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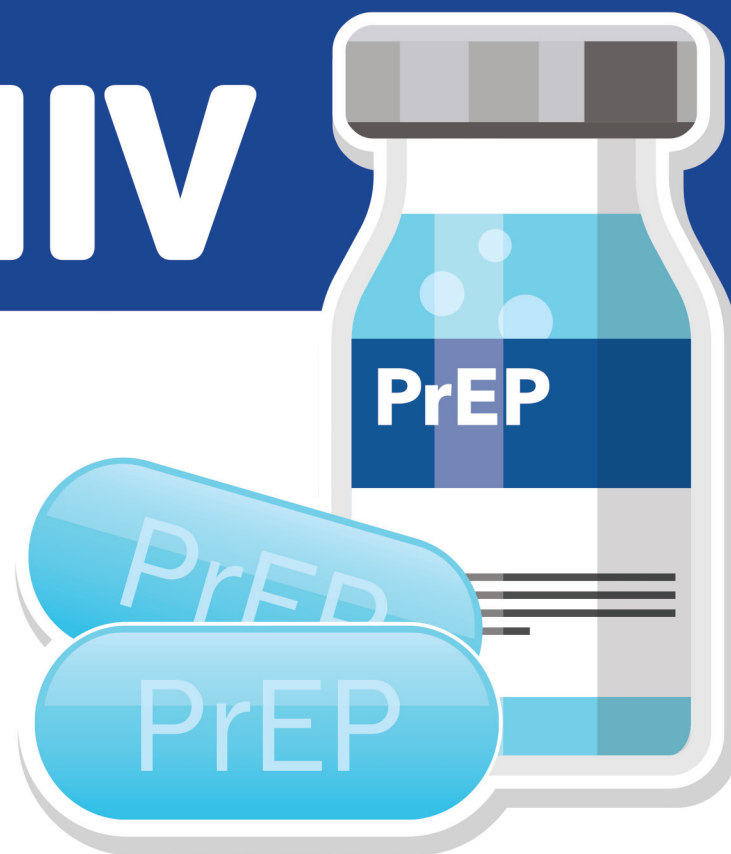


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# Moving forward with demolition

Many buildings at former Pillsbury Mills site to come down this year

REDEVELOPMENT | Dean Olsen

By this time next year, most of the buildings – other than the “head house” and the 160 long-empty grain silos – will be demolished at the site of the former Pillsbury Mills plant on Springfield’s north end.

That’s what \$1.5 million in spending set in motion by ordinances passed Feb. 20 by the City Council will accomplish, according to the president of Moving Pillsbury Forward.

“It’s very important for the project,” Chris Richmond told *Illinois Times* a few hours before the council passed the ordinances to spend the money from federal and local sources.

The votes mean \$6 million has been raised to offset the estimated total \$10 million to \$12 million it will take to demolish buildings and remove hazardous materials in the buildings and soil at 1525 Phillips Ave.

The votes also mark a second infusion of cash from Springfield city government in a community effort to repurpose a site that had been a major industrial hub in Springfield since 1929 but later became an eyesore.

A dog spotted roaming the vacant site and later found dead from ingesting rat poison in October 2019 symbolized the “sense of hopelessness” infusing the site and spilling over into the adjacent working-class neighborhood, Richmond said.

That incident helped spur volunteer efforts that coalesced in Moving Springfield Forward. The nonprofit later bought the site for \$1 and spearheaded efforts to clear it for future light or medium industrial use.

The efforts could culminate in two years and eventually lead to employment and other economic benefits for the neighborhood and Springfield as a whole, Richmond said. About 12,000 people live within a one-mile radius of the site, he said.

Pillsbury Co., which was acquired in 2001



Chris Richmond and Polly Poskin are spearheading Moving Pillsbury Forward, a nonprofit that acquired the 18-acre site in 2022 and has raised \$6 million so far to help demolish buildings and remove hazardous materials. PHOTO BY BEN ROMANG

by Minneapolis-based General Mills, built the grain processing plant and opened for business in 1929. The site once was a major nationwide supplier of Pillsbury flour, cake mixes and brownie mixes, employing up to 1,500 people or more in the 1950s.

The 160 100-foot-tall bins on either side of the 20-story head house held as many as 3 million bushels of wheat brought to the site by trucks and rail cars.

Pillsbury sold the site to Cargill in 1991, and Cargill ran the plant as a grain storage facility for about 10 years. The facility then sat vacant until 2008, when it was sold to the first of a series of owners that removed scrap metal.

Initial work to conduct environmental studies, fund consulting work and pay for some cleanup at the site has been funded in part by the Springfield-Sangamon Growth Alliance, which contributed \$260,000 to the effort. The money from the alliance included \$100,000 appropriated by the City Council.

In addition, the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln has chipped in almost \$40,000 and committed to another \$40,000.

Cleanup efforts so far have resulted in the removal of three structures and removal of 500 tons of garbage and debris, largely with volunteer help, Richmond said.

The City Council on Feb. 20 decided to contribute \$500,000 to the project from funds the city received from the American Rescue Plan Act. Also appropriated were up to \$500,000 in property taxes from the Madison Park Place Tax Increment Financing District and \$250,000 apiece from the city’s corporate fund and federal community development block grant funding.

That money is expected to begin flowing later this year, beginning in the summer, Richmond said. The money will be added to federal funds expected to arrive this year after Congress, with help from U.S. Sen. Dick

Durbin, D-Springfield, approved \$2 million for the project in 2023.

Also working their way to the project are an \$800,000 cleanup grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that was announced in 2023, and \$1.3 million in grants, also announced last year, from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Included in the amount Richmond counts in the \$6 million raised for the project is \$500,000 from city government over the next two to three years that city officials have committed to spend. That spending would require future votes of the City Council.

Moving Pillsbury Forward has applied for another \$1 million in federal funds with the help of U.S. Rep. Nikki Budzinski, D-Springfield. The group also has applied for another \$2.6 million from the U.S. EPA.

Those federal funds should cover the demolition and removal of the head house and the grain silos, which contain lead paint and asbestos and require special care to avoid contamination, Richmond said.

He noted that the head house, standing 225 feet tall, is the third-highest structure in Sangamon County, behind the Capitol, which is the tallest, and the Wyndham Springfield City Centre hotel.

Moving Pillsbury Forward hopes to sell the site to a future developer or developers, and the groups probably will need to work together to fund a few million dollars to remove contaminated soil from the site, Richmond said. The site is just west of a rail yard.

Organizers of Moving Pillsbury Forward are “feeling pretty good” about the project’s momentum, Richmond said.

Richmond, 55, is a retired Springfield firefighter and former city fire marshal whose father worked at Pillsbury for 21 years.

The nonprofit has welcomed more than 3,000 people who have toured the site over the past 12 months, he said.

The progress thus far “really speaks well to our community,” he said. “Hopelessness is not an option in our community.” □

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## Editor’s note

Here’s an appeal for readers to be writers. We all know “senior moments” have gotten bad press lately, as tired politicians occasionally wander. But seniors have a lot of moments, and few of them involve forgetfulness. For the spring edition of *Illinois Times*’ quarterly magazine *REGEN*, we’re collecting stories about Golden Senior Moments. These touches of special clarity come when you, or a senior you know, experience joy, a happy or tearful time, a memory destined to last. By March 4 email 300 words or less, with subject line Golden Senior Moments, to [dwalker@illinoistimes.com](mailto:dwalker@illinoistimes.com). Attach an appropriate photo if you have one. More instructions, and examples, are on page 9. —Fletcher Farrar, editor



# City council passes budget

Council approves significant water and sewer rate increases, money for municipal ambulance

CITY | Dean Olsen

Water rates in Springfield will rise 32% beginning March 1 and another 32% a year later after contentious debate among City Council members and a 7-3 vote on Feb. 20.

"We don't have a choice," Ward 10 Ald. Ralph Hanauer said of the increases, the first since 2011.

He blamed prior city councils and prior mayoral administrations for inaction that led to City Water, Light & Power's water division becoming cash-strapped and ill-prepared to deal with state-mandated lead line replacements and other infrastructure improvements.

But Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano, one of three council members voting against the increases, told Hanauer, "We do have a choice."

She said the combined increase, which will total 74% after two years compared with current rates, is too high and "not necessary."

Notariano said many residents will be financially harmed by the hikes, estimated to increase the average residential customer's water bill by \$4 or \$5 a month in the first year, plus another \$5 to \$7 a month additional cost in the second year.

She proposed amendments to cap any water rate increases beyond the two 32% increases at 4% or 5% in 2026 and future years rather than whatever the Consumer Price Index dictates. But those amendments failed by votes of 6-4 and 7-3, respectively.

When the proposed 4% cap deadlocked on a 5-5 vote, Mayor Misty Buscher broke the tie among the 10 alderpersons by voting against the cap.

Several voting against the caps said they wanted to give CWLP more financial latitude to deal with future inflation and cost increases.

Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams Jr., who joined Notariano and Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory in voting against the increases, said he wasn't convinced all of the \$18.4 million to be raised by new rates in the next two years would be needed.

"There's always a way around this," he said. "We can fix this without taking it out on our citizens."

The council also approved 32% annual sewer rate increases for the fiscal year beginning March 1 and the following fiscal year. That vote, with nine alderpersons voting "yes" and Williams voting "present," lacked the debate that preceded the water rate



City Water, Light & Power's Dallman Generating Station is next to Lake Springfield and Interstate 55. CWLP will raise water rates in Springfield 32% beginning March 1 and another 32% a year later, money the utility says is needed to deal with state-mandated lead line replacements and other infrastructure improvements.

decision.

The increase in sewer rates – the first since July 2022 – will pay for sewer system improvements mandated by the federal government and other needed improvements but not for the treatment of sewage, Chief City Engineer Nate Bottom said. The increases will generate about \$6 million over the next two years, he said.

Sewage treatment is handled by another unit of local government, the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District.

The debate about water rates came during the same four-hour-long meeting where the

council adopted a \$680 million-plus city budget for fiscal 2025.

The budget included a corporate fund of more than \$190 million, which funds police, fire and public works departments and other core city services. The budget also funds the operations of CWLP, the city's municipally owned utility.

The budget passed unanimously and included \$12 million in spending from the federal American Rescue Plan Act. That money represents the last of \$33.8 million in ARPA funds received by the city to deal with ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Changes made to the budget before final passage included plans for the city to borrow \$10 million for the ongoing construction of three new fire stations.

The borrowing will reduce part of the \$23 million in corporate fund spending and \$7 million in ARPA spending that had been budgeted for fiscal 2024. The borrowing will free up corporate fund dollars to pay for increases in the new fiscal year budget, Buscher administration officials said.

The budgetary changes also reduced originally proposed pension payments by \$5 million, but the new budget still maintains payments of 100% of state-mandated minimum levels.

The council considered, but ultimately voted against, a proposed amendment by Ward 4 Ald. Larry Rockford to remove \$280,000 from the fiscal 2025 budget that had been set aside for the purchase of a vehicle to start a municipally operated ambulance service.

Rockford said he hasn't decided whether he supports such a service to supplement what is provided by the two for-profit and one nonprofit ambulance services operating in Springfield. But he said the issue needs more study before money is included in the city budget for an ambulance.

Ward 7 Ald. Brad Carlson said he opposed the amendment because leaving the money in the budget would "elevate the discussion" and give local hospitals, providers and city officials more of an incentive to have in-depth discussions on the pros and cons of a potential municipally operated ambulance service.

The council vote on Rockford's amendment was 5-4. Voting against the amendment, along with Carlson, were Hanauer and alderpersons Chuck Redpath of Ward 1, Erin Conley of Ward 8 and Jim Donelan of Ward 9. Voting for the amendment were Rockford, Gregory, Williams, Rockford and Notariano.

Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase said she voted "present" because she sits on the board of the nonprofit ambulance provider, MedicsFirst of Springfield.

The budget also includes \$250,000 in ambulance supplies.

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# City may pay \$95,000 to settle civil rights complaint

City's health plan changed after former Lincoln Library manager was denied medical coverage

CITY | Dean Olsen

Springfield city officials are asking the City Council to approve a \$95,000 settlement of a civil rights complaint filed by a transgender former city employee who was denied medical coverage for gender-affirming care.

The proposed ordinance, which went through first reading on Feb. 20 and is scheduled for a council vote March 5, would allocate \$70,000 to settle Katherine Anastacia Holt's compensatory damages claim. The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, which provided legal representation to Holt, would receive \$25,000 in the settlement.

Holt, who couldn't be reached for comment, managed Lincoln Library's circulation department from Feb. 17, 2020, to Nov. 5, 2020, and filed her complaint with the Illinois Human Rights Commission in February 2022.

Holt, a Bloomington native who is in her mid-30s, previously said she disclosed her transgender status to the library director, who then was Rochelle Hartman, and later to many of her coworkers.

Holt said she approached her employer about health benefits a month after being hired and was told the city's plan excluded coverage for sex transformation and related hormones.

Holt said she was told by the human resources director in June 2020 that her appeal was rejected "because the law did not require coverage for transition-related care," according to the commission.

The federal law governing self-funded health plans such as the city's doesn't require gender-affirming care to be covered, but the ACLU says Illinois laws that ban discrimination against transgender people govern both self-funded and state-regulated health plans.

The commission ruled in February 2022 that there was "substantial evidence" of discrimination against Holt. The commission noted that hormones such as spironolactone, progesterone and estradiol – the same hormone treatments for which Holt requested coverage – "were covered elsewhere in the health plan for uses outside of transition-related care."

The City Council voted after Holt resigned to change the city health plan so it



The city council is scheduled to vote March 5 on a \$95,000 settlement stemming from a civil rights complaint filed by Katherine Holt, a former Lincoln Library manager, who was denied medical coverage for gender-affirming care.

PHOTO COURTESY KATHERINE HOLT

would cover many medications and surgical procedures to treat gender dysphoria. Those changes took effect March 1, 2023.

The Human Rights Commission could award an unspecified amount of monetary damage. Either side could contest the commission's decision in court.

The proposed settlement says the

settlement is designed "to avoid the uncertainty and expense of further litigation." □

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# Sam McCann pleads guilty during trial

Former state senator admits guilt on nine felony charges related to misuse of campaign funds

COURTS | Dean Olsen

Former state Sen. Sam McCann pleaded guilty to all nine felony charges related to misuse of campaign funds for personal benefit on Feb. 15, one day before his bench trial was expected to end and as he considered taking the stand in his defense.

McCann previously said his prosecution in Springfield's U.S. District Court was politically motivated and that he wasn't worried about going to prison because "God's got this."

McCann stopped the bench trial and eventually said to Judge Colleen Lawless the phrase, "Guilty, your honor," in response to the seven counts of wire fraud, one count of money laundering and one count of tax evasion he faced in a 2021 grand jury indictment.

McCann, 54, of the Carlinville-area community of Plainview, changed his plea on the third day of his much-delayed trial stemming from alleged conduct between 2015 and mid-2020.

He didn't explain his change of heart in court and wouldn't comment when asked by an *Illinois Times* reporter as he left the courtroom in the custody of U.S. marshals.

Sentencing is scheduled for June 20. The charges carry a potential prison term of 20 years or more, though McCann is expected to receive a far shorter term than that because of the amount of ill-gotten money.

McCann's request for release until sentencing was denied Feb. 16 by Lawless, who said she believed McCann might try to harm himself or flee.

In making the decision, Lawless cited her Feb. 9 decision revoking his pretrial release. She said at the time that McCann violated her orders by failing to notify court officials of his whereabouts before and soon after a several-day

stay at a St. Louis hospital this month. McCann is being held at the Macon County Jail in Decatur.

McCann has used a wheelchair in court since his discharge Feb. 8 from Missouri Baptist Medical Center, which he entered several days earlier while complaining of chest pain. Doctors discharged him without diagnosing any heart issues. Lawless said her decision also was based on a recently posted Instagram video in which McCann proclaimed his innocence and said FBI members tried to convince him to make false statements. Lawless said the video, which she believes was made by McCann while driving from his Macoupin County home to court on Feb. 9, proved he was lying to her Feb. 12. McCann told the judge Feb. 12 that his memory was so foggy from the recent hospital stay that he didn't remember driving to court Feb. 9 or being in court that day.

Lawless listened while the 13-minute Instagram video was played in court Feb. 16. She said McCann was coherent during the video and didn't display any mental or physical impairments.

McCann said on the video, posted on Instagram Feb. 13, that he was innocent and that federal law enforcement officials were "coming after me with an ungodly pack of lies."

Lawless said McCann's statements on the video that he was willing to die for his country and his words of farewell to his children made her worry that he would harm himself if released from police custody.

Assistant U.S. Timothy Bass said McCann's guilty plea, which was made without any offer of concessions from prosecutors, proved McCann also was lying in the statements he made on the video about the FBI.

McCann, a former Republican member

of the General Assembly, representing parts of Springfield and other sections of central Illinois, was indicted by a federal grand jury three years ago.

That was more than two years after he left the Senate, where he served for eight years.

The charges alleged that he used elaborate schemes to illegally boost his personal income, be paid more for travel expenses than was allowed, and acquire vehicles, a motor home and a trailer.

Bass said McCann diverted up to \$550,000 in contributions to his campaigns for Senate and his unsuccessful Conservative Party bid for governor in 2018.

McCann never justified the diversion of that money in court documents or testimony. The criminal activity took place between May 2015 and June 2020, Bass said.

McCann's plea came after several hours of recorded interviews with FBI agents made in July 2018 in which the agents asked him about campaign spending and reporting discrepancies.

McCann sounded surprised in one of the recordings when the agents pointed out potential illegalities connected with McCann's use of campaign funds, including his purchase of a motor home and trailer with campaign funds and his use of an Ohio company to then rent the vehicles to himself under a different name.

Even though he reimbursed his campaign \$18,000 for one of the vehicles, the agents pointed out to McCann that it was improper to use campaign contributions to buy vehicles he would continue to own after the gubernatorial campaign was over.

The recordings played in court didn't include any response from McCann to the information.

FBI Special Agent Charles Willenberg

testified that the rental arrangement, with money paid by campaign funds, resulted in personal benefit to McCann of almost \$78,000.

The agents told McCann that prosecutors could consider leniency in any potential charges against him if McCann could offer some evidence of other illegal behavior in state government that the FBI could investigate.

McCann said on the recording that would need to talk with his wife, Vicki, before responding.

Testimony Feb. 13 included information from one witness, Cynthia Miller, who started working for McCann during his 2010 run for an Illinois Senate seat and continued working for him for several years on campaigns and in his district office.

Capitol New Illinois reported that Miller said she had an "on and off" romantic relationship with McCann from 2011 to 2017. Sam and Vicki McCann have been married since 1994.

Capitol News Illinois reporter Hannah Meisel wrote that Miller's relationship with McCann eventually became "toxic" as she began to discover that McCann was misspending funds and the two had verbal confrontations when she pointed out questionable spending to him. Rebecca Workman, McCann's half-sister, who lives in Summersville, West Virginia, said in a phone interview Feb. 16 that "the whole family is devastated and shocked" by the allegations against McCann and his guilty plea.

"I can't believe he did it," said Workman, 57. "He wasn't raised that way. But we love him." □

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### PICK UP TRASH

An extreme amount of trash has accumulated along the roadways of our city. While we haven't (yet) had heavy snowfall this winter, some commercial areas have virtual drifts of plastic and paper accumulating at the fence lines. I don't know if this blizzard of debris was let loose accidentally or carelessly. I do know that no one seems to be cleaning it up.

I plan to do my part and 'adopt' a section of Route 4 near where I live. I hope that others will do the same and that businesses will take responsibility for the land in their area.

*Linda Johnson  
Springfield*

### MAKE LESS TRASH

In the editor's note from the Feb. 8 edition, Fletcher Farrar mentions that there is an unenforced requirement for each residence in Springfield to have trash service. While I can understand the desire to inhibit illegal dumping of garbage, this ordinance apparently does not consider that there are residents who do not require weekly or even monthly garbage collection. I fill a kitchen-size waste receptacle about every three months. Most of my "trash" goes into recycling or composting. I would not fill a curbside receptacle in a year.

I should not be required to pay for weekly or monthly garbage pick-up simply because I live in Springfield. Perhaps Springfield should have a Composting, Recycling and Waste Task Force, with community-wide composting and recycling being primary and waste being only that which does not fit the first two categories.

*Teri Kidd  
Springfield*



The east side of Veterans Parkway, across from Parkway Pointe. PHOTO BY LINDA JOHNSON

### SOME OPT OUT

The article doesn't address the reason why the people are camping out ("Doing more for the homeless," Feb. 1). The people who are using wooded areas generally do not want to follow rules at a shelter or transitional housing. I don't doubt outreach is happening, but the residents on the northwest side are getting fed up. We wouldn't mind so much if the homeless here were acting civilized and respecting the people that live here, but unfortunately, they're not. The northwest side has been reverse-gentrified and the mayor and city council don't care.

*Lisa McBrien  
Via [illinoistimes.com](http://illinoistimes.com)*

### MORE OUTREACH NEEDED

Shannon Allen and Officer Michael Newman (of the Springfield Police Department) have done a lot for Springfield's community. Every time I see them, they're hard at work. If we had another two or four like them, it would make a huge difference!

*Caroline Kionka  
Springfield*

### MORE HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS

The cover story of your Feb. 1 issue about homelessness pointed out the whole host of social problems convening around the central issue of people without a secure place to live. The story was told with compassion and truth.

In those same pages were an article and opinion piece on another class of displaced persons – immigrants. Many of their problems are the same as for the domestic homeless – lacking basic needs, having no shelter, few if any job prospects and generally regarded as undesirable. Yet in the case of immigrants, there seems to be more exasperation and infighting, rather than a spirit of collaboration, which is too bad.

Whereas the homeless situation here is still a long way from being solved, at least there is a guiding star of "functional zero" homelessness; there needs to be a guiding star for the immigrant population as well.

*Jeffrey Hobbs  
Springfield*

### DYNAMITE POEM PART 2

My friend Jack lived in his grandfather's house on the edge of Beloit; the handsome house next door was in heritage dispute and uninhabited. The local kids stripped the house of anything useful for the war effort: lead in the windows for instance. They all watched war movies. So Jack knew what to do with his salvaged, dried dynamite; he and his friends inserted it at intervals at the base of the deserted house's impressive stone tower, pulled the switch at midnight and down came the edifice exactly like in the movies. They were never caught – but the explosion broke every nearby window in his grandfather's house next door. (He didn't include this story in his wartime kids' book either.)

**2024 Jacqueline Jackson**

### MAGA AND DINO

Dave Blanchette's sitdown with Nikki Budzinski confirms my belief that there are two political parties in the United States today, the MAGA party and the DINO party ("Budzinski, the bipartisan Democrat," Feb. 1)

*Martin B. King  
Via [illinoistimes.com](http://illinoistimes.com)*

### NOT COMPETENT

I know when my parents obviously were unable, I had to take away their car keys. Now I see Jill Biden, who clearly knows the truth, wants Joe to keep the nuclear football. Be afraid, be very afraid.

*Jerald Jacobs  
Springfield*



# Lying catches up to Tim Mapes

POLITICS | Rich Miller

“Everybody gets pinched, but you did it right; you told ‘em nothin’ and they got nothin’” Jimmy Conway told a youthful Henry Hill in the classic gangster movie *Goodfellas* after the mob-connected teenager was arrested for selling stolen cigarettes, clammed up to the police and was then released by a corrupt judge.

“You learned the two greatest things in life,” Conway told Hill. “Never rat on your friends, and always keep your mouth shut.”

Former Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan’s people (and they weren’t alone in this, by the way) took that vow to heart.

It’s sometimes difficult to explain to Statehouse newbies how often the people in charge back then loved cosplaying as mafiosi.

And there are more newbies than you might expect.

Lobbyist and unofficial Statehouse historian John Amdor keeps track of stuff like this, so I asked him to run the numbers. Amdor found that a 55% majority of House Democrats - 43 of the 78 - have taken office since June 6, 2018, the day Madigan’s longtime chief of staff Tim Mapes was forced to resign after being accused of harassment.

To some of us, including journalists like me who are still covering politics today, the Statehouse #MeToo cataclysm of 2018 still feels recent. But most current House Democrats had nothing to do with any of it. They only know of Mapes’ autocratic reign and dramatic fall through the news coverage they’ve seen and the stories they’ve heard from colleagues. He’s just not relevant to their lives.

Currently, 33% of House Democrats (26) never even served under House Speaker Madigan, who left office in early 2021. If trends hold, it won’t be all that long before a majority of House Democrats never served with him.

Anyway, it’s clear from reading wiretap transcripts that those folks delighted in pretending to be part of some secret society.

And that all caught up to Tim Mapes last week.

Speaker Madigan’s former chief of staff had been busted cold for lying during his grand jury testimony. The feds were fishing for information about Madigan, but Mapes wouldn’t even admit to knowing about totally legal activities.

Mapes had to have figured at the time that federal prosecutors knew he was lying

(as literally everyone understands, the FBI and the US Attorney rarely ask questions that they don’t already know the answers to), but he did it anyway. And he was convicted.

Before pronouncing his sentence on Mapes, US District Judge John Kness called out the defendant for his almost cartoonish adherence to “the Law of Omertà,” the ancient mafia vow to never, as Judge Kness put it, “rat on your friends.”

That behavior “had no place” in a federal grand jury room, Kness told Mapes. “And you will pay the price for it.” No lawyer, no matter how connected, could possibly spring Mapes from this trap.

The price Mapes paid was 30 months in federal prison. Thirty months for lying in response to innocuous grand jury questions that weren’t even about illegal acts while he had complete immunity from prosecution. Thirty months away from his family plus who knows how many hundreds of thousands of dollars in crushing legal fees and lost income. For what?

There are probably only two explanations:

1) Mapes stupidly and stubbornly stuck to the “This is the life we chose” script on principle; or

2) Mapes knew of other illegal activities that the feds might have been interested in, so he took the fall on the little stuff to avoid exposing his former boss and others to even greater legal peril.

Either way, the result is the same. Personal carnage.

Henry Hill was met by all his gangster buddies as he walked out of the courtroom that day, and they wildly applauded him for being a stand-up guy. Mapes’ friends may throw him a similar party when he is finally let loose. Cold comfort.

In the end, Henry Hill realized his silence was no longer worth the pain it was causing and he flipped. Mapes never got there.

Let’s not ever go back to those days, please. Thanks. □



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# Beyond delusion

## The greatest environmental threat is militarism

GUESTWORK | Winslow Myers

Vladimir Putin demonstrated in his “interview” with Tucker Carlson the delusional version of Russian history that rationalizes his brutality. Hamas and Benjamin Netanyahu continue to demonstrate Auden’s classic line: “Those to whom evil is done, do evil in return.” It often seems as if vast swaths of the Middle East operate under the collective delusion that the various parties, state or nonstate, can kill their way out of insecurity and injustice.

Then along comes Donald Trump with his loose talk about allied obligations to NATO, provoking outrage across Western capitals. He leaves us feeling as if Joe Biden, elderly or not, is one of the few adults in the room, and U.S. power remains the ultimate backstop for the maintenance of democratic ideals against waves of authoritarianism in Russia, Iran, China, North Korea, Hungary and elsewhere.

Ukraine’s agony, with its echoes of Hitlerian aggression, calls into question the deepest convictions of those of us who are convinced there must a more robust way to constrain, or at least disincentivize, the Putins of this world.

Still, the context of unfolding time casts a shadow over even the most well-intentioned attempts at a viable international security system built upon superiority of arms. The arms race, further extending into space as we have recently seen with the alarm in the U.S. Congress over a Russian satellite with satellite killer weapons, moves ever more in one direction: toward greater complexity, computerization and speed of decision. Now A.I. is ominously entering the mix.

Meanwhile more and more citizens from chaotic

parts of the world, under pressure from both dysfunctional governance and the droughts and floods of climate instability, are forced into the desperate flight of the refugee to anywhere and nowhere.

The foreign policy establishment in the Western nations is in its own way just as deluded as Putin or Trump or Netanyahu in their over-reliance on the unworkable paradigm of deterrence by force of arms, especially weapons of mass-murder. Now 70 nations have acknowledged the reality that the arms race is a cure worse than the disease by ratifying the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

To once again indulge Thomas Kuhn’s overused characterization of fundamental shifts in worldview, what is required is a paradigm shift. Only a less delusional motivation, a larger conception of self-interest, can move the world in a less delusional direction. The shift is from seeing security as a function of competition to seeing it as a function of interdependence.

Endangered planetary ecosystems become the ultimate reason nations need to not only cease to fight each other but cooperate on a new level. To indulge in an unnecessary war of choice, as Putin has and as most agree the U.S. did in the Second Gulf War, is to plunge the whole world into taking sides where obsolete “us and them” thinking is reinforced. More Russian citizens know this than we think. An antiwar candidate named Boris Nadezhdin has been kicked off the ballot in their presidential “election” because Russian officials noted with alarm that he was polling in the double digits.

Planetary interdependence, with its inevitable



Opposition supporters gather for a protest rally in Moscow

implication that what I do affects everybody else and vice versa, is an idea that shakes the foundations of the status quo in a positive way, including shaking the establishment delusion that, by tragic necessity, war will always be with us, when in fact war will sooner or later do us in.

Where there is no vision, as the prophet said, the people perish. As average citizens realize that wars and arms races are a con and nothing good will come of them, but environmental cooperation is very much in everyone’s mutual interest, the paradigm will begin to change. When this shift seeps into political discourse and ultimately even into the well-fortified sanctuaries of the dictators, a new world might emerge. It will give renewed life to already

significant initiatives like Rotary International and the moribund United Nations itself.

One feels as if elements of the diplomatic world already are trying to operate out of this new paradigm – we see it in Anthony Blinken’s tireless efforts, with the help of his counterparts in places like Qatar, to bring about a ceasefire in Gaza and begin to lay the conditions at last for a Palestinian state. At the same time there are regressive forces, such as U.S. senators who shout loudly about “avenging” the deaths of our soldiers at the hands of Iranian-built drones. Vengeance, leading nowhere, does not a foreign policy make.

There are scientific resources available to reinforce the hard new truths of our interdependence, but it feels as if military thinking and ecological thinking are siloed from each other just when these distinct realms need to be in conversation. What are the biggest threats facing this planet? Militarism itself, with its vast sucking up of resources and equally vast environmental footprint. Degradation of air, water, and soil. Food insufficiency. Refugees by the millions.

When ordinary people see beyond the delusions of the war paradigm, they will begin to think and act together in their own true self interest. While there are mighty forces arrayed in favor of the status quo, we must ask ourselves, if we don’t begin to push such a change of thinking into our politics, how else will it happen?

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# How to succeed as a Black-owned business

Local entrepreneurs say it's tough getting started. Race plays a role. Rewards come from persistence.

**BUSINESS** | David Blanchette



Creme De La Clem owner Clemence Ahiabile.  
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Black people comprise more than 14 percent of the nation's population but only 2.3 percent of businesses are Black-owned, according to recent U.S. Census Bureau figures. The most recent American Communities Survey shows that while Black businesses make up approximately 11 percent of all businesses in Illinois, they comprise only two percent of the state's businesses that employ more than one person.

Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that 20 percent of new businesses fail during the first two years of operation, 45 percent in the first five years, and 65 percent in the first 10 years. Only one-quarter of new businesses make it to 15 years or more.

The numbers indicate that it's tough for new businesses to succeed, and it's even tougher if those new businesses are Black-owned.

Those odds don't seem to deter many Black business owners in Springfield, who are boldly forging ahead with open eyes and positive outlooks as they navigate a capitalist playing field that is decidedly uneven.

## "They expect different things from Black businesses."

### Replay Lounge, downtown Springfield

You immediately realize that Replay Lounge is unique the moment you set foot in the downtown Springfield establishment. That's because the barstools are swingset swings.

"We decided to give customers something different," said Replay Lounge co-owner Demetrius Hudson. "The atmosphere is more laid-back, people come in to relax and have something to eat or drink."

Hudson, a Chicago native, moved to Springfield in 1996. He owned and operated the bar and grill, Brille 69, at the Route 66 Center for two years. Hudson was asked to help establish a bar and grill at the current Replay Lounge location, and the property owner soon thereafter asked him to come

into the operation as a partner.

Hudson's main business challenge is convincing customers to come downtown, an issue he shares with other nearby businesses. But once they visit Replay Lounge, customers generally come back.

"Once they taste our food they'll be convinced because we have some good food," Hudson said. "We make believers out of people all the time."

Hudson said he didn't have any special challenges getting Replay Lounge up and running, but since he's been in operation, it seems he has had to go the extra mile because of his race.

"People in general, when they find out that it's a Black business owner they are more skeptical. They expect different things from Black businesses than they expect from someplace else," Hudson said. "In my own Black community, they expect everything to be almost free. They think that we should give away stuff."

Hudson said that Black businesses are expected to have better customer service than other similar businesses, and Black business owners put more expectations on themselves than their white counterparts.

"We assume that we can just open up the doors and automatically begin to make money," Hudson said. "But in six months when we are not making that money, we are struggling and we are in the red, we begin to make decisions that compromise our business. We start changing up our ideas and our plans."

Hudson had advice for any new business owner, regardless of race.

"Just stick with the primary vision, don't shy away, hang in there, because that's how originality starts," Hudson said. "That's how most chains get started, and that's how you become known for a certain thing."

"I am a business with great potential just like any other business," Hudson added. "I try to stay away from stereotypical stuff."





Top: Owner Demetrius Hudson by one of Reply Lounge's signature swingset-type barstools.  
Bottom: Entrepreneur Tia Mahr inside one of her businesses, Spa Nyne in White Oaks Mall.

## "I had to pivot again."

**Tia Mahr, business owner, not-for-profit consultant**

Tia Mahr demonstrated an "elevator speech" in, of all places, the elevator at White Oaks Mall.

"We try to teach kids how to start their own business," Mahr said as the elevator descended. "They need to be able to sell their idea in the time it takes to ride an elevator. You never know when you will have an opportunity to pitch your dream."

Mahr is a Black woman entrepreneur who has started and continues to operate several businesses. She also shares her experience with other prospective business owners and youth, primarily in Springfield's Black and brown communities, through her Made Wright not-for-profit organization.

Mahr's business journey began in 2012 when she opened Accessories Jewelry Collection, a shop where she made and sold handcrafted jewelry, hair bows, tutus and other items for girls.

"That was a bad business idea, it didn't work, so

I had to pivot," Mahr said. "Then I started Curvy Closet, a plus-sized retail boutique, but COVID happened and resale clothing wasn't something that people wanted to buy at the time. So I had to pivot again."

Next came Nyne, which was originally a spa where Mahr made her own sugar scrubs and detoxes and offered spa services. When that didn't take off as she thought it would, Mahr pivoted again and turned Nyne into a teen clothing boutique that now operates in White Oaks Mall. She also started her own grant-writing business after she was able to successfully secure a business startup grant for herself.

That led to Made Wright, also headquartered in the mall, where Mahr takes her own entrepreneurial experiences and teaches others.

"Working with youth has always been my passion, and a lot of them want to start a business or go into a trade. And I thought, well, I'm an entrepreneur, who better to help them than me," Mahr said. "We teach them financial literacy with a hands-on approach and we make



## Springfield State Historic Sites Celebrate Black History Month

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Register online. Guests are welcome to bring a lunch to enjoy during the discussion. The discussion will outline important yet little-known connections between Hughes and the Lindsay family. Poems by Hughes will be read during the program.



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learning fun.”

Lack of financial literacy was the main hurdle that Mahr encountered when she first started in business, and she said that issue remains prevalent among Springfield’s Black business owners.

“Sometimes as African American women we don’t learn about credit scores and financial responsibilities. In Black and brown communities, financial education is not as accessible,” Mahr said. “You can go into a bank and try to get a personal loan to fund your dream. When you don’t know about the importance of building your credit, then you don’t understand the process of why you got denied.”

“I had to learn how to start my business on my own,” Mahr said. “I had to start from ground zero and build my way up.”

Mahr is also chair of the Queen’s Table, a women’s entrepreneur social group that meets twice a month. The group combines workshops with social outings. The Queen’s Table women also compare notes about what has and has not worked when starting their business ventures.

“Entrepreneurs are risk-takers,” Mahr said. “It could either go great or it could go bad, but you’ll still have a lesson to learn from what you did.”

Mahr said that persistence is the key, and that any prospective business owner needs to realize that it may take a while to turn a profit.

“Never give up. It gets hard. There are going to be times where you make no money and there are going to be times where you make lots of money,” Mahr said. “There have been times when I opened our store space here in the mall and we made zero dollars, then the next day we made enough to pay the rent for a month.”

Mahr is a strong believer in the power of business to uplift the Black community.

“People always want to put other people in a bubble but when you have your own business you can live outside of that bubble,” Mahr said. “Owning



Jenaya Gant and Angel Macon, the co-owners of Intertwine Loc Design Hair Studio.

a business is the key to escaping poverty. Try it and if you fail you can always try something else.”

### “It gave me more of a will to stand proud.”

**Colleen Ikerionwu, owner,  
First Impressions Daycare**

The first impression made upon entering First Impressions Daycare is that the child-care business is a happy place. That’s just the way that owner Colleen Ikerionwu wants it.

“My philosophy is every child deserves to be loved, nurtured and to reach for their dreams and achieve their full potential,” Ikerionwu said as she greeted each child and staff member by name while walking through the business.

Ikerionwu had worked as a police officer and a truant officer but wanted a “happier job,” somewhere she could be with her own young

children. Her oldest school-age son went to First Impressions in 2016 and, with twins on the way, Ikerionwu’s desire for a career change seemed to point her toward the day care business. She purchased First Impressions that year.

First Impressions may have been a happy place, but running it as a first-time business owner wasn’t easy at first.

“I quickly found out that I had a lot of regulations that I needed to learn,” Ikerionwu said. “I had to go back to school and complete some classes in early childhood because I wasn’t qualified at the time to run my own center. I’ve since completed that training so I can now run it.”

Ikerionwu encountered a few obstacles as the new Black owner of an established business.

“I think we weren’t taken very seriously when we went to certain agencies in order to get the licenses we needed,” Ikerionwu said. “When I first purchased the day care I had a white director who

was older than me. When people came in here they would just look right past me and talk to her, and she would have to tell them that I was the owner.

“Our families have been extremely gracious, and I think people have been very accepting of me as a Black owner, but I did have to prove myself,” Ikerionwu said. “It gave me more of a will to stand proud as a Black owner and pave the way for other Black people who want to own businesses.”

Ikerionwu finds herself being a mentor to other Blacks who consider starting or acquiring their own businesses.

“I tell them that it takes hard work, dedication, you have to take your time, and anything is possible,” Ikerionwu said. “It’s smart to start slow and just don’t give up. Grit is the secret.”

First Impressions has quite a few repeat customers, including parents who at one time went to the day care as children themselves. That loyalty is rewarding, but the children themselves give Ikerionwu her greatest joy.

“I knew I loved kids but I didn’t expect to care so much for the kids and staff who are here,” Ikerionwu said. “They’re here sometimes from six weeks to kindergarten, and it’s really hard to say goodbye.”

### “Offer a service that allows Black women to feel good about themselves.”

**Intertwine Loc Design Hair Studio, Angel  
Macon and Jenaya Gant**

Intertwine Loc Hair Design Studio in Springfield is thriving because it offers something for Black women that they can’t get unless they are willing to travel quite a distance.

“I am the only certified Sisterlocks technician in Springfield and the only one between Chicago and St Louis,” said Angel Macon, who co-owns the business with her daughter, Jenaya Gant. “Only a trained professional can offer this patented system. It’s an interlocking hair process and it is maintained using a specialized tool, and you can only get the

## The state of Black businesses in Illinois

There are more than 120,000 Black-owned businesses in Illinois but more than two-thirds of those businesses take in less than \$50,000 per year. Those numbers come from Larry Ivory, the president and CEO of the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce, and he said it’s in the state’s best interests to improve those gross receipt numbers.

“It makes good economic sense for the state and the country to have everybody working, everybody paying taxes, and everybody being as productive as possible,” said Ivory, a Peoria resident who also chairs the board of the National Black Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C. “If you have one hundred employees, you want those hundred employees all being productive because it affects your bottom line.”

Ivory said the low bottom lines of many Black businesses are in sharp contrast to those of Hispanic and other ethnic-owned businesses, which average five to six times greater revenue.

“The numbers point to the fact that there are a large number of Black businesses, but when it comes to them

building capacity and employing people, those numbers get pretty low,” Ivory said. “We need to put everyone to work on a level playing field because true prosperity is through entrepreneurship, education, job training and by making sure that procurement contracts are distributed fairly and consistently.”

Those government procurement contracts are a sore spot for Ivory, who noted that Black business participation in federal contracts is just 1.5 percent. The State of Illinois also posts single-digit Black procurement participation numbers, Ivory said.

A recent annual report by the Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion noted some progress on its Business Enterprise Program (BEP), which encourages businesses owned by minorities, females or persons with disabilities to participate in state government contracts. The commission’s Fiscal Year 2022 figures showed that the number of BEP firms awarded state contracts increased by 16 percent, but the total dollar value of those contracts fell to 8.2 percent of the total

spent on state procurement. The BEP report does not separate the percentage of Black-owned businesses from the overall BEP totals.

“In state and municipal procurement, the numbers are pretty dismal, but that’s true across the whole country. Participation runs in the two to three percent range,” Ivory said. “When you have places like Peoria that have a 27 percent Black population, yet only 1.5 percent of procurement is going to people of color, there’s a problem.”

Ivory said the reason for the great disparity in wealth for Black-owned versus other businesses is simple: systemic racism.

“It’s the lack of access to capital. African Americans with the same credit rating get turned down three to four times more than their white counterparts,” Ivory said. “You can go back to slavery and Jim Crow and see a consistent pattern of a lack of access to capital and economic challenges for the African American community.”

A recent WalletHub study confirmed Ivory’s assertion.

The study noted that Illinois is the worst state in the nation for racial financial equality.

“We are still fighting the same fight that Dr. King talked about. We’ve made some progress, but there’s a lot more progress to be made,” Ivory said. “We must embrace this whole idea about a more perfect union, be intentional about including Black businesses, understand the inherent challenges of Black businesses.”

Ivory said finding a solution is even more vital now because of the nation’s political climate, where programs like affirmative action are under attack and a conservative-majority U.S. Supreme Court could make rulings that further undermine Black business progress. But Ivory said he’s an optimist, and the solution is relatively simple.

“I think we can fix it. I know what it takes to fix it, it’s not overly complicated,” Ivory said. “We were intentionally left out and we have to be intentionally included. You have to create the right environment for success.” —David Blanchette



tool by taking the class and becoming certified.”

Sisterlocks uses a client’s natural hair to create tiny dreadlocks. But instead of relying on a twisting or rolling technique, Sisterlocks are created by using a special tool that builds the locks from the ends of hair to the root.

“A lot of people see our hair and they ask, ‘Who does your hair?’ And we say, ‘Oh, we do our hair,’” Macon said. “Now our work is out in the community and people can see it. Most of our advertising is word of mouth.”

For several years Macon had been getting her own hair styled by a Sisterlocks salon in St. Louis but when that salon owner moved, Macon’s daughter took over her mother’s hair styling in the Sisterlocks fashion. Mother and daughter then decided to investigate the possibility of starting their own Sisterlocks business in Springfield.

Both Macon and Gant had to be professionally trained in the Sisterlocks system, which was done virtually, during the COVID pandemic.

“We had some challenges initially because of COVID. It prevented us from really flourishing when we first gained our training,” Macon said. “Also no one believed that we were Sisterlocks consultants because there aren’t any nearby. The closest ones were in St. Louis and Chicago.”

Since COVID, Intertwine Loc Hair Design Studio has really taken off.

“Our initial goal was to have only like 10 clients, but the Lord saw fit to send 30, and then the first year that doubled” with customers coming from as far away as Indianapolis, Macon said. “Being able to offer a service that allows Black women to feel good about themselves is a blessing. We have clients who have embraced their hair, they never want to go back to relaxing their hair or wearing weaves or wigs.”

Macon feels that Springfield is a welcoming city for Black-owned businesses and there are a lot of opportunities for businesses to expand. She did, however, find it a challenge to get funding to establish her business.

Daughter Jenaya Gant said Sisterlocks customers represent stable, repeat business for the salon since the locks must be retied every four to six weeks due to clients’ natural hair growth. Meanwhile, Gant and her mother are walking advertisements for the business.

“It actually makes me feel very confident when people see my hair and see how long it is,” Gant said. “I say that’s something my mom did right, because she established my Sisterlocks hair.”

**“Thank God I had some people in my corner.”**

**Clemence Ahiable, Creme De La Clem Fitness**

Clemence Ahiable has been doing things his own way most of his life, which gave him a rather rocky employment history.

“I’ve tried a little bit of every type of job, and to be honest I’ve been fired from 95 percent of my jobs,” Ahiable said. “Not because I was a terrible worker, but I



First Impressions Daycare owner Colleen Ikerionwu with one of her young clients.

liked to do things my own way, I march to the beat of a different drummer.”

That different drummer led Ahiable to a personal training class at Lincoln Land Community College, then to L.A. Fitness, then Anthony’s One-on-One Fitness, and finally to a private gym in Rochester. After that gym closed and later reopened following the COVID pandemic, the gym owner asked Ahiable if he’d like to become partners.

“I told him thank you but I had my own idea what I wanted to do,” Ahiable said. “A short time later I got the opportunity to bring this to life.”

“This” is Creme De La Clem Fitness, located in a portion of a large Morton building along Camp Butler Road, where Ahiable shares divided space under the same roof as Outlaw Athletics, a dance, tumbling and cheer academy,

Ahiable obtained most of the fitness equipment from the now-closed gym in Rochester where he worked. Ahiable, who moved to Springfield from Ghana, in West Africa, in 1999, usually does one-on-one and group fitness classes at the business, but plans to open it up to the public this year. He has also written a new book, *Your Ultimate Guide to Fitness Success*, published through cremedelaclem.gumroad.com.

“I take every opportunity and I learn from every opportunity,” Ahiable said. “For a while I said ‘yes’ to every opportunity that came my way. I believe that was one of the driving forces for why I am here right now.”

Ahiable said as a Black business owner he faced obstacles “every step of the way” while he established Creme De La Clem Fitness, including banks that expressed no interest in lending him startup money. “But thank God I had some people in my corner who believed and invested in what they saw,” he said.

Ahiable encourages other young Black entrepreneurs to follow their dreams like he did, but to do so with their eyes open.

“Plan the work and work the plan. When you have that vision write it down, don’t be too hesitant about it,” Ahiable said. “And make sure it’s a passion, don’t do it just to make money.” □

# Big shoes to fill

## Entrepreneur, 24, buys an established business

### BUSINESS | David Blanchette

How do you take over a legacy small business that was founded in Springfield 20 years before you were born? If you’re Emmanuel “Manny” Davis, you just dive right in.

The 24-year-old Davis became the new owner of Tax Partners Holding, Inc. (TPH) on Feb. 1. The tax preparation and bookkeeping business was established by the late Don Fuener more than 44 years ago, and Davis has already taken the firm’s clients through their first income tax season and beyond.

“So far the reaction from clients has been overwhelmingly positive,” Davis said. “A lot of people were happy that they didn’t have to change tax preparers.”

Davis knew he would have big shoes to fill, and he has been taking it one tax return at a time since assuming the ownership of TPH earlier this month.

“I keep saying to some of the clients that the business isn’t in year one but I’m in year one,” Davis said. “Learning the processes has been interesting, trying to compare the way I want to run the business with how Don ran the business. My goal for the first two years is to just keep things running the way they have been and absorb as much knowledge as I can.”

Davis said that as a young, minority business owner, he had expected to face some unique challenges in purchasing and operating TPH, but those challenges simply haven’t occurred.

“Being a minority business owner, I was nervous stepping in after Don passed away. I didn’t know how that was going to be perceived by the public,” Davis said. “But I think that hasn’t been an issue at all. Everything has been quick and easy.”

Davis said that Cindy Fuener, a TPH employee and Don’s widow, “did some creative financing on how she structured the sale of the business.” Davis also secured a Small Business Administration loan for working capital and has had a good relationship with Bank of Springfield that has helped to get things up and running.

Davis was born and raised in the Chicago area. He earned an undergraduate accounting degree from Millikin University in Decatur where he met his fiancée, who lives in Springfield. Davis earned his MBA from University of Illinois Springfield, worked in accounting with Sikich LLP in Springfield, and then took a job in finance with the private equity firm Advantage Capital in St. Louis.

Davis had a five-to-ten-year goal of owning and operating his own tax preparation business, but that timetable advanced when he learned about TPH from an old colleague. When Davis looked further into the possibility, he discovered that his fiancée’s mother was also a TPH client. She put her future son-in-law in touch with Cindy Fuener in November 2023.

“I called Cindy and she told me how many clients Don had, how he did payroll, how he did tax services and tax preparation,” Davis said. “We decided to meet in person to see how interested I was in buying the business, so I came down that next day. I felt like we hit it off pretty quickly.”

Cindy explained that she wanted to find a good steward for her late husband’s business and their clients. Offers had come in from multinational corporations and smaller entities, but she was determined to keep the business local and personal.

“She explained to me how nothing felt right until we met, and I felt the same way,” Davis said. “I fell in love with the clients, I fell in love with the building, and knew that I could continue on with the business and with Don’s legacy.”

The first step Davis took was to retain the firm’s two employees, Cindy Fuener and Alice Foss, so clients would have some familiar faces when they walked through the door. Next came a mailer that Davis sent to all TPH clients to introduce himself to them and to assure clients that the name of the business and its method of operation would remain unchanged.

“The only real change I have made so far is decorating this office and changing the form that the clients fill out,” Davis said. “Right now I’m learning everything I can about our clients, their work and their personal stories so we can cultivate their individual tax stories.”

Davis expects to attain his Enrolled Agent Certification with the Internal Revenue Service in May. He has joined the Chamber of Commerce and several local tax professional groups, and feels Springfield has a lot to offer small businesses and the people who operate them.

Tax Partners Holding is located at 2060 West Monroe and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and other times by appointment. Clients can simply drop off their tax paperwork or they can meet with Davis if they have a specific issue or question.

Meanwhile, Davis said he’s in it for the long haul with TPH.

“Don built something here and I just want to keep it going,” Davis said. “He put in 44 years and hopefully I can put in 44 years. I’m here to stay. I’m here to serve the local community.”



Emmanuel “Manny” Davis, the new owner of Tax Partners Holding in Springfield.



# First Date, the musical on contemporary dating

A cool new telling of a mismatched couple on a blind date

THEATER | Mary Young

Adding to the list of edgy modern musicals hitting local theater stages in recent seasons comes a show about the challenges – as well as horrors and pleasant surprises – of the contemporary dating scene. The setting is New York City, though this story could play out anywhere. Nice guy Aaron has been set up on a blind date. He's an overdressed ball of nerves. Even the waiter feels sorry for him. Then in walks his blind date, Casey, who is the antithesis of Aaron. Where he is awkward, she is confident. Where he struggles to remove his tie, she sizzles in a glittery cocktail dress and combat boots. The two seem perfectly mismatched, which is a story plot we've all seen and heard a million times. So, what makes this one different?

STC's production of the romantic musical comedy *First Date*, book by Austin Winsberg, music and lyrics by Alan Zachary and Michael Weiner and directed by Jacob Deters, is funny without being over-the-top, sweet but not saccharine, flawed but still notable. While the premise may sound completely predictable, and it kinda is, this show is a cool new telling and this local production delivers. With its cozy unit set, some clever dialogue and a few knockout songs, the tight 90-ish-minute one-act might not be everyone's cup of tea. But there are enough things within this production to like, so your personal preference might not matter so much by the end.

The story navigates, in real time, what the dating world can look like for so many wannabe couples, touching on all the



Wes Bridges and Hope Cherry in a scene from *First Date*. PHOTO BY MATT FRANKLIN

hot-button issues that can make or break a relationship: religion, children, awkward pauses, communicable diseases, one's social media history, bad jokes, worse jokes, political correctness, exes and the dreaded topic of who pays "The Check." There are also Casey and Aaron's inner voices seen only by the audience and the leads. These are friends and family who appear to the characters and whisper in their ear like the good angel or bad

devil sitting on their shoulder, pointing them in the right direction or leading them astray. Eventually, in creeps self-doubt and the desire to play it safe for our couple, almost upending any thoughts of "will they, or won't they?"

There were some hit-and-miss moments with the writing, but I was entertained and impressed by the collaborative efforts of everyone onstage and offstage. Anchoring the show are Hope Cherry and Wes Bridges

as Casey and Aaron. They grab you from the start and don't let go for an hour and a half. Their comic timing and delivery are both sharp and subtle and their singing will melt your heart - occasionally your face. These two make potentially off-putting characters likable and sympathetic, with great onstage chemistry. They have a true knack for listening and being wholly in the moment. They're supported by an ensemble of actors (Will Moffett, Hannah Levin, Jared Lamkey, Jessica Smith, Kristin Wheeler, Antonio King Jr., Jack McLaughlin, Hunter Woods, Madeline Boner) who morph in and out of a variety of dating couples, old flames, siblings, bail-out friends, parents and a hard-working singing waiter. Extra props to everyone who had to eat actual food onstage.

Director Deters, who also capably served as scenic designer, along with his talented staff and crew (vocal direction Matt Woodson, choreography Casey Tester, music direction Blake Martin, et al) have the cast and show in good voice and looking appropriate to the piece.

And as for the spate of cool, well-done, barely-heard-of shows being produced around here....keep it up! □

*First Date* has some mature language and themes and might not be suitable for all ages. The show continues at the Hoogland Center for the Arts in the LRS Theatre Feb. 23-25. Friday and Saturday performances will start at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. <https://www.hcfa.org/tickets>

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# Incorporate more mushrooms into your diet

Two easy ways to eat a hefty helping of healthy fungi

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

I “I’m going to run into the grocery and pick up some potatoes for dinner – it’ll be quick, I promise. I’m just getting one thing.” I made these assurances with the best of intentions but as I briskly walked through the produce section a sign caught my eye. Button mushrooms were on sale for 99 cents a box. I reflexively grabbed an entire flat, threw potatoes on top and zipped over to the checkout. My husband, who was waiting for me in the car, rolled his eyes as I loaded the large cardboard flat full of mushrooms into the car. “Just getting one thing, huh?” he chuckled.

Promises or not, there was no way I was going to pass up a deal like that. I’ve always loved mushrooms, even as a kid, whether they were in soup or on pizza. As a health-conscious adult, I value them even more as a hearty, low-calorie way to bulk up a meal. Sadly, neither of my kids have willingly eaten a mushroom since they were babies but that hasn’t stopped me from incorporating them into as many corners of their diet as possible. What my kids don’t know is that every time they eat a burger or a sloppy Joe or a bite of shepherd’s pie they’re also eating a hefty helping of fungi.

Some of that mushroom haul will go into a creamy mushroom bisque, but the rest will get simply tossed with olive oil and salt and roasted in the oven until they’re golden and lightly browned. Once cool, they’ll be packed up into a zip-top plastic bag and frozen flat, making it easy to break off a chunk whenever I want to include it in a recipe. Practically anytime I prepare a dish containing ground beef, I’ll pulverize some of the frozen roasted mushrooms into a fine meal which is then mixed in with the raw ground beef, extending it while also adding nutrition, moisture and a deep umami flavor.

Mushrooms can also be finely ground in the food processor while still raw (I like to throw in a clove of garlic for flavor), then cooked in the microwave or on the stovetop until they stop releasing moisture and begin to brown lightly. Let the paté-like mixture cool before mixing it with the raw ground beef. Either method works well and is very difficult to detect by picky eaters. For one pound of beef I like to add one pound of fresh mushrooms, which usually cooks down to about 6 to 8 ounces.



There are lots of reasons to incorporate more mushrooms into your diet. Mushrooms are low in calories and have some nutrients including vitamin B, potassium, selenium as well as fiber. However, their real power is due to the presence of non-nutritive plant substances including polyphenols and carotenoids which have been shown to have anti-inflammatory, antioxidant and anticancer effects, according to the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

I don’t normally advocate hiding vegetables in kids’ food because I want them to learn to love veggies in their own right, but I will admit it makes me smile inside when my kid enthusiastically devours a juicy mushroom burger. My wallet likes it, too, as it stretches a pound of beef into enough to make two meals

worth of tender meatballs. And compared to most other food products mushrooms have an incredibly low carbon footprint, use relatively little water and require substantially less growing space which makes them a healthy choice for the planet as well as the dinner table.

## Super-secret burger recipe

1 pound button or cremini mushrooms, washed and sliced  
1 clove garlic  
½ yellow onion, diced  
1 teaspoon olive oil or butter  
1 teaspoon salt, divided  
1 pound ground beef  
½ teaspoon garlic powder  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

2 tablespoons minced parsley, optional  
Six burger buns and sliced cheese, optional

Place the mushrooms, garlic and onion in the bowl of a food processor and grind very fine. Transfer this mixture to a microwave-safe bowl and add half a teaspoon of salt and the butter or olive oil. Microwave for five minutes then stir and continue to microwave at one- or two-minute intervals (depending on the power of your microwave) until the mushrooms are dry and no longer releasing moisture (You can also do this on the stovetop). Let the mixture cool, then mix it with the beef, garlic powder, Worcestershire sauce, remaining half teaspoon of salt and parsley. Divide into patties, then cook over medium high heat in a skillet or on the grill, about three to five minutes per side. Resist the urge to move or flip the burgers before they have formed a browned crust). Top with cheese and allow to rest for five minutes before serving.

## Luxe mushroom bisque

2 tablespoons each butter and olive oil  
2 pounds mushrooms, washed and sliced  
Kosher or sea salt as needed  
1 large onion or 2 leeks, sliced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
¼ cup flour  
1 teaspoon porcini mushroom powder, optional  
8 cups unsalted chicken stock, hot  
1 cup heavy cream  
1-2 teaspoons lemon juice  
¼ cup dry sherry, optional  
Chopped parsley, to serve

Heat a heavy-bottomed soup pot over medium high heat. Cook the butter and olive oil until it foams, then add the mushrooms, working in batches if necessary to prevent overcrowding the pot. Season with a pinch of salt and cook until they stop releasing moisture and begin to brown. Add the onions and garlic and cook until the vegetables are translucent and soft. Stir in the flour and porcini powder and cook briefly then whisk in the hot stock. Add the cream and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring regularly to prevent sticking. Purée with an immersion blender if desired, then remove from heat and season to taste with lemon juice and additional salt as needed. Stir in the sherry, if using, and sprinkle with chopped parsley before serving. □



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The Goddamn Ranchhand Band plays with Stumblebum Brass Band at the Blue Grouch this Saturday night.

# February music wrap-up

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Here we are winding down in the last weekend of February for 2024. I sincerely can't remember when our shortest month was as chock-full of live music as this one. Let's hope it's a harbinger of the year to come with more good stuff on the way. For now, we can take a look at what's booked in the upcoming week.

This Thursday, make a point to go see *Don't Tell Me No: The Life of Florence Price in Music and Song*, a wonderfully inspiring, totally true and mostly unknown story of the life of Florence B. Price. Known as the first Black female musician and composer to gain national recognition, Price was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1887 and died in Chicago in 1953 with a rich history of fighting racism, creatively living and making music in between. The program will be presented from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at First Presbyterian Church with spoken word and the lyrics of her compositions by ensembles of the Springfield Choral Society, along with Tiffany Williams and Reggie Guyton.

Thursdays are always a good indicator of what's happening on the scene and why I like to spill the beans on this particular day of the week so often. This week is a good example of diverse performances with Manny Lee at Casa Real, Solista Mariachi Gabriel at El Arriero, Savanna Chestnut and The Field Hands at the Backroom Lounge in Riverton and Tom Irwin (me!) at Crows Mill Pub. Plus, we have open mics and karaoke nights happening as well.

In a couple of early evening Friday shows, here comes Footprints, with Virgil Rhodes, a longtime, Springfield favorite jazz ensemble, making an appearance at Boone's for the Friday Night Jazz and Blues music series (5:30-7:30 p.m.) and Timo Arthur bringing his guitar,

voice and exceptional music (6-9) to the upstairs Farmhouse Brews stage at Harvest Market. Next, a veritable parade of top, talented local bands begins with Deja Voodoo at the Curve Inn (6-10), then veers out north to Weebles with Branded (7-10), lands at VFW Post 755 with The Red Ribbon Revue, slides into Goodfellas with Lincoln's Dead (8-11) and rolls into George Rank's with Jay Larson Band (8-11). Off the Wall bounces into Motorheads (8-11) to continue the cavalcade, and as OtW hits the milestone of a decade of existing, Eric Austin will join in on the drums while longtime skins man Fred Edmunds takes a break to work through some health issues. And to top off your Friday night, the new kids on the block in the local music band world, Silhouette, bring their fresh look and young sound to the Blue Grouch (7-10).

Saturday night gives us plenty of super-duper local combos at various venues and a couple of other shows to contemplate attending. The Gin Mill plays host to a rocking lineup of Los Injectors, The Lovelorn and Arrowhead Drive for an area-based, all-original music concert. Then in a far-from-home showing, the Blue Grouch presents The Goddamn Ranchhand Band from Alaska and The Stumblebum Brass Band from the Bronx in New York City, on tour through the Midwest before ending back in Anchorage by March 3 for a gig at Van's Dive Bar. These friendly, in-your-face bands have info on YouTube and Facebook if you want to see what all the fuss is about.

Oops, I did it again and frontloaded my column so do me a favor (and yourself) and look up all the other good stuff happening in our music listings. See you on leap day. □



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## Thursday Feb 22

**Savanna Chestnut and  
The Field Hands**  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

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

**Manny Lee**  
Casa Real Cantina and Grill, 6-9pm

**Tom Irwin**  
Crows Mill Pub, 7-10pm

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

**Solista Mariachi Gabriel**  
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant, Fourth  
Thursday of every month, 6-8pm

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

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

## Friday Feb 23

**Silhouette**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7pm

**Footprints with Virgil Rhodes**  
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

**Astrofix**  
Broadgauge, Petersburg, 7-9:45pm

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

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

**Deja Voodoo**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Chris Bradley**  
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7-9pm

**Jay Larson Band**  
George Rank's, 8pm

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

**Lincoln's Dead**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8-11pm

**Timo Arthur**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews,  
6-9pm

**it Pepper Sprouts**  
Hy-Vee Wahlburgers, 5-7:30pm

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

**Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue  
Band**  
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm and  
Feb. 24, 7-10:30pm

**John Stevens**  
New Moon Cafe, Decatur, 6-8pm

**Karaoke**  
Pier 55 Lounge, 8pm-12am

**Off the Wall**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill,  
Museum & Entertainment Complex,  
8pm

**The Red Ribbon Revue**  
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

**Branded**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7pm

**Crash Planet**  
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 7pm

## Saturday Feb 24

**George Caton**  
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar,  
Petersburg, 3-5pm

**Karaoke with Melissa**  
Coghlan's Hideout LLC, Bulpitt, 9pm-  
1am

**8UP**  
The Crowbar, Decatur, 8-11pm

**Folsom Prison Five**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Ladies Night Out with Tiffany**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New  
Berlin, 8pm

**Los Injectors, The Lovelorn,  
Arrowhead Drive**  
The Gin Mill, 7pm

**The Rick Mari Band**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8:30pm-12am

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

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

**The Cocktails**  
Mowie's Cue, 7-10pm

**The Tangents**  
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 3-5pm

**Big Mo and The Phat Groove**  
Pop's Place, Decatur, 7-11pm

**Decade of Decadence**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill,  
Museum & Entertainment Complex,  
8-11pm

**Annual Pre-Fair Party**  
Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New  
Berlin, 7:30-10:30pm

**After School Special**  
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 7pm

**Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project**  
Socavon, 8-11pm

**it Jet Trio and friends**  
Springfield Beer Company,  
Jacksonville, 5pm

**Open mic**  
Stella Coffee & Tea, Fourth Saturday  
of every month, 10am-12:30pm

**The Tangents**  
The Bean, Mechanicsburg, 7-10pm

**The Goddamn Ranchhand Band  
and The Stumblebum Brass Band**  
The Blue Grouch, 7pm

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

## Sunday Feb 25

**Pepper Sprouts**  
Ad Astra Wine Bar and Market,  
2-5pm

**Michael Burnett and Suns of  
Circumstance, Joe Dawkins**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New  
Berlin, 2-5pm

**Joel Honey**  
Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-  
1pm

**Hunter Sharp**  
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

**The Red Ribbon Revue**  
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

**Devin Clemons**  
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg,  
3-6pm

**Brother Jefferson**  
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

**John Drake**  
The Range Bourbon & Brew,  
Chatham, 1-4pm

**Deja Voodoo**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill,  
Museum & Entertainment Complex,  
3-6pm

**AI Kitchen**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

**Dave n Lisa**  
VFW Post 99, Decatur, 2pm

## Monday Feb 26

**Timo Arthur**  
The Alamo, 7pm

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

**Michale Graves with Engine Huey,  
Adam Zoom**  
Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 5:30pm

## Tuesday Feb 27

**Sign Language, Prize Horse,  
Discern, Point of View**  
Dumb Records, 7pm

**After School Special**  
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant,  
6:30pm

**Open jam**  
George Rank's, 8-11pm

**Open mic with Bob Besser**  
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, Fourth  
Tuesday of every month, 6-9pm

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

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

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

## Wednesday Feb 28

**Chris Camp, John Drake and  
Eric Tinsley**  
Benderz, Auburn, 7-10pm

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

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

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

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

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**it** Trail-blazing pilot Amelia Earhart. Singer Connie Converse. Artist Bas Jan Ader. What do they have in common? They all disappeared without a trace and their cases remain unsolved to this day. For some, there’s just something fascinating about missing person cases. Chicago-based artist and experimental filmmaker Ruby Que is no different. For Que, it was her fascination with Ader’s 1975 disappearance at sea that led to the creation of the solo exhibit now on display at UIS titled “Consider a Disappearance.” In the exhibit, Que goes beyond our fascination with the missing and examines reasons why the missing may have voluntarily disappeared. In conjunction with this exhibition, the UIS Visual Arts Gallery will host a closing performance by Que from 4-6 p.m. March 7. The exhibit and closing performance are free.

## THE CALENDAR

Send us your events! Deadline:  
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Dates, times and locations are  
subject to last-minute changes, so  
we suggest calling before attending  
events.

### ■ Special Music Events

**Menopause the Musical 2: Cruising Through ‘The Change’**  
Tue., Feb. 27, 7:30-9:30pm. The hysterical sequel to the smash-hit *Menopause The Musical*. Five years after their chance encounter, we set sail with our beloved ladies for more high-jinks on the high seas. A hilarious and heartfelt look at the joys of menopause and friendship — plus hot flashes, mood swings and memory lapses. [uispac.com](http://uispac.com). \$42.50, \$65. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

**Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight**  
Sat., Feb. 24, 7:30-10pm. Join the Springfield Choral Society and the University of Illinois Springfield Orchestra under the

direction of conductor Jacobsen Woolen as they present a festival concert celebrating Florence B. Price and her masterwork cantata for chorus and orchestra “Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight.” The cantata is based on the poem by local author Vachel Lindsay. Free. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

### Don’t Tell Me No: The Life of Florence Price in Story and Song

Thu., Feb. 22, 7:30-9pm. Join the ensembles of the Springfield Choral Society, Tiffany Williams and Reggie Guyton as they explore the life of Florence B. Price through spoken word and the lyrics of her compositions. Learn about the genius of this Black female composer and her fantastic connection to Illinois and Springfield. [springfieldchoralsociety.org](http://springfieldchoralsociety.org). Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

### Experience Joyful Music - A sensory-friendly performance

Tue., Feb. 27, 6:30-8:30pm. Intended for an inclusive audience of all ages with sensory or other needs. Grammy Award winner Dan Zanes and Haitian-American jazz vocalist Claudia Zanes perform a mix of songs in

a style that’s homespun, joyful, sophisticated, and artful. The audience is invited to dance and sing along. [uispac.com](http://uispac.com). \$15. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

### In Our Little Town: A Musical Conversation About Race

Fri., Feb. 23, 6:30-9pm. Guided tours, panel discussions and a special performance by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra String Quartet. Part of Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight, a Springfield Festival. Reservations required, Seating limited to 100. [springfieldchoralsociety.org](http://springfieldchoralsociety.org). Free. African American History Museum Springfield, 1440 Monument Ave., 877-757-2246.

### Intricate Flow Friday hosted by Zuh-Cari

Fri., Feb. 23, 9pm. Features live music and spoken word performances as well as food and vendors. See Facebook page for more info. \$15 cover. Intricate Minds, 619 North Grand Ave. East, 217-670-3520.

### Magic of Motown

Fri., Feb. 23, 7:30-9:30pm. A journey through Motown’s best, including The Temptations, The Jackson Five, Diana Ross & The Supremes, The Four Tops, Aretha Franklin, Smokey Robinson and

more. [uispac.com](http://uispac.com). \$35-\$79. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

### Pianist Nichol DelGiorno and cellist Susan Phillips, cello.

Wed., Feb. 28, 12:15-12:45pm. Part of the Brown Bag Concert Series. Brown bag lunches available for \$5 or bring your own lunch to enjoy. [lincolnschurch.org](http://lincolnschurch.org). Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

### ■ Books & Authors

#### Blind Date with a Book

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

#### Lincoln Walks at the Lindsay Home

Sat., Feb. 24, 2:30-3:30pm. Take guided tours of the Vachel

Lindsay Historic Homesite and learn of the author’s connection to Abraham Lincoln and his famous poem, “Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight.” Part of Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight, a Springfield Festival. [springfieldchoralsociety.org](http://springfieldchoralsociety.org). Free. Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site, 603 S. Fifth St., 217-524-0901.

### ■ Theater & Comedy

#### Belly Laffs IV with Al Nimpson

Sat., Feb. 24, 8pm. Springfield’s native son and fan favorite, comedian Al Nimpson, returns to the Belly Laffs’ stage for one more night. Also see Zach Boblitt, the winner of the Peoria Jukebox Comedy Contest and Rha-Bea, a nationally touring performer. Jon Maddy will host the show. See the Facebook page for more info. \$10 cash, \$11 card. Laguna Brava Mexican Restaurant, 2466 Wabash Ave., (217) 669-3785.

#### Comedy open mic

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

#### Comedy open mic hosted by Larry Smith

Thu., Feb. 22, 7:30-9:30pm. No pre-signup. Performers will do five-minute sets. Signups start at 6:45pm and close at 7:45pm. Attend pre-mic meeting at 7:25pm. Those not in room when called forfeit their spot. Free. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St.

#### First Date

Through Feb. 24, 7:30pm and Sun., Feb. 25, 2pm. In this musical comedy, a simple drink turns into a sidesplitting, high-stakes dinner in the bustling heart of New York City. Presented by the Springfield Theatre Centre. [hcfta.org](http://hcfta.org). \$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

#### James Yon

Fri., Feb. 23, 8pm and Sat., Feb. 24, 7:30pm. James Yon, one of the nation’s funniest comedians, brings his unique brand of humor to the capital city. \$24.50-\$26.50. Casey’s Pub, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-891-4858.

#### Lilacs and Letters

Thu., Feb. 22, 1:15pm. This one-act play features a single actor portraying Walt Whitman, one of America’s most influential

poets, as Whitman processes the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and tends to wounded Civil War soldiers. Free with admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

#### Menopause The Musical

Tue., Feb. 27, 7:30pm. “Cruisin’ Through ‘The Change.’” Join four ladies on a trip of self-discovery where menopause is not the end, but the beginning of a beautiful friendship as love conquers all and friendships never fail. [uispac.com](http://uispac.com). \$42.50-\$65. Sangamon Auditorium, UIS, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

### ■ Spoken Word

#### Spoken Word and Soul Food

Sun., Feb. 25, 4-6pm. Various local talents to perform. Presented by Queens Table, a social club for women entrepreneurs. See web site for more info. [queens-table.square.site](http://queens-table.square.site). \$5. Balance Yoga, Jerome, 1502 Wabash Ave., 217-414-4136.

### ■ Art & Architecture

#### Art Tour: Behind the Ropes

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

#### Music of the Movement

Mon., Feb. 26, 11am-1pm. Learn how songs have influenced social justice movements over the years. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

#### River County Quilt Show

Sat., Feb. 24, 10am-3pm. Dive into a world of creativity and craftsmanship at this show where the vibrant threads of tradition and innovation come together in a spectacular display. Features more than 220 exquisite, quilted items. \$7. Jacksonville High School, Jacksonville, 1211 N. Diamond St., 309-678-7716.

### ■ Film & Television

#### L’Innocent

Sun., Feb. 25, 1, 4pm and Tue., Feb. 27, 7pm. Abel learns that his

mother is marrying an imprisoned man and will do whatever it takes to protect her. But meeting his new stepfather may well offer him a new perspective. Part of the Molly Schlich Independent International Film Series presented by the Springfield Art Association. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). \$10; students with ID \$5. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Dr., 217-523-2631.

### Auditions

#### The Bridges of Madison County

Feb. 24-25. This sweeping romance about the roads we travel, the doors we open and the bridges we dare to cross will leave audiences breathless. Based on the best-selling novel. Show dates are May 10-12 and 17-19. Visit [springfieldtheatrecentre.com](http://springfieldtheatrecentre.com) for more info. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

### ■ Food & Drink

#### Winter-time Firkin Festival

Sat., Feb. 24, 12-5pm. Local breweries get together as a community to celebrate craft beer. Event features specialty small casks by the brewers Entry fee includes commemorative glass, five drink tickets. Must be 21 or over. See the Facebook page for more info. \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Obed and Isaac’s, 500 S. Sixth St., 217-670-0627.

### ■ History

#### 200th Birthday Celebration and Open House

Sat., Feb. 24, 10am-3pm. Artisan demonstrations of 1800s homestead industries, wagon rides, farm animals and activities for children to experience some of the games and work performed in that period. Concessions will be available. [jacksonvilleil.org](http://jacksonvilleil.org). Adults \$5, children \$3. Woodlawn Farm, Jacksonville, 1463 Geirke Lane, 309-678-7716.

#### “Empowerment and Resilience”

Tue., Feb. 27, 10am-12pm. “A Black History Month Panel on Building Community, Advocating for Justice and Inspiring Change.” [lcc.edu](http://lcc.edu). Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

#### Black History Cemetery Walk

Sat., Feb. 24, 11am-12pm, 2:30-4pm. Guided hike through Oak Ridge Cemetery focuses on the history of Springfield’s Black



community. Register on eventbrite.com. Free. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

**Underground Railroad Spring Bus Tour**

Sat., Feb. 24, 10am-3pm. Guides in period attire will tell the fascinating stories of the brave men and women of our history while you are bussed to the Underground Railroad sites. Meet at Illinois College McGaw Fine Arts Center (free parking behind the center). Includes light refreshments. Reservations required. jacksonvilleil.com. Adult \$20, children \$10. Woodlawn Farm, Jacksonville, 1463 Geirke Lane, 217-479-4144.

**Holiday Observances**

**Weekday Lenten Services**

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

**Children's Corner**

**it Black Children's Book Week Kickoff**

Sun., Feb. 25, 1-3pm. Get a free book to take home, chat with local celebrities and listen as they read a story, join a scavenger hunt. Learn about community organizations such as Lincoln Library, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Kidzeum, Juneteenth, Inc. and the League of Women Voters. spiaahm.org. Free. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

**Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales: Leap!**

Tue., Feb. 27, 10-11am. Did you know that this year the month of February has an extra day? It's Feb. 29 and it's called "leap day." To celebrate the leap we're this week, join the ALPLM's Education Team to hear "leap"-related stories and share fun activities with friends. Advance registration required. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

**Nature, Science & Environment**

**Maple Syrup Time Demonstration**

Saturdays, Sundays, 1, 2:30pm. Through March 10. Join a naturalist for the annual maple tree tapping. Demonstrations will show the syrup

making process from tree tapping to boiling the sap down into syrup. Dress for the weather as this program is hands-on, and will involve a trek. lincolnmemorygarden.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

**Lectures & Meetings**

**"The City of Springfield's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget"**

Fri., Feb. 23, 8-9am. Mayor Misty Buscher, along with the Ramona Metzger, director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Jaime Shobe, finance director for City Water, Light and Power, will provide an overview of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, which starts March 1 and ends Feb. 28, 2025. They will discuss issues such as public safety, pensions, and plans for CWLP's water and electric operations and financing. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

**Saving Illinois Farms Through Equity, Sustainability**

Thu., Feb. 22. In this panel discussion, farmers and advocates will examine the challenges facing family-run farms and learn about the efforts to promote equity and sustainability in the industry. Registration is encouraged. Event is in-person at the Illinois State Museum or streaming online. Program in partnership with Illinois Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read. ilhumanities.org/BR-IT. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6044.

**Bulletin Board**

**The Boat Show in Springfield**

Fri., Feb. 23, 2-8pm, Sat., Feb. 24, 10am-7pm and Sun., Feb. 25, 10am-5pm. Packed full with new boats from over 30 manufacturers. Boat docks, lifts, accessories, marine audio and upholstery, and more. Door prizes and fun for kids. Concessions available. theboatshowinspringfield.com. \$5, kids age 12 and under free. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-341-1730.

**Illinois Beef Expo**

Feb. 22-25. One of the premier cattle events of the Midwest that hosts Illinois Performance Tested Bull Sale, and Angus and Simmental sales, a junior show and a large industry trade show with over 75 vendors. illinoisbeefexpo.com. Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

**Springfield Comic Book Convention**

Sun., Feb. 25, 10am-4pm. A huge variety of new and old comic

books, as well as toys and related collectibles for sale. Dealers are also interested in buying old comic books. Call for more information. Free. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St., 309-657-1599.

**UIS Alumni Gala**

Fri., Feb. 23, 6pm. 30th annual event includes a cocktail reception, exploration of the museum, dinner and presentation of awards. uis.edu. Call for more information. Register. Limited seating available. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-206-6058.

**Health & Fitness**

**Let's Get Fit**

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

**Mental Health and the Arts: Rebuild to Reclaim**

Fri., Feb. 23, 11am-1pm. Conversation and activities on destigmatizing mental health in the African American community. Ilcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

**Powered by Prairie Walk and Health Fair**

Sat., Feb. 24, 8-10:30am. A low-impact, high-fun event for all ages featuring many activities, demonstrations and resources to fuel your heart-healthy journey. Plus kid's activities and obstacle course bounce house. All proceeds benefit the Springfield Prairie Cardiac Rehab ministry. hshs.org. \$20, \$25, \$80. Williamsville High School Fieldhouse, Williamsville, 900 S. Walnut St., 217-814-5177.

**Sports**

**Beginner's Platform Tennis**

Wednesdays, 5:15-6:45pm. Through Feb. 28. Try a new and exciting game every Wednesday during the winter months. Includes beginner drills focusing on stroke techniques and strategy, and some fun play. Participants can join in Platform League play after learning the basics. Next league begins in January. Call for more info. Velasco Tennis Center, 1501 S. Grand Ave W, 217-546-4103.

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

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

When: Monday-Friday  
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### Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON - SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
TONYA L KRELL; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND  
NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS  
Defendants,  
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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 22-05.0-277-051.

Commonly known as 1825 DIAL CT.,  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Chad Lewis at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 205 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 21-114552 IJSC XOME  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
PLAINTIFF,

-vs-  
Lawrence T. White a/k/a Lawrence Todd  
White;

DEFENDANTS NO. 23 FC 107  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on August 16, 2023;

Jack L. Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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Permanent Index No.: 14-25.0-401-018  
Improvements: Single Family Residential  
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.  
The judgment amount was \$40,989.18. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
PHH Mortgage Corporation  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Gregory A. Prichard; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2022FC000236  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/11/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 19, 2024 at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
PIN 14-23.0-329-009  
Improved with Residential  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
1932 East Black Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62702  
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest

bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any 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 14-22-08843.  
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT W. FURMAN, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
NO. 2024-PR-0042  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE – NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS  
Notice is given of the death of ROBERT W. FURMAN. Letters of office Under Independent Administration were issued on February 15, 2024 to Kari K. Christine, whose attorney of record is Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P. O. Box 2459, Springfield, Illinois.  
Notice is given to unknown heirs who are named in a Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered by the Court on February 15, 2024 admitting the Will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701 or with the representative of the estate, or both on or before August 29, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.  
Joseph B. Roesch, Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of MARY LOU OWEN, Deceased  
IN PROBATE  
NO: 2024-PR-40  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of Mary Lou Owen, deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on February 6, 2024, to Kacy Wallsmith, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Jeffery M. Wilday, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 26th day of August, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 15th day of February, 2024.  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Jeffery M. Wilday  
Registration No: 3015483  
205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Telephone: 217-544-8491  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of  
JAMES EDWARD SCHUH,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2024-PR-66  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of James Edward Schuh of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 15, 2024, to Samuel Schuh, 2132 Dunwich St., Springfield, Illinois 62702, 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 22, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 15th day of February, 2024.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
FRANCES VANBEBBER,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2024-PR-69  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Frances VanBebber of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 15, 2024, to Lindy Kay Roggenkamp, P.O. Box 86, Eureka, South Dakota 57437, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before August 22, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 15th day of February, 2024.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
NICHOLAS T. GIBERSON,  
DECEASED.  
NO. 2024-PR-000035  
NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE  
Notice is given of the death of NICHOLAS T. GIBERSON of Riverton, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 7, 2024, to Gage Giberson, 208 N. Glen Ave., Roodhouse, Illinois, 62082, whose attorney is Gillingham Law Office, 220 Sixth Street, Carrollton, Illinois, 62016.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois, or with the Administrator, or both, on or before the 22nd day of August, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Co-Administrators and to their Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and proof of said mailing or delivery must be filed with the clerk.  
Dated: February 15, 2024 Gage Giberson, Administrator of the Estate of NICHOLAS T. GIBERSON  
Richard N. Gillingham  
Attorney at Law  
220 Sixth Street  
Carrollton, Illinois 62016  
(217) 942-5244  
Registration #6189435  
richardgillingham@usa.net

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA M. STAPLETON, DECEASED  
Case #2024-PR-70  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of DONNA M. STAPLETON. Letters of Office have been issued to INB, N.A., 2601 Chatham Road, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 29, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 15th day of February, 2024.  
Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MELINDA LEHNHERR, Deceased  
NO. 2024-PR-067  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MELINDA LEHNHERR, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 14, 2024, to Kimberly Salzman, 2051 E. 2150 N. Rd., Congerville, IL 61729, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before August 15. 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 14th day of February, 2024.  
Alex B. Rabin  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703

217-789-1200  
  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ERNEST LEE DOUD, DECEASED  
Case #2024-PR-61  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of ERNEST LEE DOUD. Letters of Office have been issued to ERNEST JOSEPH DOUD, 7150 Turkey Run Road, Sherman, IL 62684, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 27, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 13th day of February, 2024.  
Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
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Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DORIS HANNAH, DECEASED  
Case #2024-PR-60  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of DORIS HANNAH. Letters of Office have been issued to MICHAEL E. HANNAH, 17691 SE 102nd Circle, Summerfield, FL 34491, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 27, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 13th day of February, 2024.  
William P. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY L. DONALDSON, DECEASED  
Case #2024-PR-64  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of JERRY L. DONALDSON. Letters of Office have been issued to MELISSA JO DONALDSON, 17 Amherst Drive, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before August



27, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 13th day of February, 2024.  
William P. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS — IN PROBATE  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHNNY BRUCE PRITCHARD, Deceased.  
No. 2023-PR-475  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of JOHNNY BRUCE PRITCHARD, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 13, 2024, to Kailey Pritchard, as Independent Administrator, who attorney is Monroe D. McWard of McWard Law Office, 107 South Washington Street, Taylorville, Illinois 62568  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 16, 2024, which date is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 13th day of February, 2024  
Kailey Pritchard, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of JOHNNY BRUCE PRITCHARD  
By: /s/ Monroe D. McWard  
Monroe D. McWard, His Attorney  
McWard Law Office  
Attorney for Petitioner  
107 South Washington St.  
Taylorville, IL 62568  
217-824-2900

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
BRADLEY PASFIELD KREIDER, Deceased.  
NO. 2024-PR-43  
NOTICE TO HEIRS  
To: Vicki Beverly Kreider and Trevor Z. Kreider, whose addresses are unknown:  
Notice is given to the above who are heirs in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the Court on the 8th day of February, 2024, admitting the will to probate.  
Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in 755 ILCS 5/6-21 of the Probate Act.  
You also have the right under 755 ILCS 5/8-1 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within six months after admission of the will to probate.  
Mike Z. Kreider  
Independent Representative  
Filings are to be made with:  
Circuit Clerk  
Sangamon County Courthouse  
200 S 9th Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040

Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
BRADLEY PASFIELD KREIDER, Deceased.  
NO. 2024-PR-43  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Bradley Pasfield Kreider of Cameron County, Texas. Letters of Office were issued on February 8, 2024, to Mike Z. Kreider, 33840 S. Garcia #856, Port Isabel, Texas 78578, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before August 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 8th day of February, 2024.  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of  
TIMOTHY J. SCHMELZLE, Deceased.  
NO. 2024-PR-50  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Timothy J. Schmelzle of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 8, 2024, to Renee Mitchell, 4607 Quail Creek Drive, Quincy, Illinois 62305, 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 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 8th day of February, 2024.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of PATRICIA J. CROSS, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2024-PR-55  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Patricia J. Cross, deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on February 7, 2024, to Roland Robert Cross, III and

James David Cross, as Co-Executors Under Independent Administration, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 12th day of August, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 9th day of February, 2024.  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Brandon R. Clark  
Registration No. 6329553  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
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bclark@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of SANDRA DURNING BAUER, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
NO. 2024-PR-0054  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of SANDRA DURNING BAUER, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 6, 2024, to Elizabeth Bauer Peach and Gwendolyn Bauer Rudolph, Co-Executors, whose attorney is Dwight O'Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Clerk, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representatives, or both, on or before August 20, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.  
Dated this 7th day of February, 2024.  
Dwight O'Keefe  
Brown, Hay & Stephens  
1000 US Bank Building  
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Springfield, IL 62701  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY I. KIEFFER, DECEASED.  
NO. 2024-PR-58  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of SHIRLEY I. KIEFFER, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on February 8th, 2024, to DENIS KIEFFER (a/k/a Dennis Kieffer) and BRUCE KIEFFER of 10751 Cardinal Hill Rd., Pawnee, IL 62558 and 1711 Wiedman Rd., Cazenovia, IL 62712, as Independent Co-Executors. Their attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite D1, Springfield, Illinois 62703.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois or with the representatives, or both, within 6 months from the 15th day of February 2024 being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the

Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm>to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.  
Dated this 8th day of February 2024  
DENIS KIEFFER and BRUCE KIEFFER, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of SHIRLEY I. KEIFFER, Deceased  
BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
KATHY CARUSO, Deceased.  
NO. 2024-PR-56  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Kathy Caruso of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 7, 2024 to Jeffrey Atterberry, 3212 Red Oak Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before August 14, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 7th day of February, 2024.  
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
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Springfield, IL 62705

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
MICHAEL JAMES GAITHER, Deceased.  
No. 2024PR000016  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of MICHAEL JAMES GAITHER. Letters of Office were issued on January 18, 2024 to JOHN PATRICK GAITHER of 130 Woodcutter Lane, Palm Harbor, Florida, as Independent Administrator, whose attorneys are Sorling Northrup, Michael G. Horstman Jr., of Counsel, 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois 62701. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28.4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 15, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
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DATED this 6th day of February, 2024.  
Attorneys for Independent Administrator: Sorling Northrup  
Michael G. Horstman Jr., of Counsel  
(6243141)  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P.O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: 217-544 1144  
Fax: 217-522-3173  
E-mail: [mghorstman@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:mghorstman@sorlinglaw.com)

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

or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated: February 1, 2024  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701  
8051-939591

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

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

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



Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

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

Attorney for Administrator  
1100 S. Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
WILLIAM LOUIS HEINTZELMAN,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2024-PR-26  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of William  
Louis Heintzelman of Sangamon County,  
Illinois. Letters of Office were issued

January 29, 2024, to Thomas L. Heintzel-  
man, 823 Colorado Ct, Springfield, Illinois  
62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP,  
P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in  
the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court  
at the Sangamon County Complex, 200  
South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois  
62701 or with the representative or both,  
on or before August 5, 2024, and any  
claim not filed on or before that date is  
barred. Copies of a claim filed with the  
Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the  
representative and to the attorney within  
10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 29th day of January, 2024.  
Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
bk@barberlaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
BEVERLY J. BENNETT, Deceased )  
NO. 2024PR000011  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate  
of Beverly J. Bennett, Deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on January  
23, 2024 to Carl Washburn, 3228 Hazlett  
Road, Springfield, IL 62707, as Indepen-  
dent Administrator, whose attorney is  
Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr,  
Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth  
Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims  
against the Estate may be filed in the  
Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,  
Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth  
Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the  
Representative, or both, on or before the  
2nd day of August, 2024, or three months  
from the date the Representative mailed or  
delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is  
later. Any claim not filed within that period  
is barred.  
Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must  
be mailed or delivered to the Representa-  
tive and to the attorney within 10 days  
after it has been filed.  
Dated this 23rd day of January, 2024.  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold,  
LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

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

representative and to the attorney within  
ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated  
this 26th day of January 2024.  
Marcia Herter, Administrator,  
By: /s/ James W. Ackerman  
James W. Ackerman,  
Attorney for Administrator  
PREPARED BY:  
James W. Ackerman 06192795  
ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE  
2601 South Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1977  
jim@ackermanlawoffices.com

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Michael Jordan McCauley  
For change of name to  
Marina Jynx McCauley  
Case No. 2024MR000080  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on  
April 23, 2024 I will petition in said Court  
praying for the change of name from  
Michael Jordan McCauley to Marina Jynx  
McCauley pursuant to the statute in such  
case made and provided.  
Dated: Feb. 22, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Shyanne Marie Jackson  
For change of name to  
Shyanne Marie Ellenwood  
Case No. 2024MR000082  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on  
March 12, 2024 I will petition in said Court  
praying for the change of name from  
Shyanne Marie Jackson to Shyanne Marie  
Ellenwood pursuant to the statute in such

case made and provided.  
Dated: Feb. 22, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Eliana Gleeann Kleinkort  
For change of name to  
North Gleeann Kleinkort  
Case No. 2024MR000060  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on  
April 23, 2024 I will petition in said Court  
praying for the change of name from  
Eliana Gleeann Kleinkort to North Gleeann  
Kleinkort pursuant to the statute in such  
case made and provided.  
Dated: Feb. 22, 2024

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
Morton Community Bank  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Ryan Carls; Heather Holmes; Kristie  
Newman; Unknown Heirs and Legatees  
of Janet M. Hanselman; Unknown Owners  
and Nonrecord Claimants; Dan Way,  
as Special Representative for Janet M.  
Hanselman (deceased)  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2024FC000003  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:  
Kristie Newman  
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Janet M.  
Hanselman  
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claim-  
ants  
That this case has been commenced in  
this Court against you and other defen-  
dants, praying for the foreclosure of a  
certain Mortgage conveying the premises  
described as follows, to-wit:  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
2322 S. 9th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
and which said Mortgage was made by:  
Janet M. Hanselman  
the Mortgagor(s), to Marine Bank,  
Springfield, as Mortgagee, and recorded

in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of  
Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document  
No. 2010R06317; and for other relief; that  
summons was duly issued out of said  
Court against you as provided by law and  
that the said suit is now pending.  
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your  
answer or otherwise file your appearance  
in this case in the Office of the Clerk of  
this Court,  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sangamon County Courthouse  
200 South Ninth Street, Room 405  
Springfield, IL 62701  
on or before March 25, 2024, A DEFAULT  
MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY  
TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT  
MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.  
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527  
(630) 794-5300  
DuPage # 15170  
Winnebago # 531  
Our File No. 14-23-07653  
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON - SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
TONYA L KRELL; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND  
NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS  
Defendants,  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursu-  
ant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered  
in the above entitled cause Intercounty  
Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednes-  
day, March 27, 2024, at the hour of 9:00  
a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South  
Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, sell  
to the highest bidder for cash, the follow-  
ing described mortgaged real estate:  
ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND  
SITUATE IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD,  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND STATE OF  
ILLINOIS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS  
FOLLOWS: THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 16  
AND ALL OF LOT 17 OF WANLESS' DIAL  
COURT ADDITION. EXCEPT ANY INTER-  
EST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER  
MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH  
HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR  
RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND  
ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR  
OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS  
AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. BEING  
THE SAME PROPERTY AS TRANSFERRED  
BY DEED DATED 03/20/1987, RECORDED  
03/30/1993, FROM CHARLOTTE C. LOR-  
DEN, A WIDOW NOT SINCE REMARRIED,  
BY LORRAINE F. CUSICK, ATTORNEY-  
IN-FACT UNDER GENERAL POWER OF  
ATTORNEY DATED JUNE 30, 1986, TO  
PATRICK M. FITZGERALD AND JANICE K.  
FITZGERALD, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO  
HAVE AND TO HOLD, NOT AS TENANTS  
IN COMMON, BUT AS JOINT TENANTS,  
WITH THE RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP AS AT  
COMMON LAW, RECORDED AS INSTRU-  
MENT#: 1993R11149. BEING FURTHER  
CONVEYED BY DEED DATED 09/08/2014,  
RECORDED 09/16/2014, FROM PATRICK  
M. FITZGERALD AND JANICE K. FITZGER-  
ALD, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO TONYA L.  
KRELL, A SINGLE PERSON, RECORDED AS  
INSTRUMENT #: 2014R24441.  
P.I.N. 22-05.0-277-051.  
Commonly known as 1825 DIAL CT.,  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704.  
The improvement on the property consists



of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Chad Lewis at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 205 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 21-114552 JSC XOME

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC., Plaintiff, v.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF NITA JANE BLUE; CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; TRAVON BLUE; VONCELLE BLUE; FATIMA BLUE; WILLIAM L. BLUE; REGINALD C. BLUE; ANGELICA BLUE, Defendants,

Case No. 2023FC000202

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Nita Jane Blue, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Travon Blue, Fatima Blue, William L. Blue, Reginald C. Blue, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 55 and the South Half of Lot 54 of Spaulding's East Monroe Heights a Subdivision of the West three-quarters of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Except the coal and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal and minerals.

225 White City Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62703

14-35.0-232-022

Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Nita Jane Blue, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Travon Blue, Fatima Blue, William L. Blue, Reginald C. Blue, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on or before April 8, 2024, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/fag/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court.

Jenna M. Rogers (6308109)

MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC

Attorneys for Plaintiff

One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613

Email: sef-JMRogers@manleydeas.com

One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

File Number: 23-008512

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF, -vs- Lawrence T. White a/k/a Lawrence Todd White; DEFENDANTS NO. 23 FC 107

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on August 16, 2023; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Said property is legally described as follows:

THE SOUTH 310 FEET OF THE WEST 48 FEET OF LOT 10 IN WANLESS' BERGEN PARK ADDITION. EXCEPTING ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT, WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 3229 East Enos Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702

Permanent Index No.: 14-25.0-401-018

Improvements: Single Family Residential

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

The judgment amount was \$40,989.18.

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

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

8051-939730

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC PLAINTIFF Vs. Rita Stepp; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC000204

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Rita Stepp

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 814 W Edwards St Springfield, IL 62704 and which said Mortgage was made by: Rita Stepp the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Guaranteed Rate, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2022R07320; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Joseph B. Roesch

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street, Room 405

Springfield, IL 62701

on or before March 11, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300

DuPage # 15170

Winnebago # 531

Our File No. 14-23-07218

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

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

PHH Mortgage Corporation PLAINTIFF Vs. Gregory A. Prichard; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2022FC000236

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/11/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 19, 2024 at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

THE EAST SIX (6) FEET OF LOT SIXTY-ONE (61); ALL OF LOT SIXTY-TWO (62) AND THE WEST FOUR (4) FEET OF LOT SIXTY THREE (63) OF FRED W. WANLESS' NORTHWOOD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY THREE (23), TOWNSHIP SIXTEEN (16) NORTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-23.0-329-009

Improved with Residential

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1932 East Black Avenue Springfield, IL 62702

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any 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 14-22-08843.

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Capitol Storage LLC

818 S Dirksen Parkway

Springfield, IL 62703

217-522-0300

Sale 2/24/2024

Great Northern Drive

#327 Christopher Wyler

#231 Somer Baylark

Dirksen

#93 & 171 Angelica Estes

#176 Rae Ann Martin

#94 Rachel Smith

#193 Ashley Watkins

#112 & 211 Sharon Malone

#160 Megan Peddycoart

Taintor Road

HH24 & OS11, Richard Gregory

To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-522-0300. Private Sale will be February 24, 2024 at 9AM. The sale will begin at Dirksen Parkway Location. Please call to verify start location before sale.

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition for Reclassification of property from R-1, Single Family Residence District, Section 155.016, and R-5 (b), General Residence and Office District, Section 155.021, to R-3 (b), General Residence District, Section 155.018, of the City of Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner Naveed is the contract purchaser of the Property. Upon closing of the contract between Robbins and Naveed, Petitioner Naveed seeks/ intends to construct multi-family residences on the property. A proposed preliminary conceptual site plan is attached as Exhibit B. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance petitioners respectfully request reclassification of the portion of the property commonly known as 311 Bruns Lane (Tax ID Number 14-29.0-303-036) from R-1 to R-3 (b); and reclassification of the portion of property commonly known as 2021 Hill Meadows Drive (Tax ID Number 14-29.0-351-073) from R-5(b) to R-3 (b).

Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are none, unimproved land. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the R-1, Single Family Residence District, Section 155.016 for 311 Bruns Lane (Tax ID Number 14-29.0-303-036); and R-5 (b), General Residence and Office District, Section 155.021, for 2021 Hill Meadows Drive (Tax ID Number 14-29.0-351-073)

Legally described as: Exhibit A: PART OF LOT 4 OF HILL MEADOWS OFFICE PARK AND PART OF LOT 5 OF TEMPLE HILL SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A STONE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 5 OF TEMPLE HILL SUBDIVISION; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, 322.97 FEET ALONG

THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 5 TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 275.36 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 236.46 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, 299.89 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 126.26 FEET TO THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BRUNS LANE; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 23.12 FEET ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5 OF TEMPLE HILL SUBDIVISION; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST, 171.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST, 70.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST, 171.00 FEET PARALLEL WITH SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5 TO THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BRUNS LANE; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 6.00 FEET ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HILL MEADOWS DRIVE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST, 170.99 FEET ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5 TO A POINT AT THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 120.00 FEET AND ITS CENTER LOCATED NORTH 0 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST FROM SAID POINT; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE BEING THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HILL MEADOWS DRIVE 51.86 FEET; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 67.86 FEET ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO A POINT AT THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 180.00 FEET AND ITS CENTER LOCATED SOUTH 24 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 42 SECONDS FROM SAID POINT; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE BEING THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HILL MEADOWS DRIVE 77.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST, 5.41 FEET ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, 343.00 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 5 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Portion Commonly Known As 311 Bruns Lane Springfield, IL 62702 14-29.0-303-036; Portion Commonly Known As 2021 Hill Meadows Drive Springfield, IL 62702 14-29.0-351-073.

The property is commonly known as 311 Bruns Lane (Tax ID 14-29.0-303-036) & 2021 Hill Meadows Drive (Tax ID 14-29.0-351-073), Springfield, Illinois

The petitioners are Charles E. Robbins Marital Trust "A", By Donna Joan Robbins, Trustee, as owner, and Muhammad Ali Naveed, as contract purchaser, By Attorneys Delano Law Offices, LLC, Thomas C. Pavlik Jr, of Counsel

Docket No. 2024-008

John Harris

Deputy Zoning Administrator

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON



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

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

/s/ Dan E. Way  
Special Representative for Kathleen J.  
Brodhacker,  
(a/k/a Kathleen J. Boyd), deceased.  
Dan E. Way, #6204735  
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC  
1100 S. Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Ph.: (217) 525-7003  
dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Plaintiff,  
Vs.  
TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY  
FOUR DOLLARS (\$2,654.00) USC  
Ladell Holt  
No. 23-MX-1090  
23-AF-109  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of  
the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser,  
State's Attorney for Sangamon County,  
filed the above-captioned matter on  
October 23rd , 2023. UNLESS YOU file a  
verified answer with the State's Attorney of  
Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon  
County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street,  
Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701,  
within 45 days of this publication, A  
JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY  
BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE  
OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO  
ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.  
Joe Roesch  
Clerk of Court  
J.W. Pierceall  
Assistant State's Attorney  
200 S. 9th Street, Room 402  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(217) 753-6690  
Sangamoncounty.SA0.civil@sangamonil.  
gov

## Legal Deadline, Thursdays at 4pm



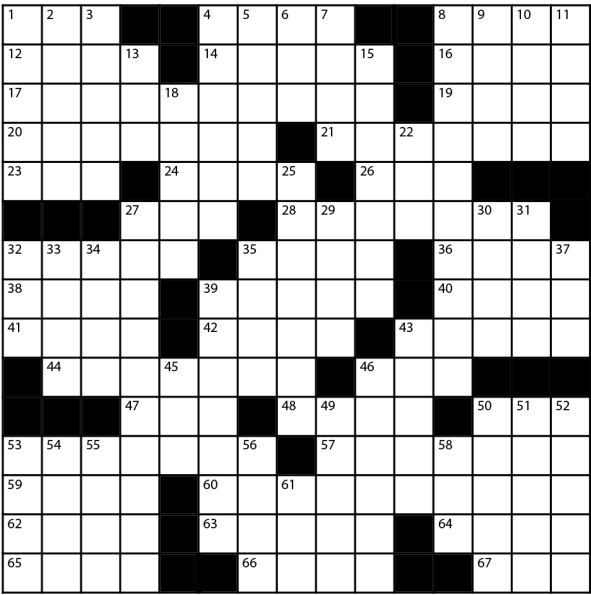
Call Daron at  
217-679-7801  
or email [legals@illinoistimes.com](mailto:legals@illinoistimes.com)

## An inflated puzzle?

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 829

### Across

- PC linkup
- Legis. meeting
- Breakfast staple
- "This is not \_\_\_\_"  
(warning label)
- Figure of speech
- Italia's capital
- \*\*\* Traveling-  
light luggage
- Two fives for \_\_\_\_
- Pencil ends
- Wrestling holds
- Bro's sib
- Jared of  
"American  
Psycho"
- NNW's opposite
- Stats for Jeter and  
Tejada
- Not man-made
- Barely beats
- Kitchen suffix
- Managed care  
gps.
- \_\_\_\_ of Sandwich
- Oohed and \_\_\_\_
- Counting-out  
word
- Make a sweater
- "Amazing Grace"  
ending
- Bison features
- Had the lead
- "Holy cow!"
- Ear or eye ending
- Pirate's take
- Fed. fiscal agency
- Like Shriners
- Mozart's  
homeland
- Sonny's partner
- \*\*\* What Woodie  
Guthrie played
- Course after trig
- "It's \_\_\_\_ for"
- Attention-getting  
cry



- Bermuda, e.g.
- Downhill racer
- Word that  
precedes the last  
word of each  
starred answer
- Without: Fr.
- Jr. and sr.
- Expelled
- Kennel cries
- Shaq's alma mater
- Injured, in  
baseball lingo
- \*\*\* 1986 Chuck  
Norris film
- Suit to \_\_\_\_
- "I'll second that"
- "The \_\_\_\_ Ranger"
- Comics cry
- Rather and Reeves
- Willingness to get  
dirty
- Simplicity
- Part of TBS:  
Abbr.
- Emergency  
helicopter  
delivery, say

### Down

- Shoestrings
- Electronic game  
pioneer
- Dunn and Ephron
- Mall units
- German painter  
Max
- Have a bawl
- Attention \_\_\_\_
- \*\*\* 1978 cult film  
by David Lynch
- Attend
- "The X-Files"  
extras

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

S	A	A	B		O	R	E	L		C	O	R	A	L	
A	L	T	A		C	A	R	A		O	P	E	R	A	
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Crossword answers from #828

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

Sudoku answers from #828

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

JoshJosh answers from #828

## Sudoku No. 829

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

5+			3-			3-		
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2÷				3		3÷		
	36x	20x			24x		2-	

Difficulty hard

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

Difficulty medium



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