn the finer points of quadratic equations or the deeper meaning of *Huckleberry Finn*? And what about the principal who's your pal and shows it by remembering everyone's name, especially the kid who just transferred from another school, and making sure that teachers have the supplies they need, from fingerpainting paint to pencils (at last report, pencils still come in handy), to be the best educators possible? Don't just think to yourself, "Geez, what wonderful folks!" Instead, whilst shopping for apples to put on their desks, virtual or otherwise, consider nominating the worthy in the annual Educator of the Year and Administrator of the Year contests sponsored by Horace Mann, a Springfield-based financial services firm that provides educators with retirement planning and insurance. Each winner will receive \$1 million so they'll never have to work again. No, we made that up. But the folks who've won in the past, and this contest has been going on for 34 years, aren't in it for the money. They're the sort with the passion and talent to make folks around them better than they'd otherwise be, and that's what counts most. Nominations can be made by going to [www.sps186.org](http://www.sps186.org), but act fast. March 19 is the deadline, and we're told that no extensions will be granted for this homework assignment.

## BETTER NOW?

**CAP CITY** Contentious is a word that could describe Springfield Public Schools board meetings in recent months, as members continually debate policy and decisions related to COVID-19. Two weeks ago – on Feb. 2 – at his last meeting, former board president Scott McFarland told the board it needed "a lot of work on board governance." That was after member Micah Miller questioned the superintendent on transparency over COVID-19 data, and referred to an internal email that referenced a sleepover with high school students where people apparently caught the virus. McFarland scolded Miller. "All you're doing is bringing these people out and dragging them across the field because you want to make a point and it's despicable. Period," McFarland said. But McFarland has taken a job in another state and he resigned, as planned, that night. On Tuesday, Feb. 16, Sarah Blissett, a parent of District 186 students, was appointed to his spot. Former vice president Tony Mares filled the president post. "I feel strongly the board is in a better position moving forward, and I just really wanted that to be a part of the public record for this meeting," Miller said at the meeting Tuesday.

# Healing from colorism

Springfield professor's project on a less explored form of discrimination

EQUITY | Rachel Otwell

Colorism is a term coined in the 1980s by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker. In her book, *In Search of our Mothers' Gardens*, Walker wrote that colorism is "prejudicial or preferential treatment of same-race people based solely on their color." It's something that sociologists have noted across the globe, across various races. It's a driving force behind "beauty" products such as skin bleach. And, as people like Sarah Webb argue, without efforts to dismantle it, the fight against racism can't be won.

Webb is a professor of English at University of Illinois Springfield. In 2013 she started a project called Colorism Healing as a way to educate, with a focus on communal healing and change. Anyone who was raised in Western society is "likely to have an implicit bias that favors lighter skin or white features," said Webb. Some may knowingly harbor these biases – but many people may not realize they internalize negative feelings about dark skin and features such as textured hair. Webb said while many people live without exploring or acknowledging these thoughts, "It is our responsibility to change it once we become aware of it."

Colorism has consequences. As an example, Webb pointed to a 2013 study titled *The Relationship Between Skin Tone and School Suspension for African Americans*. The study's authors found that, "The odds of suspension were about three times greater for young African American women with the darkest skin tone compared to those with the lightest skin."

Webb said it wasn't until she was older that she had the language to express how colorism showed up in her own life. "When I was five, some extended relatives, some great aunts, were complimenting my sister and saying how she's going to be a heart-breaker someday. But they weren't paying any attention to me. They weren't complimenting me at all." As her mom recounted later, even as a five-year-old child, Webb connected the dots that her sister was getting more positive attention for having lighter skin. Around 2011, Webb saw the documentary *Dark Girls*, which features Black women talking about how colorism has affected their lives and self-esteem. "That documentary started to give me courage to put language to my experiences," said Webb.

Colorism Healing is a multifaceted project in which Webb facilitates dialogue and encourages people to explore how



Sarah Webb earned a doctorate in English from Louisiana State University.  
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colorism has shown itself in their own lives. She is active on social media and does a weekly virtual question and answer session, sometimes featuring guest speakers. She is regularly invited to speak about the topic. She'll be doing a Ted Talk hosted by UIS in March, for instance.

Her website includes resources and blog posts, such as a recent entry about Black historical icons and what they have to say about colorism. Webb has a multimedia approach to her work, so the entry includes memes and a video in addition to writing. Webb said Black History Month is a good time to question who we celebrate and why. "Are we only elevating or lifting up figures in Black history who are a certain type of Black person, either because of their skin tone, or because of their social class, or some other form of privilege that they might have?"

Webb has begun a yearly anthology of writing submissions she collects through the International Colorism Healing Writing Contest, which serves to raise awareness and provide an outlet for expression. Writers can submit poems, essays and stories.

Submissions for 2021 are being accepted through April. Students at UIS help her put together the self-published book that results

from submissions.

Webb's work is aimed at breaking the cycle of discrimination. She said while formal lessons about history need to be more inclusive, "a lot of our attitudes and beliefs are shaped outside of school, in the home." Individuals can reckon with their own biases. One way Webb suggests doing so is taking an online test from Harvard about implicit bias – also referred to as unconscious bias – regarding race.

Grappling with the way we see the world and how it shapes our thoughts is a key to dismantling the myth that whiteness is superior, said Webb. "If we don't address colorism, it doesn't matter how much progress we make, in terms of racism. We are going to still have that division based on how people look."

Find more about the writing contest and other facets of the project at [colorismhealing.com](http://colorismhealing.com). Follow Colorism Healing on Instagram @colorismhealing and at facebook.com/colorismhealing. Harvard's implicit bias tests can be found at [tinyurl.com/4rf4msdb](http://tinyurl.com/4rf4msdb). □

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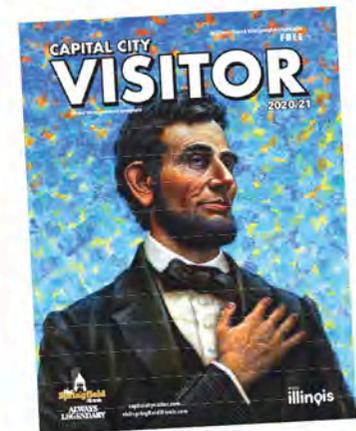
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**NEWS**

# DCFS treatment of LGBTQ youth criticized

State audit and child advocates call for change

**SOCIAL SERVICES** | Rachel Otwell

The Illinois Auditor General recommended a sweeping list of changes for the state’s Department of Children and Family Services in regards to LGBTQ youth. The audit released earlier this month found the agency failed to comply with best practices – such as identifying youth in care who are LGBTQ and ensuring they are placed in homes that affirm their sexual orientation and gender identity. It includes information from 2017 to 2020, with department responses from this year.

“DCFS is not meeting the needs of LGBTQ youth in care as required by its own policy. We regularly hear from youth about the lack of basic respect for their identity as well as the challenges they face accessing affirming medical care,” Ghirlandi Guidetti, staff attorney with ACLU of Illinois, said in a statement addressing the audit.

The auditor general was tasked with identifying how many LGBTQ kids and teens were under the care of DCFS and the number of providers deemed “clinically appropriate” to care for them. But the audit found that DCFS “does not collect sufficient information regarding whether those in care are LGBTQ.”

The audit also found that the department had not ensured that caseworkers reviewed the Foster Children’s Bill of Rights Act with youth, as required by law. The bill of rights includes that youth should be afforded “caregivers and child welfare personnel who have received instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity relating to and best practices for serving lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth.” According to the audit, LGBTQ competency training had not happened comprehensively in recent years.

James McIntyre is the former president of the Foster Care Alumni of America’s Illinois chapter, and a current board member for the advocacy organization. “As a former youth in care myself, who also happens to be gay, I have experienced a number of these issues firsthand,” he told *Illinois Times*. McIntyre was in and out of foster care for much of his youth, until 2012.

LGBTQ youth are overrepresented in child welfare systems. But they are underreported due to fears that they may face harassment and abuse if their identity becomes known, according to a U.S. government website focused on youth programming.

McIntyre said he had stayed closeted as

a youth – being out was “seen as a safety risk” – but he was still the victim of sexual harassment, abuse and bullying. He said the thought that staying closeted would prevent attacks proved untrue. “I needed additional services,” said McIntyre. “As a young queer man, there were questions, and I didn’t have anywhere that I could turn.” McIntyre had advocated for the 2019 resolution that called for the audit.

The report that resulted also found that DCFS left the position of LGBTQ coordinator vacant for more than a year, between September 2017 and October 2018. Then, “In June 2020, the department eliminated the LGBTQ Coordinator position and split the responsibilities between two offices.”

The auditor general recommended DCFS use a “single case management system for all youth in care” and electronically track “clinical referrals, which would include LGBTQ referrals.” Other recommendations have to do with training, handling complaints, the child/caregiver matching process and more. There are 16 recommendations in all.

Within the audit, the department responded to findings with ways it had addressed problems, or planned to do so. In a statement, DCFS said that under current leadership, it has “taken aggressive measures to improve the services and care provided to LGBTQI+ youth since the time period covered by this audit.”

State Sen. Julie Morrison sponsored the resolution that led to the audit. She said LGBTQ youth in state care are disproportionately likely to become homeless and deal with mental health problems. She said part of ensuring kids who are wards of the state are safe means placing them in an “understanding environment that accepts them and supports them for their authentic self.” Morrison told *Illinois Times* she plans to hold a subject matter hearing in the Senate Health Committee to question representatives of DCFS about the findings.

McIntyre said he has “so much respect” for Morrison and other legislative allies. But, “As an advocate and as a former youth in care, I am tired of attending these hearings, testifying at these hearings, and nothing changing,” he said. “Children in care cannot afford to listen to a hearing that doesn’t go anywhere. We need action and we need action immediately.” □

# New senator aims to transform education

**EQUITY | Madison Angell**

State Sen. Cristina Pacione-Zayas is on a mission to change the status quo of education in Illinois. “My objective was to be a disrupter,” Pacione-Zayas said of her time working for the Illinois State Board of Education. “I knew that people may not agree with me, but if I anchored my disruption in research and data it would move the conversation away from rubber-stamp, business as usual.” The newly appointed legislator is 42 years old. But she’s already steeped in experience addressing education and equity.

Last summer, ISBE adopted a resolution pledging to address systemic racism within schools and curriculum. Pacione-Zayas called the resolution a “platitude” and insisted more was needed. ISBE subsequently commissioned a group to audit the agency through an equity lens.

Pacione-Zayas was appointed to the Senate by the Cook County Democratic Party on Dec. 21, 2020, to serve the 20th District in Chicago. In 2018, Pacione-Zayas was appointed to the governor’s Educational Success Committee and a year later Gov. JB Pritzker appointed her to serve as secretary of the board for ISBE.

Among a long list of prior professional and activist positions, Pacione-Zayas established the Early Childhood Leadership Academy, a program to teach educators how to advocate in legislative settings. She was also associate vice president of policy at the Erikson Institute, a school that provides graduate certifications in social work, early childhood education, development and law.

Her parents were community organizers who “worked their way up and became the executive director and program director” of the Logan Square Boys and Girls Club in 1978, the same year she was born. “The club was a second home. Community was really an extension of family for me,” she said. Her parents took her to board and community meetings and peaceful protests. She attended a Chicago public magnet school located in the Cabrini-Green community. Now the “neighborhood is completely gentrified,” but at the time it was, “basically subsidized housing and so we had in the school an incredibly diverse population racially and ethnically, as well as individuals born outside of this country,” she said.

In high school, Pacione-Zayas organized support around LGBTQ rights, HIV and AIDS peer education and Puerto Rican self-determinism. She is a University of Illinois at



In 2019 Pacione-Zayas was featured on a PBS program speaking about how the well-being of children reflects a community's overall well-being.

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Urbana-Champaign alum. “It was a shock to be in that kind of environment because you had a white population of students that was a mix of suburban and rural. And for the first time, I was in a setting where I was definitely the minority,” she said.

In college, she helped design the UIUC Latino/Latina Studies Program and worked in the public schools of Chicago’s Little Village.

Pacione-Zayas later directed the “Culture of Calm” initiative in Chicago, which aimed to reduce violent crimes committed by youth by transforming schools into community anchors for students and their families. She also explored restorative justice practices and taught about the long-term effects of stress and adverse childhood experiences.

Shortly after, the senator led the Latino Policy Forum’s education agenda, where she focused on early childhood education in Illinois. According to ISBE’s 2019-2020 data, approximately 52.5% of students in Illinois are non-white and 26.6% identify as Latino or Hispanic. Pacione-Zayas said schools have failed to provide the tools bilingual students need to succeed.

Wage stagnation, Pacione-Zayas said, is the number one problem impacting early childhood education. “Nearly 50% of those who work in early care and education are also eligible for public assistance, and because they make so little, the turnover rates are extremely high,” Pacione-Zayas said. Many of those workers are women of color. “If we don’t take care of our workforce, what kind of adverse impact does that have on early childhood?” □

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**BOOKS**

# Reverence for the office, respect for its power, awareness of the responsibility

Barack Obama's reflections on the presidency

**BOOKS** | Karen Ackerman Witter

*A Promised Land* is the first volume of Barack Obama's presidential memoir. Although it's 700 pages long, it is highly engaging and easy to read.

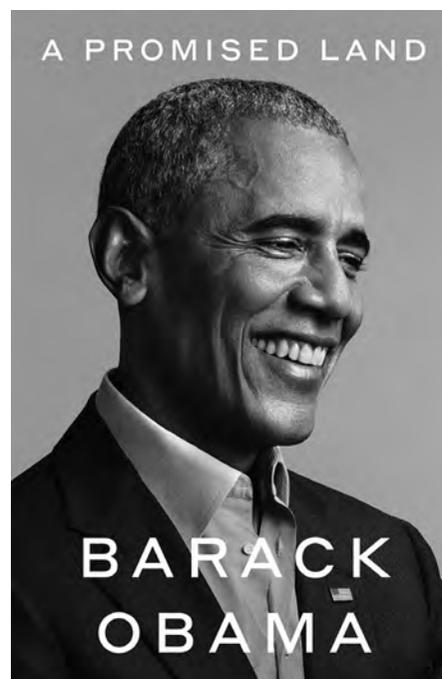
The memoir is a fascinating reflection on significant events that dominated the news leading up to and during Obama's first term. Obama takes readers on a deep dive into the intricacies of health care, Afghanistan, conflicts in the Middle East, Wall Street, the financial crisis, the oil spill in the Gulf, international diplomacy, partisan politics, the rise of the Tea Party, the relentless birther conspiracy theory and the killing of Osama Bin Laden.

Regardless of one's politics, the book is worth reading to gain greater insights to issues that are as relevant today as during Obama's presidency. The complexities and challenges of the Middle East. The struggles a president faces getting his initiatives passed by Congress. The difficulties of achieving consensus among the most conservative and liberal members within the president's own party. The nuances of negotiations between the House and Senate. The politics of dealing with the opposite party. The influence of partisanship over policy. The inner struggles of members of Congress choosing whether to vote their conscience or their district.

People will debate Obama's legacy and the pros and cons of his policies at home and abroad. Yet there should be widespread agreement with Obama's perspectives on the sanctity of the presidency and the tenets of democracy.

For example, Obama conveys a deep respect for the power of the presidency. "I would never fully rid myself of the sense of reverence I felt whenever I walked into the Oval Office, the feeling that I had entered not an office but a sanctum of democracy," he writes. He says the Oval Office continually reminded him of "the privilege of my burdens and my duties."

He also reflects on the heavy responsibility of the president to keep the American people safe. "Whether Republican or Democrat, the one thing every president must obsess over, the source of chronic, unrelenting tension that burrows deep inside you from the moment you're elected, is the awareness that



*A Promised Land* by Barack Obama, Crown Publishing, New York, 2020. 768 pages, \$24.

work day in and day out in the myriad of government agencies. Obama saw this firsthand. One example was observing emergency responders in the wake of natural disasters. "I was once again reminded that so much of what really mattered in government came down to the daily, unheralded acts of people who weren't seeking attention but simply knew what they were doing and did it with pride," he writes.

It's a given that the rest of the world watches us and the actions of our president. "If we want other countries to support our priorities, we can't just bully them into it," writes Obama. "To be known. To be heard. To have one's unique identity recognized and seen as worthy. It was a universal human desire I thought, as true for nations and peoples as it was for individuals." He describes making a point of showing an interest in the history, culture and people of the countries he visited.

Obama's respect for the United Nations was influenced by his mother. "Humans aren't that different from animals," she told him. "We fear what we don't know. When we're afraid of people and feel threatened, it's easier to fight wars and do other stupid things." From her he gained the perspective that the United Nations is a way for countries to meet and learn about each other and not be so afraid.

Obama made it a practice to engage with young people, whether at home or overseas. This gave him optimism for the future. He writes, "The young people I met in those town halls were a steady source of personal inspiration...so long as young men and women like that exist in every corner of this earth, I told myself, there is reason enough to hope."

As America writes its next chapter with a new president and a deeply divided country, the words of President Obama are worth considering. □

*Karen Ackerman Witter retired from a 35-year career in Illinois state government, working in both Republican and Democratic administrations. She believes in the importance of the institution of government and that we need to restore trust in and respect for our government.*

everybody is depending on you to protect them," writes Obama.

Obama understood the power of words. It was his powerful speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention that launched his trajectory to the presidency. He also realized the heightened power of words delivered by the president of the United States. After he was elected, he discovered he had less freedom to say exactly what he was thinking. "My heart was now chained to strategic considerations and tactical analysis, my convictions subject to counterintuitive arguments," he writes.

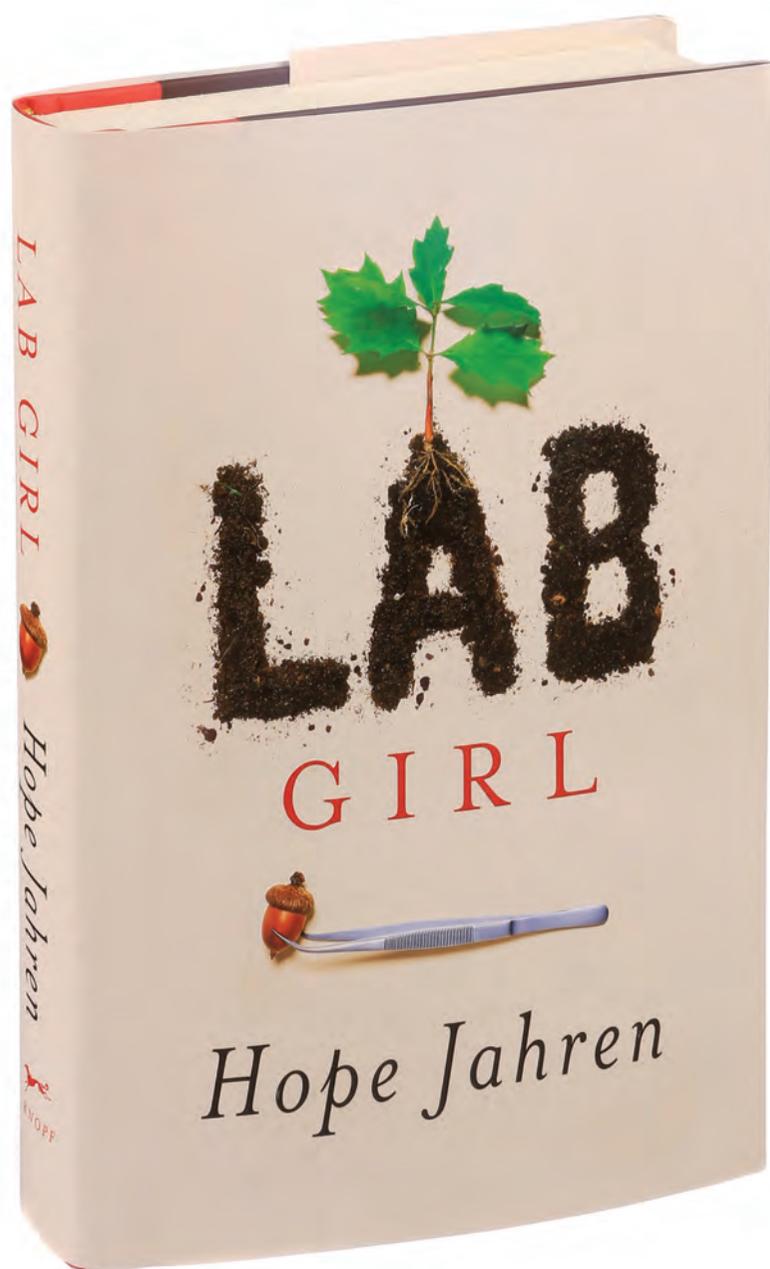
Obama also opines about trust, which is elusive in today's political landscape. He writes that he ran for president to rebuild the American people's trust. "If we trusted one another, democracy worked," he writes. Today we have a long way to go to rebuild trust in government and trust in each other.

Although politicians dominate the news, much of what happens in government is the result of people who

# A community that reads together grows together

The Big Read Sangamon County is a book, *Lab Girl*, surrounded by March and April learning events

LITERACY | Karen Ackerman Witter



*Lab Girl*, by Hope Jahren. Vintage Books, New York, 2016. 290 pages

After a year of struggling through the pandemic, it couldn't be a better time for a community-wide, uplifting initiative. Get ready for the Big Read. *Lab Girl*, a compelling memoir by scientist Hope Jahren, is the book selected for the Big Read Sangamon County.

Reading, nature, science, art and discovery will all come alive through a plethora of virtual and in-person events during March and April. The many programs are inspired by the themes in the book. Reading the book is highly encouraged, although that is not essential in order to participate in the engaging offerings.

For the first time since 2009, the Sangamon County area will participate in a Big Read, thanks to the leadership of volunteers from Lincoln Land Community College's Academy of Lifelong Learning in partnership with Lincoln Library. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) that encourages citizens of a participating community to read the same book and hold discussions while engaging community organizations to present programs inspired by the issues and themes of the book. The Academy of Lifelong Learning received a \$15,000 grant for this initiative from NEA. Since 2006, NEA has funded more than 1,600 NEA Big Read programs, providing more than \$22 million to organizations nationwide.

The overarching purpose is to spark curiosity, encourage lifelong learning and promote the importance of reading. Area libraries are natural partners – including Lincoln Library, Brookens Library at UIS and the Illinois State Library. Many libraries in surrounding communities are also involved. And that's just the beginning. There are more than 50 community partners, representing the arts, environment, business, history, culture, museums, medicine and academia. They will present more than 80 programs during March and April.

Speakers, interactive programs, nature walks, art activities, performances, book discussions, tours, self-guided activities and lectures are on the docket. Take a virtual tour of a laboratory at SIU School of Medicine. Learn from women scientists about their passions and journeys to careers in STEM. Try your hand at botanical drawing and nature journaling. Discover

how museums use plants in modern-day research. Find out how sap from maple trees is tapped to make maple syrup. Get tips for starting a pollinator garden. Discover stories about the historic trees of New Salem. Walk through an old-growth forest at Carpenter Park. Learn about African American leaders in science who have served central Illinois. Discover insights about ethnicity and character traits of Norwegian-Americans and others. Hear about climate inequality, the pathways to resolving it and trees for a changing climate.

All of these programs are prompted by the themes of the book *Lab Girl* – a memoir by Hope Jahren, who is an American geochemist, geobiologist and professor. The book is masterfully written and reveals both the nature of science and the science of nature. From spending time in her father's community college laboratory in rural Minnesota as a child, Jahren was inspired to a career in science. Her love of plants, in particular trees, led to the focus of her research. The inner workings of a research laboratory, ongoing urgency of securing funding, personal struggles with bipolar disorder, realities of being a female scientist in a male-dominated world and an uncommon relationship with a man who was her indispensable lab partner are the stories interwoven in this insightful book.

NEA offers a list of suggestions, but the local organizing committee selects the book for the community to read. *Lab Girl* was chosen for many reasons. It is a tool to build awareness of the need for more people, especially females, to consider careers in science. It provides an opportunity to highlight the challenges women encounter working in traditionally male professions. The book helps to highlight nature's wonders and the positive impact that nature can have during challenging times, such as managing through a pandemic. Jahren's writing style lends itself to artistic presentations focused on nature. Programs related to the arts and nature will attract additional audiences and allow those who have not read the book to be exposed to the book's themes. Jahren also writes about soil in relationship to her studies of plants. This is another important theme to explore, given the importance of agriculture to Illinois. With

## Three signature events

There are three online signature presentations, in addition to the many other offerings by community organizations. Registration is required. For more details and to register go to <https://bit.ly/BigReadSangamonCounty>

### March 2, 10-11 a.m. Kickoff Keynote by Kathryn Harris, “Reading Science, Reading Together”

Hosted by the Academy of Lifelong Learning at Lincoln Land Community College.

Kathryn Harris, retired librarian and Springfield’s 2020 *State Journal-Register* First Citizen, will give the kickoff presentation about *Lab Girl*. Harris will help introduce the community to Hope Jahren’s memoir, make connections to common elements of history and science and convey the benefits of a community reading the same book.

### March 25, 6:30 p.m. “The Power of Curiosity,” presented by Emily Graslie

Hosted by Lincoln Land Community College

Emily Graslie is a lifelong champion of curiosity with a fascinating life story. Trained as an artist and inspired by museums, she became a renowned science communicator. She was the Chief Curiosity Correspondent for the Field Museum in Chicago. Graslie served as creator, host and writer of *The Brain Scoop*, an educational YouTube channel with 200-plus episodes about natural history that have been viewed more than 32 million times. In 2020 she made her broadcast television debut on PBS as executive producer, host and writer of *Prehistoric Road Trip*, a new series by WTTW Chicago about paleontology and geology.

Learn about Graslie’s creative journey through the lenses of fine art and science communication. She will be making her presentation to Springfield participants from her home in the Chicago area.

### April 17, 11 a.m. Keynote Presentation about *Lab Girl* by author Hope Jahren

Hosted by the Academy of Lifelong Learning at Lincoln Land Community College.

Hear about *Lab Girl* and Hope Jahren’s love of science directly from the author. Springfield is partnering with six other communities around the country that are reading *Lab Girl* to provide this opportunity. She will be joining her Springfield-area audience from Oslo, Norway, where she is currently a professor at the University of Oslo. Jahren is an award-winning scientist who has been pursuing independent research in paleobiology since 1996, when she completed her Ph.D. at the University of California Berkeley. Her career in research and teaching began at the Georgia Institute of Technology and then at Johns Hopkins University. She is the recipient of three Fulbright Awards and is one of four scientists, and the only woman, to have been awarded both of the Young Investigator Medals given within the Earth Sciences. She was a tenured professor at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu before moving to Norway.

Springfield’s strong medical community, there are opportunities to introduce citizens to other forms of science.

Of the 84 communities with NEA grants for the Big Read this year, 13 communities are reading *Lab Girl*. Seven pooled their resources to secure author Hope Jahren for a virtual keynote address – Springfield, Chillicothe and Morton in Illinois; Vail, Colorado; Owings Mills, Maryland; and Miami and Orlando, Florida. Her speech will be presented live from Oslo, Norway.

Rochelle Hartman, director of Lincoln Library, has been involved in Big Reads at other libraries. She is enthusiastic about Springfield’s participation and says it is an excellent way to build connections among local organizations. “Anything that can unify a community is so vitally important,” says Hartman. “The notion that science and facts are important is relevant for any community at this time.” She says there are so many elements – STEM education, mental illness, family relationships, science and nature – that make the book accessible and appealing to people with diverse interests. “*Lab Girl* is beautifully written and very poetic,” says Hartman. This sentence from the book provides a glimpse into Jahren’s writing style: “I looked forward to my analyses with the same happy anticipation one brings to a baseball game: anything might happen, but it will probably take a long time.”

Judy Wagenblast, immediate past president of the Academy of Lifelong Learning, is chair of the Big Read steering committee. After a year of hard work by the many community partners, she is optimistic their excitement will be contagious and the impact extend beyond



*Lab Girl* author Hope Jahren with her lab partner, Bill Hagopian, at work in her research laboratory at the University of Oslo in Oslo, Norway. PHOTO BY MATT CHING

April 30. “The hope is that these engaging programs will encourage ongoing curiosity, lifelong learning, interest in the importance of science and in the need to encourage our youth, especially women, to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math,” said Wagenblast. □

*Karen Ackerman Witter of Springfield found a lot to relate to in *Lab Girl*. She has a master’s degree in ecology from the University College of North Wales and owns a native hill prairie*

*nature preserve in Menard County. She began her career at the Department of Conservation where she had few female professional colleagues. As director of the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources, she oversaw the Illinois State Scientific Surveys and their extensive team of Ph.D. research scientists. She retired from the Illinois State Museum after serving in Illinois state government for 35 years. She enjoys reading, writing, science and nature and looks forward to attending many of the Big Read programs in March and April.*

## How to get a free copy of *Lab Girl*



Over 1,000 copies of *Lab Girl* will be available for free and distributed through curbside events and local libraries. For up-to-date information, go to <https://bit.ly/BigReadSangamonCounty>

Curbside pickup:

- Feb. 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Rd., Springfield
- March 1, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., Union Baptist Church, 1405 E Monroe St., Springfield
- Beginning March 1, while supplies last, copies can also be picked up from Lincoln Library (217-753-4900) and Lincoln Land Community College Library (217-786-2354). Contact these libraries directly for book availability, large print and audio options, and operating hours.

Visit a “Little Library” in your neighborhood, and after you’ve read the book return it to the Little Library for others to enjoy. Other area libraries will also have copies available for checkout. —Karen Witter



LLCC Community Education program assistant and Academy of Lifelong Learning member Jennifer Lewis. She is prepping the books to add a Big Read label inside the cover and stuffing them with an NEA Big Read bookmark. PHOTO COURTESY OF LINCOLN LAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

# A sampling of program offerings

In the months of March and April, no one will be able to say, “There’s nothing to do in Springfield.”

The following programs and offerings are just a small sample of Big Read offerings to whet your appetite. Go to <https://bit.ly/BigReadSangamonCounty> for more details and registration information. Search events by date or by theme – arts and crafts, book discussions, nature, panels and presentations, and science. Many programs will be presented virtually. There are also self-guided activities and outdoor programs and tours with limits on numbers of attendees. Sign up to reserve your spot. The format of some of the programs may change due to COVID-19 requirements at the time. Check the website for up-to-date information. There you will also find other resources, a reading list for youth and additional background on the Big Read, *Lab Girl* and author Hope Jahren.

**Free seed packets** will be available beginning March 1. In partnership with Grow Springfield, Lincoln Library will give away seed packets with a variety of vegetables, flowers, herbs and native pollinators for your yard and garden.

• **Pick up craft kits for adults** on Mondays in March at the Chatham Area Public Library. Crafts, to be made at home, will use elements found in nature.

• **Lab Girl book discussions at many area libraries** throughout March and April – Auburn, Chatham, Girard, Rochester, Sherman, Williamsville, in addition to Lincoln Library, LLCC Library, Brookens Library at UIS and Illinois State Library.

• **Nature-inspired hands-on art projects** at the Springfield Art Association and other locations.

• **Meet Dr. Bonnie Styles**, and her daughter, **Dr. Megan Styles**. March 3, 10 a.m. virtual presentation. This mother and daughter duo will share their own scientific journeys and gender hurdles both past and present.

• **A virtual tour of the research laboratory at the SIU School of Medicine**. Join Dr. Andrea Fleming-Braundmeier, along with Ms. Rukmini Roy, on March 11, 4-5 p.m. Learn about her research and experiences as

an exceptional woman in science.

• **Experience spring at Carpenter Park Nature Preserve**, the largest old-growth forest in central Illinois. March 13, 1-3 p.m. and April 10, 1-3 p.m. Guided hikes hosted by Friends of the Sangamon Valley.

• **Learn about African American science leaders serving central Illinois**. March 20, 2 p.m., virtual presentation hosted by Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum.

• **LLCC Women in Science**, March 22, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Hear the stories of how these female scientists were first snagged by the wonder of science and how they progressed in the field.

• **Join a panel of women working in land use** as they discuss the struggle to balance development, conservation and preservation of farmland interests to achieve land use harmony. March 30, 5-6 p.m. Virtual program moderated by Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

• **Enjoy a Farm to Folk Concert** featuring music inspired by the outdoors. April 9,



“Trees for a changing climate,” presented by Guy Sternberg, is one of the many nature-related programs. PHOTO COURTESY OF GUY STERNBERG, STARHILL FOREST



Dr. Andrea Braundmeier-Fleming observing biological sample processing by medical student Taylor Badger in the laboratory. All biological samples must be processed in a “sterile” environment to minimize contamination. Dr. Braundmeier-Fleming will present a virtual tour of her laboratory at the SIU School of Medicine as part of the Big Read. PHOTO BY SARA WAY.

7:30 p.m. and April 10, 7 p.m. Online program hosted by Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

• **Learn about the life and legacy of Virginia Eifert** (1911-1966), a prolific naturalist and writer who worked at the Illinois State Museum writing and editing *The Living Museum* publication. April 20, 10-11 a.m. She encouraged people to get into and observe nature and be aware of environmental problems. Virtual program hosted by the Sangamon County Historical Society.

• **A children’s ballet hosted by Springfield Youth Ballet Company**. Experience the *Tales of Beatrix Potter*. Dates and locations to be announced.

• **Join the Springfield Ballet Company dancers** as they share the energy and diversity of dance among the natural beauties of nature. Dates and locations to be announced.

• **Bees, Birds, Butterflies & Blooms: How You Can Be a Hero for Pollinators**. April 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Virtual program for families, hosted by Kidzeum. Learn exciting facts about pollinators and tips to make even the tiniest backyard into a haven for bees, birds, butterflies and blooms.

“The cool thing about this project is that each group can contribute its specialty from art to medicine, and us with local history. It’s truly a community event. The good thing about the virtual format is that we can bring together speakers from across the state.”

– Stephanie Martin, president of the Sangamon County Historical Society



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Dear Friends of the Mission,

February 2021

They say love makes the world go round, and statistics show it also lends a big hand to our retailers. By the time Valentine's Day comes and goes each February, fifty-eight million pounds of chocolate will have been purchased and eaten, 110 million roses recline in their vases, and 145 million Valentine cards are being laid to rest in dresser drawers. **Love has come and gone, or so it appears.**

The word *love* is common to every people group and language in the world, and is talked about and used in countless ways. It's also the greatest commandment given by Jesus. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind," and, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Yet, what is love?

When Elaine came to the mission two decades ago, my wife and I thought we understood love. We had been raised in the church and had gone to Bible college and studied under some wonderful professors. Early on, we had recognized the importance of love and the vital role it played in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and we had no problem citing scripture verses to back it up.

So when boisterous, fun-loving Elaine challenged me to explain love one day, I thought I had the answer. I recited John 3:16, "**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.**" At the time, I thought this verse would help Elaine understand love better, but when I finished, she was scowling at me.

"I've heard that verse many times, and I don't like it," she said. "Guys at

recovery quote it all the time, saying stuff like, 'God wants everybody to give, so that means you need to give me what I want.'" She sighed. "I'm tired of that kind of love. I need something real."

Feeling somewhat deflated, I turned to I Corinthians 13, the popular "love chapter" often quoted in wedding vows. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast. It is not proud," and so on. After reading and expounding on it, I closed my Bible and waited for her response.

She crossed her arms. "I don't need a sermon, Scott. I need a something simple that I can use in my everyday life. **I need to know what love is so I can recognize it when I see it. I also need to know how to give it.**"

Her words stopped me in my tracks. At that moment, I knew I had missed it. Elaine wanted a practical, working definition of real love, and I didn't have one. After a long pause, I said, "Let me work on it. I need more time to think about this and pray."

A few days later, after much seeking and praying, I met with Elaine in the shelter office. I gave her my Bible and asked her to read John 3:16 aloud. She scoffed. "I told you I already know that verse, and I don't like it. It doesn't help me understand love."

"Stay with me on this," I said. "I believe I found the answer you're looking for in this verse. If you read it aloud, we can break it down together."

She began reading, "**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...**"

I stopped her there. "So what did

he give?" I asked.

"His only son."

"Okay, and what was Jesus?"

Elaine looked confused. "I just told you he was God's son."

"You're right. He was God's son. But I didn't ask *who* was Jesus. I asked *what* was Jesus?"

She stared at me blankly.

"Jesus was *what was needed* for a broken world to find salvation, forgiveness, and wholeness. At the perfect time in history, God sent his son as a light in a dark world to take people's sins, so we could be forgiven and saved, if willing. In this, we all have an opportunity not only to repent and turn from our unhealthy attachments and rebellion against God, but we get to turn *toward* him and be in relationship.

"Now, what does the rest of the verse say?"

Elaine read, "**...that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.**"

"What is everlasting life?"

"Heaven, I suppose," she said, adding a smile. "I did go to Sunday School a few times."

I chuckled. "You have a good memory. Yes, God was offering the kingdom of heaven, eternal life, for all who are willing to accept his son in faith. Revelation 21 tells us there will be no more pain, crying, or mourning in heaven—which means it's a place of never-ending joy and peace. It's the perfect love-gift to the world. And in this, God is showing *us* how to love. Here is your practical definition:

**"Love is giving what is needed for lasting joy and peace.**

"So, Elaine, when a guy tells you

he loves you, ask yourself: Does he care about my long-term wellbeing, the state of my soul, or is he offering a momentary high with promises of fun?"

"I know that one," she said, muttering under her breath.

"And then ask, what would it be like if spouses gave each other exactly what the other person needs for lasting joy and peace? Or if parents gave their children what each one needs for long term stability in life, instead of trying to fulfill their own ambitions or make a name for themselves?"

"I would like that," she said, wiping a tear. Her father had always been gone on business trips.

"Well, do you think you can use this definition of love in your life?"

She nodded slowly. "I think so... but don't be surprised if I have more questions."

From that day forward—which was more than twenty years ago—Inner City Mission has put into practice this definition of love. We hope to give every person exactly what they need to find God's lasting joy and peace in life. It may not be what they ask for, or even what they think they need, but our prayer is that God gives our staff the wisdom to know what each person needs for long term stability in life. Take care, friend, and God bless!

In His Service,

Scott & Connie Payne  
Inner City Mission

# Versatile polenta, mush with sophistication

From Northern Italy, a dramatic and delicious dish

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

When I was a little kid we called it mush. My great-grandma would often make the hot cornmeal porridge for breakfast, served up with a rapidly melting pat of yellow farm butter in the center. Most delicious of all was fried mush: Leftovers would be poured into a loaf pan and refrigerated, then sliced, floured and fried in lard until crispy and golden. Irrationally delicious, it was something we all loved but not exactly the kind of dish you'd serve when company came.

At some point over the subsequent decades American cooks caught on to the Northern Italian preparation of polenta, and today sophisticated iterations of my nana's mush can be found all over restaurant menus and in glossy food magazines. However, unlike the humble dish I remember from childhood, polenta is not limited to breakfast. It can be creamy and laced with parmesan cheese, ready to cradle a saucy piece of meat, chilled and cut into precise shapes for the base of a fancy hors d'oeuvre, or fried until crispy and served with savory marinara.

Nana would have made her mush with regular cornmeal and, while polenta can indeed be made out of any type of cornmeal, it's traditionally prepared with the more coarse stone-ground variety. Corn has gotten a bad rap in recent years and understandably so. Health-conscious cooks know that GMO corn and corn byproducts like high-fructose corn syrup are dietary red flags, commonly found in many highly processed, inflammatory foods.

It could be argued, however, that whole grain, non-GMO cornmeal belongs in a totally different dietary category from its more processed counterparts. Conventional cornmeal is ground on steel rollers and the fiber-rich bran has been removed (because the nutrients contained therein are perishable, removing them improves shelf life) and usually enriched to replace the vitamins that were denuded during processing. Alternatively, stone-ground cornmeal is literally ground between two slowly moving stones, which better retains both nutrition and flavor. For this reason stone-ground cornmeal should always be stored in the freezer to prevent it from going rancid. On its own, a cup of prepared polenta has only 140 calories, four grams of fiber, and three grams of protein, making it a sensible and delicious addition to most balanced meal plans.

Polenta can be prepared and served in a myriad of ways. Ladle mounds of hot polenta onto individual plates or spread the steaming porridge onto a large wooden serving board



Basic polenta PHOTO BY ASHLEY MEYER

or platter and top with whatever braised deliciousness tickles your fancy. Known as *polenta su tavola* throughout Northern Italy, this communal serving method makes for a dramatic and delicious dish that's perfect for dinner parties (remember those?) or a fun night in with the family. Polenta also works as a satisfying alternative to noodles or mashed potatoes alongside a range of dishes, from a meaty tomato sauce to roast chicken or braised pork, saucy shrimp or a savory mushroom ragù.

The versatility of warm, creamy polenta can only be rivaled by the limitless culinary possibilities that are possible with chilled polenta. When spread into a loaf pan or rimmed baking sheet and allowed to set, the once soft polenta becomes firm enough to cut into shapes and used as the foundation for satisfying appetizers or a hearty main course. They can be dredged in flour and fried into crispy morsels, sliced and grilled or layered into casseroles.

Use the basic recipe below as a starting

point, and find more ideas for ways to serve polenta in the online version of this article, at [illinoistimes.com](http://illinoistimes.com).

## Basic polenta

1 cup dry polenta, or stone-ground cornmeal  
4 cups water

1 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon olive oil or butter

Additional butter and parmesan cheese, to serve

**Stove top:** Combine polenta, cold water and oil or butter in a heavy-bottomed pot. Whisk thoroughly to combine and bring to a boil over high heat while stirring continuously. Reduce heat to medium and continue to cook, stirring until the mixture has thickened and pulls away from the sides of the pot. (Use caution when working with bubbling hot polenta. It sticks like napalm and burns terribly.) Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add additional butter and Parmesan cheese as desired.

**Slow cooker:** Spray the insert of a crockpot liner with cooking spray. Whisk together polenta, water and salt and cook on low for three to four hours, stirring two or three times during cooking.

**Double boiler:** Reduce the amount of water to three cups and bring it to a boil. Place the cornmeal in the top of a double boiler. (You can create a double boiler by setting an appropriately sized metal or tempered glass bowl over a saucepan of simmering water.) Whisk in the boiling water, salt and fat, stirring well to eliminate lumps. Cover tightly and set over simmering water, stirring every five to 10 minutes for the first 30 minutes. Continue to cook for about another hour, stirring twice, until tender and creamy.

**MultiCooker:** Combine water, polenta, salt and fat in the bowl of the multicooker and whisk to combine. Cook on high pressure for 9 minutes, then let pressure release naturally for 10 minutes before manually releasing the remaining pressure. The polenta will appear a bit thin and unevenly cooked. You will need to whisk it vigorously and loosen the thicker layer that will have formed on the bottom of the pot. After whipping out any lumps, taste and adjust for seasoning, then let it sit for 10 minutes to cool slightly and finish thickening up.

*Ashley Meyer lives in Springfield with her husband, two children, a menagerie of pets and far too many plants.*

## Lyle Bennett Lenkart



Lyle Bennett Lenkart, 56, of Springfield, died at 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at St. John's Hospital. Cremation will be provided by Butler Cremation Tribute Center. Memorial Gathering and Ceremony: Family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2021, at Butler Funeral Home, Springfield, 900 S. Sixth St., Springfield. A memorial ceremony will follow at 3 p.m. with the Very Rev. Christopher House officiating. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed, requiring face coverings and limiting attendance to 50 guests at one time. Burial will be held at a later date at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Please visit [butlerfuneralhomes.com](http://butlerfuneralhomes.com) to offer your condolences.



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## Constance Ann Panichi



Constance "Connie" Ann Panichi, 69, of Springfield, passed away Friday, February 12, 2021 at Memorial Medical Center. She was born May 11, 1951 in Pittsburgh, PA to Edward and Wanda (Remley) McAllister. Survivors include one daughter, Allegra (Lee) Barlow of St. Charles, MO; one son, Bernard McAllister of Springfield; mother, Wanda McAllister of Pittsburgh; one brother, Ron McAllister of Pittsburgh; and three beloved grand-pets, Nico, Persephone, and Casimir. She was preceded in death by her father and one sister, Donna McAllister. She attended North Hills High School in Pittsburgh and also attended Sangamon State University. Constance was a resident of Springfield for the past 40 years. Her children were the highlight of her life and she always enjoyed reading a good book. Memorial Gathering: 12 - 1 pm, Friday, February 19, 2021 at Staab Funeral Home - Springfield. Memorial Service: 1 pm, Friday, February 19, 2021 at Staab Funeral Home - Springfield with Rev. Dr. Bobbi Dykema officiating. Live-Stream Link: <https://www.oneroomstreaming.com/view/authorise.php?k=1613339722100753>. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to help with memorial service expenses for Connie by visiting this link: <http://gf.me/u/zit745>; or to the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. CDC Protocol shall be followed. ©2021 All Content Obituary Systems



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## MUSIC

# Live and online

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

By the time you're reading this we've hopefully made it through the worst of the bitter cold and snowfall section of our current weather scene and worked our way to mildly brisk and melting. Nothing warms the inner soul and outer appendages like listening to music, be it live or online, so let's see what the music-makers are up to this third weekend of February in 2021.

We begin by welcoming another venue to our fine fellowship of live music presenters, as the Farmhouse Restaurant at the fairly new Harvest Market grocery store begins a Friday evening run featuring central Illinois acoustic acts, upstairs in its mezzanine bar area. Chris Hawkins, a longtime singer and guitarist from the Peoria area covers all kinds of popular songs for the first-ever music performance in the newly renovated space. The gig goes from 6 to 9 and upcoming artists include myself for next Friday, with The Grand Moff Band, The Tangents, Joel Honey, Wowie Zowie, Ty Brando, Tom Beverly, John Drake and Billy Galt coming down the pipe. There's plenty of space to social distance as we attempt this social interaction thing again as safely as possible.

Here's a familiar, friendly spot back having music with a newly named band of familiar, friendly musicians as The Long Bridge Golf Course welcomes Mike Burnett leading a nine-piece group through some funky paces as The Big Suns, this Friday at 7 p.m. Now returning with limited (social-distanced) seating and plenty of room to make it happen, the LBGC is back on track with weekly TGIF music sets including Tulo+Eads next week and much more on the way.

Friday fun continues this week as two heavyweights in the local cover band bonanza duke it out with Off the Wall bouncing in at the Curve Inn, while Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters take it on at Casey's Pub. That's some big-time boogie breaking down right there, folks. Enjoy safely and all that.

For those of you who are interested in watching live music from the comfort (and some might add safety) of your own home, there are virtual events on the internet horizon and more already embedded in the ether awaiting your streaming perusal. Area folksinger Chris Vallillo hosts his monthly Hickory Ridge Concerts through Facebook and YouTube this Saturday at 7 p.m. presenting a Washington state-based



Chris Hawkins plays this Friday (6-9pm) in the Farmhouse Restaurant at Harvest Market.

duo, Sundae + Mr. Goessl. Featuring the extreme talents of award-winning vocalist Kate Voss and virtuosic guitarist Jason Goessl, the two do an entertaining take on "jazz, pop, Americana, country, charm, fashion, comedy and vaudeville" all on your device screen of choice. And in celebration of the Civil Rights Movement and Black History Month, the General John A. Logan Museum presents Chris in a live stream of his "Oh Freedom! Songs of the Civil Rights Movement" on Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

Last Saturday, the third C.A.M.P. (Creators of Art, Music and Poetry) episode hit the virtual waves featuring more locally based poets, musicians and artists presenting works and discussing the process of how the art gets done. Episode #3 includes Tom Beverly, JD Wilson and Thornhill (Tina and Joel) doing original music, poets Lillie Brown and James Bockmier presenting their poetic compositions and photographer Ginny Lee showing and discussing her favorite photos. Remember that you can visit the C.A.M.P. Facebook page and watch any of the three shows available to the viewing public whenever you so desire.

Thanks for checking in to check out the local music happening. Stay safe and warm. □

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## THE CALENDAR

# Frank Lloyd Wright goes to HOLLYWOOD



### Frank Lloyd Wright Goes to Hollywood

Thu., Feb. 25,  
7-8:30 p.m.  
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### ARCHITECTURE | Architect of the stars

**it** Tim Totten has always had an interest in architecture and in particular the world-renowned architect and designer Frank Lloyd Wright. He even enrolled in college to become an architect. After college, the Florida entrepreneur eventually started several successful enterprises while he continued to study Wright's life and work, visiting Wright sites and also conducting tours and giving presentations around the country for over 30 years. In this virtual presentation, hosted by the Dana-Thomas House Foundation, the now Wright expert and master storyteller Totten will cover Wright's work in Southern California and share the fascinating relationship the famous architect had with Hollywood and his numerous stalled attempts, and eventual success, in becoming the architect of the stars. Visit [dana-thomas.org](http://dana-thomas.org) to register for the free event.

## THE CALENDAR

Send us your events! Deadline: 5pm Fri. Submit online at: [www.illinoistimes.com](http://www.illinoistimes.com). Email: [calendar@illinoistimes.com](mailto:calendar@illinoistimes.com). Dates, times and locations are subject to last-minute changes, so we suggest calling before attending events.

### Special Music Events

**Beyond the score: How to listen to orchestral music**  
Thu., Feb. 18, 6pm. Maestro Ken Lam demonstrates various ways to analyze famous works of orchestral music. Via Zoom. [uis.edu/music](http://uis.edu/music). Free. 217-206-6240.

**Brown Bag Concert**  
Wed., Feb. 24, 12-12:30pm. Wild Columbine with William Furry, Megan Thornberry and Sally McDaniel Smith. Visit [LincolnsChurch.org](http://LincolnsChurch.org) for the Zoom link. Free. 217-528-4311.

**Jazz guitar hour: An**

**interactive weekly podcast**  
Wednesdays, 6pm. Jose Gobbo discusses jazz guitar techniques and styles in this weekly interactive podcast. Watch it on the UIS Music YouTube channel. Free. 217-206-6240.

### Spoken Word

**A Conversation with Nikki Giovanni**  
Tue., Feb. 23, 5pm. Poet Nikki Giovanni will serve as a keynote speaker and performer for the hour-long conversation and poetry reading. Part of the UIS Black History Month celebration. Visit [uis.edu/diversitycenter/](http://uis.edu/diversitycenter/).

**Media Club: The Hill We Climb**  
Tue., Feb. 23, 6:30-7:30pm. Illinois State Museum staff will explore how Amanda Goman's poem inspired us, and how it guides us to strive for a better tomorrow. Recommended for teens and adults. Space is limited. [illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://illinoisstatemuseum.org). Free.

### Art & Architecture

**it "Complexion Collection"**  
Sat., Feb. 20, 6-9pm. Through her work, local photographer Norma Zuniga examines contemporary society's perceptions of women from different backgrounds and ethnicities. \$20. Arlington's, 210 Broadway, 217-851-9698. [illinoistimestix.com](http://illinoistimestix.com).

### History

**African-American History Makers**  
Thu., Feb. 18, 12pm. Mary Frances presents Eva Carroll Monroe and the Lincoln Colored Old Folks and Orphans Home and Kent Massie presents Walter Thomas Bailey: The First Licensed African-American Architect in the State of Illinois. Part of the Virtual Lunch and Learn Series. Via Zoom. [uis.edu/advancement](http://uis.edu/advancement). Free. 217-206-6058.

**it Carrying the Colors**  
Thu., Feb. 18, 7-8:30pm. It took the efforts of Corporal Andrew Jackson Smith's grandson and two dedicated historians before Smith received the Medal of Honor some 70 years after his death and nearly 140 years after the Civil War. On Facebook Live. [presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov). Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

**Four Score Speaker Series with Thavolia Glymph**  
Wed., Feb. 24, 7pm. Thavolia Glymph will discuss her book, *The Women's Fight* with Christian McWhirter. Glymph provides a comprehensive new history of women's roles and lives in the Civil War. Via Zoom. [alplm.org](http://alplm.org). 217-557-6150.

### Fundraisers

**Have a Heart for Animals**  
Through Feb. 28, 7pm. Donate \$1-\$5 to the APL at participating businesses and receive a paper heart. Write your name, a special message of love or support for the APL on your heart and it will be displayed all month. Donations go toward animal care at the APL shelter. [apl-shelter.org](http://apl-shelter.org). 217-544-7387.

### Children's Corner

**ALPLM Reading Club: Clean Getaway**  
Mon., Feb. 22, 4-5pm. The ALPLM Junior Historian's Reading Club invites you to discuss Nic Stone's *Clean Getaway*, the story about eleven-year-old William "Scoob" Lamar and his G'ma's journey through the American South and its troubling past. Via Zoom. [presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov). 217-558-9018.

**JR Historian Live! Celebrates Black History Month**  
Thu., Feb. 18, 1-2pm. Join the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum to see items that highlight the achievements of African Americans in Illinois. Registration is required. [presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov). Free. 217-558-9018.

**February car seat check**  
Tue., Feb. 23, 11am-1pm. Car seats will be checked by nationally certified child passenger safety technicians. Bring the child who will be riding in the car seat, the vehicle's

owner's manual and the car seat instruction manual, if possible. Masks are required. SIU School of Medicine, 327 W. Calhoun St., 217-545-9112.

### Empower All Abilities Conference

Sat., Feb. 20, 9am-12pm. A virtual conference for families, community members and special education professionals. Topics include mental health, behavior, transition to adulthood, special education, advocacy and practical information about your child's education. [sps186.org/studentsupport/](http://sps186.org/studentsupport/). Free. 217-525-3060.

### Nature, Science & Environment

#### Intro to Organic Gardening Series

Sat., Feb. 20, 10-11am. Soils, the foundation for a healthy garden. Learn what makes soil health and how to rehabilitate yours. Discussion will include mulching tilling and fertilizing. Broadcast live on the Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Association Facebook page. Free. 708-580-8432.

#### it NASA Perseverance Rover Landing Watch Party

Thu., Feb. 18, 1-3pm. Join UIS astronomer John Martin in a virtual Zoom to view the NASA Mars Rover Perseverance arrival at Mars broadcast live on NASA TV. Visit [go.uis.edu/starparties](http://go.uis.edu/starparties) or call for more information. Free. 217-206-8342.

### Lectures & Meetings

**IWIL Luncheon: Anti-Racism and Allyship Panel Discussion**  
Thu., Feb. 18, 12-1pm. Join Illinois Women in Leadership to discuss anti-racism and allyship, where expert panelists will answer questions regarding what it means to be anti-racist, how to be a better ally and what to do when you encounter racism and bigotry. Visit the Facebook page for more information. Free.

### Auditions

**Broadway Through the Ages**  
Sat., Feb. 20. Springfield Theatre Centre is casting up to 20 adults with various voice types to perform solo, duet, and group numbers for this unique virtual concert. Advance time slot reservation is required. Visit [springfieldtheatrecentre.com](http://springfieldtheatrecentre.com) or call for more information. Springfield Theatre Centre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

### Bulletin Board

**APL pet adoptions**  
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Fri., Feb. 19, 7pm, Casey's Pub.

**This One's Pink**  
Fri., Feb. 19, 7-10pm, Danenberger's Family Vineyard, New Berlin.

**Hat Trick**  
Sat., Feb. 20, 8pm, Connor's Corner Pub, Tallula.

**JackAsh**  
Sat., Feb. 20, 7:30-10:30pm, Boar's Nest, Athens.

**Exit 52**  
Sat., Feb. 20, 6-10pm, Curve Inn.

**Wreckless Whiskey Unplugged**  
Sat., Feb. 20, 8-11pm, Locals Bar, Pawnee.

**Joel Honey**  
Sat., Feb. 20, 6-9pm, Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn.

**Josh Holland Band**  
Sat., Feb. 20, 7-11pm, Weebles Bar & Grill.

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## Real Estate Foreclosure

F20080020 PNC  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 SANGAMON COUNTY—SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
 PNC Bank, National Association Plaintiff,

vs.  
 Zachery W. Cumberworth; Meghan Martinie aka Meghan A. Martinie aka Meghan D. Cumberworth aka Meghan Diana Cumberworth; Defendants.

CASE NO. 20 CH 148  
 1515S Pasfield Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above entitled cause on December 30, 2020, I, Sheriff, Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on March 30, 2021, commencing at 9:00 AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:

Commonly known as: 1515S Pasfield Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704  
 P.I.N.: 22-04.0-208-006

First mortgage Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$63,144.36

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY, OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT

Terms of Sale: CASH - 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the of Sangamon County.

The person to contact for information regarding this property is:  
 Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo Lindberg, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL, 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit [www.dallegal.com](http://www.dallegal.com) 24 hours prior to sale.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Diaz Anselmo Lindberg, LLC  
 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120  
 Naperville, IL 60563-4947  
 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax)

Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104,

Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232  
 MidwestPleadings@dallegal.com

THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.  
 20 CH 148

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
 Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper PLAINTIFF

vs.  
 Tanya M. Brawner; et al., DEFENDANTS  
 2019CH000365

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 01/29/2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 16, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise

designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 14-32.0-260-015  
 Improved with Single Family Home  
 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1555 West Lawrence Springfield, IL 62704

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-09806. I3163769

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS  
 loanDepot.com, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.  
 Joseph Reinders, II, AKA Joseph H. Reinders, II; Lisa M. Reinders; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.

Case No. 2019CH000296  
 25 Birch Lake Drive, Sherman, IL 62684  
 Judge Adam Giganti

### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 4, 2019, Jack Campbell will on March 16, 2021, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
 Commonly known as 25 Birch Lake Drive,

Sherman, IL 62684

Parcel Number(s): 07-30.0-326-029

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10%

of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 19-031051.

Alan S. Kaufman

MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC

Attorneys for Plaintiff

One East Wacker, Suite 1250

Chicago, IL 60601

Telephone: 312-651-6700

Fax: 614-220-5613

Attorney No.: 6289893

Email: [StateEFiling@manleydeas.com](mailto:StateEFiling@manleydeas.com)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS  
 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.  
 Abdelrouf Samhan, AKA Abdelrouf A. Samhan; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.

Case No. 2018CH000405

2505 Somerton Road, Springfield, IL 62702  
 Judge Adam Giganti

### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 27, 2021, Jack Campbell will on March 16, 2021, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 2505 Somerton Road, Springfield, IL 62702  
 Parcel Number(s): 14-23.0-229-066  
 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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

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

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potesivo, POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 308983. E-Mail: [ileadings@potesivolaw.com](mailto:ileadings@potesivolaw.com)

Case # 19 CH 000035

I3164296

Manley Deas Kochalski LLC

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One East Wacker, Suite 1250

Chicago, IL 60601

Telephone: 312-651-6700

Fax: 614-220-5613

Attorney No.: 6289893

Email: [StateEFiling@manleydeas.com](mailto:StateEFiling@manleydeas.com)

18CH405

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-KR2 Plaintiff,

-v.-

JANET MORRIS A/K/A JANET CARR A/K/A JANET K. CARR, TOWER LOAN OF ILLINOIS, LLC D/B/A TOWER LOAN OF SPRINGFIELD, IL Defendant

19 CH 000035

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 9:00 AM on March 16, 2021, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 92 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, CHATHAM, IL 62629  
 Property Index No. 29-07.0-126-004

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$118,296.30. 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 on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potesivo, POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 308983. E-Mail: [ileadings@potesivolaw.com](mailto:ileadings@potesivolaw.com)

Case # 19 CH 000035

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, as successor to STATE BANK OF LINCOLN, Plaintiff,

v. EXTREME CLEAN CAR WASH, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, PAUL R. BEYER, DANIEL L. SPLAIN, DAVID E. JACOBS, DENISE L. JACOBS, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No.: 17-CH-261

## NOTICE OF COURT SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.

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

Timothy J. Rigby  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-0055

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:  
2620 Adlai Stevenson Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703

(C) The legal description of the real estate is:  
Tax ID Number: 22-14-204-016

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

The property contains approximately 29,316 square feet of land or 0.67 acre improved with two, one-story buildings containing a total gross building area of 2,462 square feet. The main building is a two-bay automatic car wash containing approximately 1,862 square feet. The second is an office/equipment building containing approximately 600 square feet. The buildings are constructed on concrete slab foundations.

(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are:  
Time: 9:00 a.m. on March 2, 2021  
Place: Sangamon County Courthouse

Second Floor Boardroom  
200 South 9th Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are:  
Cash at the time of sale.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of Heartland Bank and Trust Company, as successor to State Bank of Lincoln, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.

HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, as successor to STATE BANK OF LINCOLN  
Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)  
Kristina B. Mucinskas (ARDC #6290296)  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-0055  
trigby@hswnet.com  
kmucinskas@hswnet.com

NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.

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## NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF SANGAMON TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd Day of February, 2021 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that

Issac A. Lasley Intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Lasley Innovations! and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business; and that the principal place of said business is located at:  
1113 N. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62702

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: Jo Anne Maurer, Deceased. No. 2021-P-4 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of Jo Anne Maurer, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on January 7, 2021, to Karen A. Danner, 4401 Primrose Lane, Riverton, Illinois, 62561, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Jo Anne Maurer of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Robert L. Maurer and Karen A. Danner as the only heirs of Jo Anne Maurer. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so 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.

Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250  
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: 217-544-2703  
Fax: 217-544-4664  
sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: Milton George Shaffer, Sr. Deceased. No. 2021-P-37 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of Milton

George Shaffer, Sr., of Springfield, Illinois.

Letters Testamentary were issued on February 10, 2021, to Milton George Shaffer, Jr., 2209 E. Reservoir, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Milton George Shaffer, Sr., of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Milton George Shaffer, Jr., Lori B. Piepergerdes, Daniel E. Shaffer, and Mark W. Shaffer as the only heirs of Milton George Shaffer, Sr.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so 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.

Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250  
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: 217-544-2703  
Fax: 217-544-4664  
sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of:

Violet Hampton, Deceased  
Case No. 2021-P-33  
Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Violet Hampton. Letters of Office were issued to Lydia Stringham, 600 Rainbow, Athens, IL 62613 as Representative. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, with the Representative, on or before, August 11, 2021. 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.

Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of

CHARLES E. MARR, Deceased.  
No. 2021-P-36  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Charles E. Marr of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 21, 2021, to David C. Marr, 11 Shekelton Road, Modesto, Illinois 62692, 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 representatives or both, on or before July 26, 2021, 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 21st day of January, 2021.  
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
rsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of

SHERIDAN S. BETSILL, Deceased.  
No. 2021-P-52  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Sheridan S. Betsill of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 28, 2021, to Kathleen A. Dewey, 1220 Jeffrey Court, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, 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 representatives or both, on or before August 4, 2021, 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 28th day of January, 2021.  
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
rsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of

WESLEY L. BETSILL, JR., Deceased.  
No. 2021-P-47  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Wesley L. Betsill, Jr. of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 27, 2021, to Kathleen A. Dewey, 1220 Jeffrey Court, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, 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 representatives or both, on or before August 3, 2021, 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 27th day of January, 2021.  
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of:

LINDA L. HEISSINGER, Deceased.  
No. 2021-P-71  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Linda L. Heissing, of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 4, 2021 to Mark Stevan Heissing, 1905 Young Road, Mechanicsburg, Illinois 62545, and Beth A. Winning, 7935 Hendrickson Road, Rochester, Illinois 62563, as Co-Executors, 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 representatives or both, on or before August 11, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 4th day of February, 2021.  
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of

JAMES A. ATHERTON, Deceased.  
No. 2021-P-44  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of James A. Atherton of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 26, 2021, to Courtney Kaye Schien Kincade, 14 N. Cotton Hill Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before August 2, 2021, 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 26th day of January, 2021.  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
(217) 544-4868  
matthewcate@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASS COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

FRED W. REITHER, Deceased  
No. 2020-P-26  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of FRED W. REITHER, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 24, 2020 to Shelley Lydia Reither and Fred W. (Trey) Reither, 1420 S. Whittier Ave, Springfield, IL 62704 and 810 Beard St. Beardstown, IL. 62618-1527 as Independent Administrators, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan,

Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 09th day of July, 2021 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 10th day of February, 2021.  
Alex B. Rabin  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

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

JEANETTE SHACKLEFORD, Deceased  
No. 2021-P-6  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JEANETTE SHACKLEFORD, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 25, 2021 to CHRISTIE SHACKLEFORD, 130 Gladstone Avenue, Raeford, NC 28376 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin of Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Macoupin County Complex, 201 E Main St #3, Carlinville, IL 62626, or with the Representative, or both, on or before July 24, 2021 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 29th day of January, 2021.  
Alex B. Rabin  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

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

TERRY L. IMPSON, Deceased.  
Case No. 2021-P-038  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Terry L. Impson. Letters of Office were issued on January 26, 2021, to Susan Waldmire Impson of 6188 Waldmire Road, Rochester, IL 62563, as Executor, and whose attorneys are GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED January 29, 2021.  
Gordon W. Gates (#6192861)  
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL  
1231 South Eighth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703

Telephone: (217) 522.9010  
Facsimile: (217) 522.9020  
Email: gordon@gwspc.com  
Attorneys for the Estate

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

**ESTATE OF EUGENE C. SZERLETICH, Deceased**  
Case No. 2021-P-62  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of EUGENE C. SZERLETICH, Letters of Office were issued on February 10, 2021 to JOHN SZERLETICH, 1009 N 7th Street., Springfield, IL as Independent Executive whose attorney is Donald M. Craven, 1005 N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL, 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 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 of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
/s/ Donald M. Craven  
Donald M. Craven (#6180492) Attorney for Independent Executor Donald M. Craven, P.C.  
1005 North Seventh Street Springfield, IL 62702  
Telephone: (217) 544-1777  
Facsimile: (217) 544-0713  
Case No. 2021-P-62

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

**ESTATE OF MARCIA E. ROGERS, Deceased.**  
CASE NO. 2021 P 48  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of MARCIA E. ROGERS. Letters of Administration were issued on February 1, 2021 to SARAH E ROGERS of St. Louis Missouri. Claims against the estate may be filed within six months from the date of first publication. Any claim not filed within six months from the date of first publication or claims not filed within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditors, whichever is later, shall be barred.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the administrator, or both.  
Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the administrator and to their attorney within ten days after it has been filed.  
Law Offices, Donald A. LoBue  
2001 School House Lane  
Springfield, Illinois 62704  
(217) 522-0018  
lobueda@sbcglobal.net ARDC # 1679996

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

In re the Estate of SHERYL F. HERCHY, Deceased.  
Case No. 2021-P-68  
**DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of Sheryl F. Herchy. Letters of office have been issued to Michelle H. Smith, 109 Rainier Estates Court, Rainier, WA 98576 and Jason L. Herchy, 1236 N. Oak.lane Rd., Lot 305, Springfield, IL 62707, as Executors, whose attorney is R. Phillip

Reed, Attorney at Law, 1129 S. Seventh St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Executors, or both, on or before August 18, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed .

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R. PHILLIP REED Attorney at Law  
1129 S. Seventh St.  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 528-7333  
reedlaw@sbcglobal.net ARDC No. 2300478

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

**IN RE THE ESTATE OF: SUE ANN TRUAX, Deceased.**  
Case No. 2021-P-24  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of SUE ANN TRUAX of Sherman, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on January 21, 2021, to ALLEN DIEHM, Edinburg, Christian County, IL 62531, Executor, whose attorney is Thomas E. Doyle, 222 W. Market, P.O. Box 77, Taylorville, IL 62568.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702, or with the representative, or both on or before August 15, 2021, which date is not less than six months of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated: February 2, 2021  
Paul Palozzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Thomas E. Doyle  
Attorney at Law  
222 W. Market St.  
P.O. Box 77  
Taylorville, IL 62568  
(217) 824-2203

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARLO CATALANO, Deceased**  
NO. 2021-P-35  
**DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Carlo Catalano, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 28, 2021, to Carlo S. Catalano, 3820 Indian Grass Lane, Springfield, IL 62712-5810.as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or

before the 9th day of August, 2021, 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 29th day of January, 2021.  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA ROSE GRATTON, Deceased**  
NO. 2021-P-89  
**DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Juanita Rose Gratton, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 11, 2021, to George W. Gratton, Jr., 32678 Route 4, Girard, IL 62640, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 23rd of August, 2021, 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 11th day of February, 2021  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY J. LEONE, JR., Deceased**  
NO. 2021-P-000084  
**DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Anthony J. Leone, Jr., Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 11, 2021, to Catherine L. Cragoe, 2031 S. Bates Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 23rd of August, 2021, 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 11th day of February, 2021  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

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

**OF ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT, DECEASED.**  
NO. 2021-P-41  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS**  
Notice is given of the death of ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 2, 2021, to DANIEL J. RACHFORD 2626 Delaware Dr.; Springfield, IL 62702 and MCHAEAL P. RACHFORD 12600 Town & Country Estates Ln., Town & Country, MO 63141. The attorney for the Independent Co-Administrators is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 741 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62704. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of the Court.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Building Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 18th Day of February, 2021, 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 11th day of February, 2021.  
DAN RACHFORD and MIKE RACHFORD, as Independent Co-Administrators of the Estate of ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT, Deceased  
BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno  
Anthony J. DelGiorno, of Counsel  
Attorneys for Estate:  
RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney  
IL ARDC No. 6277358  
741 South Grand Avenue West  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Telephone: (217) 522-6000  
Fax: 217) 522-6018  
E-mail: tony@rblawyers.net

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JO ANNE TIBBS, deceased.**  
No. 2021-P-000017  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of JO ANNE TIBBS Letters of Office were issued on January 25, 2021, to DEBRA C. STRONG, whose address is 401 W. Harpole Street, Williamsville, IL 62693, as Independent Executor, whose attorneys are KNUPPPEL & LINDNER, 124 West Market Street, Havana, Illinois 62644.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, SANGAMON County Courthouse, South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative of the estate, or both,

within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within Ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
DATED this 28th day of January, 2021.

/s/ BLAKE LINDNER, Attorney  
KNUPPPEL & LINDNER  
Attorneys at Law  
124 West Market Street  
Havana, Illinois 62644  
Phone: (309) 543-2291  
Fax: (309) 543-6819

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERT TIBBS, SR., deceased.**  
No. 2021-P-000016  
**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of JAMES ROBERT TIBBS, SR. Letters of Office were issued on January 25, 2021, to DEBRA C. STRONG, whose address is 401 W. Harpole Street, Williamsville, IL 62693, as Independent Executor, whose attorneys are KNUPPPEL & LINDNER, 124 West Market Street, Havana, Illinois 62644. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative of the estate, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within Ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
DATED this 28th day of January, 2021.

/s/ Blake Lindner, Attorney  
KNUPPPEL & LINDNER  
Attorneys at Law  
124 West Market Street  
Havana, Illinois 62644  
Phone: (309) 543-2291  
Fax: (309) 543-6819.

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

**Re: the marriage of Marquisha Fields-Dunlap Petitioner and Willie Q. Dunlap, Respondent**  
Case No. 2020-D-498  
**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**  
Notice is given you Willie Q. Dunlap, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 18th day of March, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
In the matter of the Petition of ALEA MAE HOMAN

For change of name to FARREN ALEA MAE ACKERMAN  
Case NO.: 2020-MR-1255  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 30, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from ALEA MAE HOMAN to FARREN ALEA MAE ACKERMAN pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: February 11, 2021

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

In the matter of the Petition of MACKENZIE CENIZA  
For change of name to MACKENZIE WILD  
Case NO.: 2021-MR-115  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 30, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from MACKENZIE CENIZA to MACKENZIE WILD pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: February 11, 2021

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

In the matter of the Petition of AARON ANTHONY EVANS  
For change of name to AARON ANTHONY HOLMAN  
Case NO.: 2021-MR-50  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 13, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from AARON ANTHONY EVANS to AARON ANTHONY HOLMAN, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: February 18, 2021

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

In the matter of the Petition of Austin Nikolas Zachary Johnson  
For change of name to Audie Nikolas Barrow  
Case NO.: 2021-MR-166  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 13, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Austin Nikolas Zachary Johnson to Audie Nikolas Barrow pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: February 18, 2021

**F20080020 PNC**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY—SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff, vs. Zachery W. Cumberworth; Meghan Martinie aka Meghan D. Martinie aka Meghan D. Cumberworth aka Meghan Diana Cumberworth; Defendants.**  
CASE NO. 20 CH 148  
1515S Pasfield Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE**  
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above entitled cause on December 30, 2020, I, Sheriff, Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on March 30, 2021, commencing at 9:00 AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the follow-

ing described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:  
LOT 26 IN BLOCK 5 OF PAYNE'S GRAND AVENUE SUBDIVISION NO. 2.  
EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME.  
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 1515S Pasfield Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704  
P.I.N.: 22-04.0-208-006  
First mortgage Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$63,144.36

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY, OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT  
Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is:

Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo Lindberg, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL, 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit [www.dallegal.com](http://www.dallegal.com) 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Diaz Anselmo Lindberg, LLC  
1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120  
Naperville, IL 60563-4947  
630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax)  
Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232  
MidwestPleadings@dallegal.com  
THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.  
20 CH 148

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper  
PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Tanya M. Brawner, et. al., DEFENDANTS  
2019CH000365

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 01/29/2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 16, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
LOT 74 IN WANLESS' WEST LAWRENCE AVENUE ADDITION. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME.  
PIN 14-32.0-260-015

Improved with Single Family Home  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1555 West Lawrence Springfield, IL 62704

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-09806.  
I3163769

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS

loanDepot.com, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

Joseph Reinders, II, AKA Joseph H. Reinders, II; Lisa M. Reinders; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.

Case No. 2019CH000296

25 Birch Lake Drive, Sherman, IL 62684

Judge Adam Giganti

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 4, 2019, Jack Campbell will on March 16, 2021, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Lot 86, Except the South 10 feet thereof. Also, the South 1 foot of Lot 87 of Birch Lake Estates Second Addition  
Commonly known as 25 Birch Lake Drive, Sherman, IL 62684

Parcel Number(s): 07-30.0-326-029

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 19-031051.

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19CH296

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

Abdelrouf Samhan, AKA Abdelrouf A. Samhan; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants  
Defendants.

Case No. 2018CH000405

2505 Somerton Road, Springfield, IL 62702

Judge Adam Giganti

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 27, 2021, Jack Campbell will on March 16, 2021, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Lot 300, except the Westerly 5 feet of Charles S. Wanless' Northgate Addition Fifth Plat, Springfield, Illinois.

Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record.

Commonly known as 2505 Somerton Road, Springfield, IL 62702

Parcel Number(s): 14-23.0-229-066

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit,

the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 18-034041.

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18CH405

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-KR2  
Plaintiff,

-v-

JANET MORRIS A/K/A JANET CARR  
A/K/A JANET K. CARR, TOWER LOAN OF ILLINOIS, LLC D/B/A TOWER LOAN OF SPRINGFIELD, IL  
Defendant

19 CH 000035

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will at 9:00 AM on March 16, 2021, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT FORTY-EIGHT (48) OF BIRCH GROVE ADDITION. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 92 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, CHATHAM, IL 62629

Property Index No. 29-07.0-126-004

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$118,296.30. 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 on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of

the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 308983. E-Mail: [ipleadings@potestivolaw.com](mailto:ipleadings@potestivolaw.com)  
Case # 19 CH 000035  
I3164296

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
TRINITY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC  
PLAINTIFF

vs.

HENRY J. HIBBS, SANDRA K. HIBBS, TRACY A. SMITH, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Property Address: 9075 Owl Road, Sherman, IL 62684

DEFENDANTS

NO. 2020CH000199

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you TRACY A. SMITH, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois by the plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage encumbering the premises described as follows to wit: PARCEL 1: WEST 168.33 OF EAST 568.33 LOT 2, 1.18 ACRES HUGHES ILLINOIS BLVD SUBDIVISION.  
PARCEL 2: LOT 3 5 ACRES HUGHES ILLINOIS BLVD SUBDIVISION, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COMMON ADDRESS: 9075 OWL ROAD, SHERMAN, IL 62684

P.I.N.: 07-07-401-007

and which said mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds as Document No. 2001R65159; and for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of this Court in Sangamon County at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 on or before March 22, 2021, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

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I3164286

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, as successor to STATE BANK OF LINCOLN, Plaintiff,

v.  
EXTREME CLEAN CAR WASH, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, PAUL R. BEYER, DANIEL L. SPLAIN, DAVID E. JACOBS, DENISE L. JACOBS, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No.: 17-CH-261

NOTICE OF COURT SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.

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

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

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: (217) 753-0055

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

2620 Adlai Stevenson Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703

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

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 15 North, Range 5 west of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter Northeast Quarter; thence West along the North line of said Northwest Quarter Northeast Quarter, 4.07 feet to the intersection of the centerline of West Lake Shore Drive, said point being 25.00 feet North of the centerline of Stevenson Drive; thence South along the centerline of West Lake Shore Drive, 200.00 feet to a point; thence Westerly and parallel with the centerline of Stevenson Drive, a distance of 46.00 feet to a set iron pin on the Westerly right-of-way of West Lake Shore Drive, a distance of 100.00 feet to a set iron pin being 50.00 feet Northerly of the North line of Lot 9 of Lake Plaza Subdivision; thence West and parallel with the centerline of Stevenson Drive, a distance of 234.00 feet to a set iron pin lying 50.00 feet North of the North line of Lot 12 of Lake Plaza Subdivision; thence North and parallel with the centerline of West Lake Shore Drive, a distance of 222.00 feet to a set iron pin on the South right-of-way of Stevenson Drive, thence East and parallel with the centerline of Stevenson Drive, a distance of 50.00 feet to a set iron pin on the South right-of-way of Stevenson Drive, a distance of 122.00 feet to a found iron pin; thence East and parallel with the centerline of Stevenson Drive, a distance of 184.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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. Tax ID Number: 22-14-204-016

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

The property contains approximately 29,316 square feet of land or 0.67 acre

improved with two, one-story buildings containing a total gross building area of 2,462 square feet. The main building is a two-bay automatic car wash containing approximately 1,862 square feet. The second is an office/equipment building containing approximately 600 square feet. The buildings are constructed on concrete slab foundations.

(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are: Time: 9:00 a.m. on March 2, 2021

Place: Sangamon County Courthouse Second Floor Boardroom 200 South 9th Street Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are: Cash at the time of sale.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of Heartland Bank and Trust Company, as successor to State Bank of Lincoln, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.

HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, as successor to STATE BANK OF LINCOLN

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)

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NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY

Kyle Vicari Petitioner and

Jasmin Bolton, Respondent

Case No. 2021-F-14

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you Jasmin Bolton, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a child custody case and for other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 1st day of March, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo

Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY

Britney Hicks, Petitioner

vs. Ronald Hudgins, Jr., Respondent

Case No. 2020-OP-2247

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Ronald Hudgins, Jr., this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before March 11, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in

the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Court

Date: February 4, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY

Mary Suter, Petitioner

vs. Malcolm Suter, Respondent

Case No: 2020-OP-1265

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Malcolm Suter, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before March 18, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Court

Date: February 4, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY

Nixon C. Vicci, Petitioner

vs. Christopher Higgins, Respondent

Case No: 2020-OP-2186

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Christopher Higgins, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before March 24, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Court

Date: January 21, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY

Tiffany R. Reid, Petitioner

vs. Donavin R. Beanblossom, Respondent

Case No: 2018-OP-2219

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Donavin R. Beanblossom, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before March 18, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Court

Date: February 4, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY

Tiffany R. Reid, Petitioner

vs. Donavin R. Beanblossom, Respondent

Case No: 2018-OP-2219

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Donavin R. Beanblossom, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before March 18, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Court

Date: February 4, 2021

## Smiles, etc. Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 676

Across

1. Tara's Scarlett

6. Biblical brother

10. Dashboard abbr.

13. "\_\_\_ Without a Cause"

14. Knee/ankle connector

15. Dried up

16. Coliseum combatants

18. LBJ or RMN, e.g.

19. Faults

20. \_\_\_ good example

21. Pound sounds

22. Lets up

24. Wrath

26. \_\_\_ party: sleeper

29. Extended, in a way

32. Actor Tognazzi

33. Yes or no follower

36. \_\_\_ acid

37. \_\_\_-mell

39. Large-eyed lemur

41. 2007 Steve Carell title role

42. Dock site

44. Kidney-related

46. Pilot's announcement, briefly

47. Purchasing option

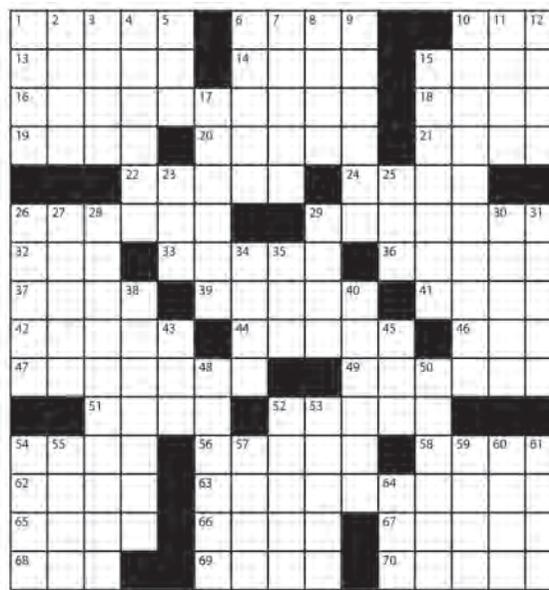
49. Rents

51. Some TV's

52. Put up with

54. "Here comes trouble!"

56. Not our



58. Nutritional info

62. Leaf unit

63. McDonald's treats

65. Mining finds

66. Dr.'s orders

67. Whistle-blower

68. "Fresh Air" airtel

69. "An apple \_\_\_"

70. Forebodings

Down

1. Assns.

2. Prefix with pad

3. Impose \_\_\_ on

4. Exodus locale

5. "Aladdin" prince

6. Perfumer Lauder

7. Immunizations

8. Broadcasts

9. Risky

10. The \_\_\_ of Windsor

11. Forward: Abbr.

12. Big name in oil

15. "Oh, please!"

17. Lay siege to

23. Morning hrs.

25. Spanish article

26. Trainee

27. Rocket stage

28. Hook's flag

29. Bridle part

30. Related maternally

31. Ladies of Spain

34. Actor Calhoun

35. Before, in poetry

38. Percolates, as water

40. Pay

43. Airport inits.

45. Spy novelist

Deighton

48. Allergy problem

50. In reverie

52. Old photo color

53. Midway between sober and drunk

54. "Once \_\_\_ a time..."

55. Angel's instrument

57. Difficult

59. Notre \_\_\_

60. Architect

William Van \_\_\_

61. Cold war grp.

64. 6 on a phone

## Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #675

4	9	3	5	1	2	7	8	6
8	1	6	7	3	9	4	5	2
2	7	5	4	8	6	3	1	9
9	3	8	1	5	7	2	6	4
1	6	2	9	4	3	8	7	5
7	5	4	6	2	8	1	9	3
3	2	1	8	6	5	9	4	7
6	4	9	3	7	1	5	2	8
5	8	7	2	9	4	6	3	1

Sudoku answers from #675

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

JoshJosh answers from #675

## JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 676

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.

1-		12+		1-	3÷
30x			3x		
3+				9+	
2÷	1-	1-	15+		
			16+	7+	
2-				2÷	

Difficulty medium

## Sudoku No. 676

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

2			6			3		9
	4							6
	7		1					
	9				1			8
4								
		6	2		5	4		
		1		3	9			
3	2	9	7				6	

Difficulty medium

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